

### Principal's Newsletter

2 February 2024

Dear Parents,

The sun is shining and the Prep School have been singing their new dinosaur song. All is therefore well at the College.

Mr Barry Martin, head of Liverpool College in the 1990s visited with his wife Fiona. They lived in Beechlands and had many memories of our school. They were so impressed with our head boy Charles McG and head girl Celine S (Ch13) and with the calm and focused atmosphere on our campus. Their visit, and their memories, remind all of us of the way the life of a school shapes many lives, and the experience of learning together really is the adventure which makes memories.

We can view in this same vein, the taking of the Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 photographs with their Deans. This is an early intimation of the first school photograph in about 9 years which will be taken in March. It is an amazing operation, requiring the building of stands, the military style planning of the movement of 1660 pupils and several hundred staff. The result will be a memento and will be available to purchase later in the year.

Congratulations to three of our Chapter 8 pupils who have been selected to go on the Liverpool Schools football team tour to Dubai: Darren M, Joseph C and Charlie W. They will spend half term playing in warm conditions and engaging in many activities.

Our own trips are also ready to depart. Dr McNamara is going to take a group to Greece, the cradle of the classics which she teaches and they study. Ms Gimeno is off to Spain. These teachers and their colleagues who help run the trips show remarkable dedication, giving up their half-term to accompany so many pupils on these culturally enriching trips.

Pupils in the Prep School and Senior School enjoyed some wonderful learning opportunities this week thanks to Mrs Doran's organisation. Our Chapter 6 pupils hosted pupils from other schools at a writer's workshop led by children's author Damian Harvey (read more [here](#)) while pupils in Chapters 8-11 had the opportunity to talk to an incredible range of specialists in the field of [AI technology](#).

An update from the Chaplaincy team:



*In preparation for the start of Chinese New Year of the Dragon on 10 February, Maxton W (Ch9), Renee M (Ch9) and Grace L (Ch8) visited the Prep School Reflection this week. They organised a fun quiz with prizes in red envelopes and taught the Prep School how to say New Year wishes for prosperity in Chinese.*

*This week secondary Chaplaincy Reflection time welcomed a local charity that helps the homeless in our city and which is linked to the LC community through a parent of one of our Ch4 pupils. Pupils learned about homelessness in our country, in our city and the street outreach of Liverpool in Arms. Liverpool in Arms is a charity that takes to the streets as many days/nights as they can, with planned outreach Mondays and Wednesdays. Many thanks to Gill Dullaghan and Debby Askew for coming in to speak.*

*Ms Askew says: "We give out warm food, snacks, drinks, warm clothing, footwear, sleeping bags, and tents. We're here to listen, support and refer on were possible. We try and make life that little bit easier for those who have unfortunately found themselves sleeping on the streets, due to falling on some hard times. Liverpool in Arms is run solely by unpaid volunteers and the kind donations of our supporters, for which we are very grateful, as we'd not be able to carry this out without this support."*

*Please see [Facebook](#) for more information and to link with Liverpool in Arms if you would like to know more or help.*

*Pupils are planning sandwich making and cake baking for Liverpool in Arms in the coming months.*



My assembly in the secondary phase today was about LGBT+ history month, which this year is emphasizing the contribution this community made to medicine and medical care in this country. We are pursuing the Rainbow Flag award, which seeks to make our school more and more inclusive, through education, pupil voice, and the raising of awareness. You can read more about our efforts in this area and support available for pupils [here](#).

Next week is also Children's Mental Health Week. Ms Scott (College Mental Health Coordinator) writes:

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'my voice matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, at Liverpool College we will be undertaking activities to empower our young people to use their voices, share what matters to them, and encourage those around them to hear their voices.

Ms Scott also wanted to draw parents' attention to a useful support resource from Liverpool City Council which can be accessed [here](#).

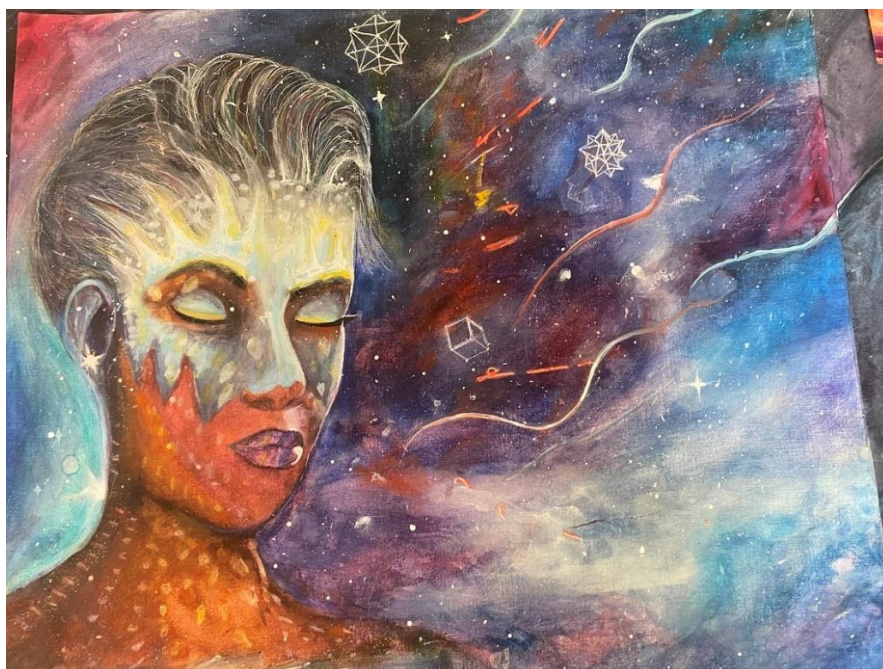
Mr Bishop and Miss Clark have identified their **musicians of the week**:



This week's musicians of the week are Jonah F, Will G, Max D, and Oscar M of 'The Box of Frogs' from Chapter 5. They recorded an original song called 'Everything' to raise money for South Liverpool foodbank. They have raised £131.50 so far and you can help to donate to this worthy cause by clicking the link below and buying the digital track. Proceeds of this will be donated to the foodbank.

Rock on TBOF! [theboxoffrogs.bandcamp.com](http://theboxoffrogs.bandcamp.com)

Our **artist of the week** this week is Ali M (Ch11) who produced the work below as part of his Ch11 portfolio themed Space.



Mr Griffith has informed me that the UCAS process has really moved along:

*January 31 brought an end to this year's UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) cycle for our Chapter 13 students and their House Mentors. Mr Leeder and his team co-ordinated 125 applications for university subjects from Accountancy to Zoology. The offers have been flooding in and our oldest students are using these aspirational opportunities to prepare for their summer examinations.*

Congratulations to the U13 netball team who are through to the Liverpool league semi-final after beating St. Edward's College A team 9-7, Holly Lodge 16-0 and St. Edward's College B Team 10-0.

Mrs Achilleos reports that the team have been praised by her colleagues from other schools for their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship, and described them as a true credit to the school. Her players of the tournament include:

- GS - Isabelle M
- WA - Evelyn R (awarded three times)
- GS - Eva B
- WD - Anya S
- GA - Orla D
- C - Isabella M
- GA - Daisy S

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV through to the Lancashire Bowl Final at Fylde RUFC on 21 February after a big victory against Clitheroe Grammar school this week. We can look forward to six nations rugby this weekend and our own team in action at the end.

The Liverpool ASD training team have a series of virtual Social Communication and Social Behaviour workshops in February and March for parents – click on the links below for more information:

[Half Term Workshop](#), [20 and 21 February Workshop](#) and [29 February and 1 March Workshop](#)

May I wish you and yours a sunny, dry and pleasant weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman**  
**Principal**