

### Principal's Newsletter

15 September 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy Rosh Hashanah, shanah tovah!

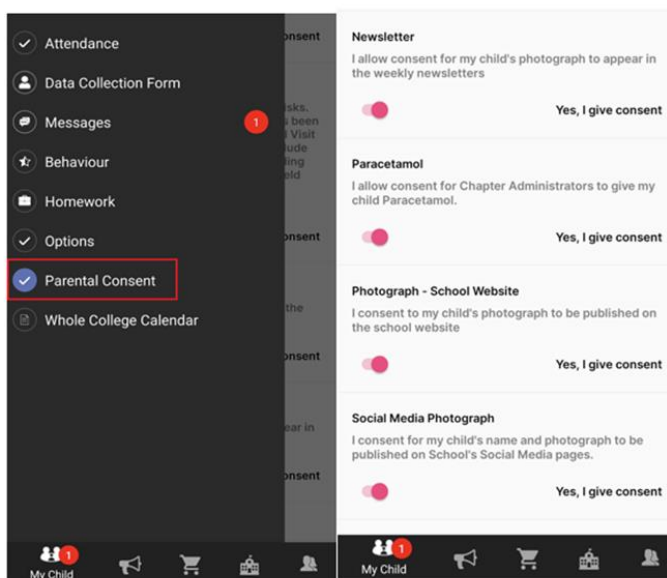
It also feels like a new year here at school. We have had a good week across the College as pupils begin to settle into their routines, and are engaging well with the infinite variety of campus life. The 0-100 acceleration is very notable in the Pre Prep where the entire operation of phonics lessons is immediately under way. Who would not marvel at the almost miraculous power of kids to learn. On the ground floor they are being introduced to an S sound, on the top floor, two years later, they are showing me essays on the holidays.

Our thoughts are with the people of Morocco and Libya. Through the Ridley and Duffy families, the College has had a long association with Morocco where generations of pupils, my own children included, were hosted by the family and introduced to the marvels of Morocco life and the glorious countryside of the Atlas mountains. It is good to know that all our tents, camping equipment, and other items stored in the family home are now serving as shelter for the displaced in the area of Amizmiz, where our hikes into the mountains used to start.

When school gets underway, we start to move. One of the most productive educational partnerships over the last few years has been with the Technasium – Bergschenhoek in the Netherlands. This is a top school with top students and they have been working across the border internationally with our Chapter 13 DT stars on product design. They visited us, commenting on their expectation that they would find Hogwarts by the Mersey and instead finding a vibrant, focused, progressive school like their own. Naturally I am jealous that I can not go with the group, but when I heard they would be cycling to the school I knew they were going to get the true Dutch experience.

Not far away is the Colomendy Chapter 12 introduction trip when our Chapter 12 go to North Wales to bond, and challenge themselves with some outdoor activities. I am anxiously scanning the long-range weather forecast in hopes that they get some sunshine.

The number of followers of our social media LC Even Better is increasing. We are somewhat hampered in posting photographs as we need explicit parental permission to post an image on social media of any pupil or students doing anything. You can give that permission if you wish in your MCAS app as shown here:



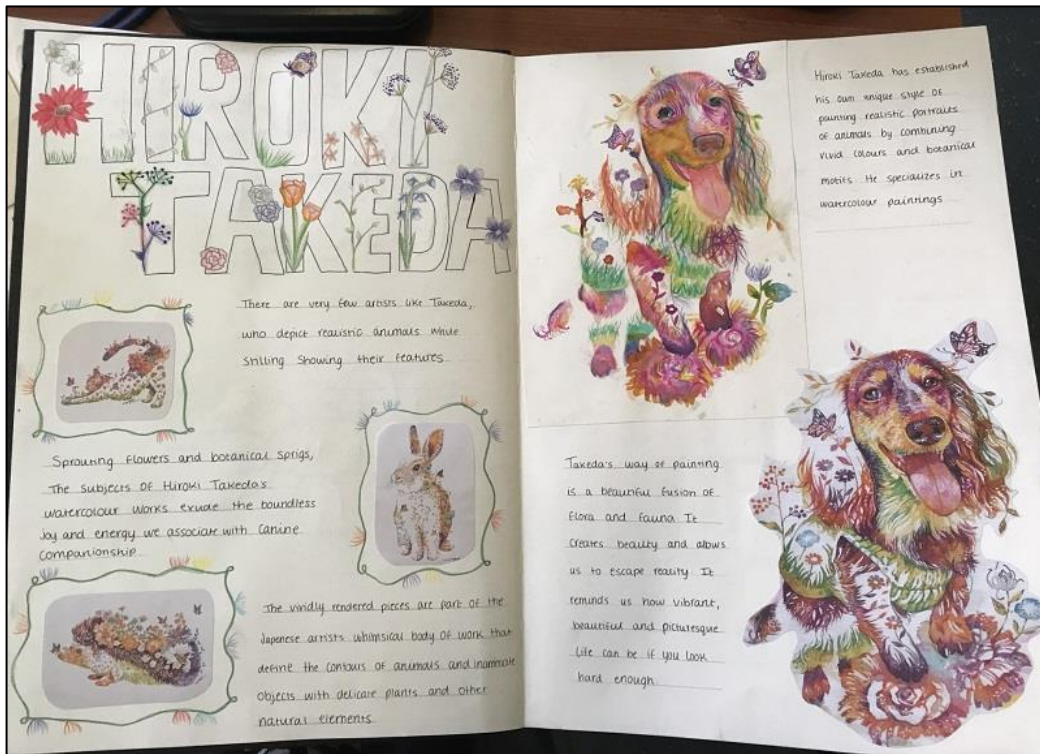
This week the PTA held its AGM which was on line and well attended. My congratulations to Amara Javeed and Heather Cunningham on their (re)election to the PTA Committee. The PTA have started preparations for many events beginning with the 'new starter events' for Reception, Ch3 and Ch7, followed by the traditional Halloween discos for the primary phase and full school get together for the fireworks display. More information can be found in the PTA newsletter which is sent out to parents by MCAS.

The PTA has many ambitious plans to expand even further the work it does to bring our community together and raise funds for the school. Liverpool College desperately needs both aspects of its work; chances for parents, families, pupils, and staff to mix and celebrate, and funds which make some of the special things we want to do possible.

For this reason, we also run a College Fund which annually supports things like our £30K transportation budget, our sports equipment and musical instrument budget, our plays and forest school. Parents have always generously supported this fund, mostly with a standing order. Any and all amounts are greatly appreciated. It is also possible to make one-time gifts to the fund on ParentPay. It is especially beautiful when we can claim gift aid on your contribution and boost your gift further for the purposes of educating children. One of the College Fund supported activities will be the secondary phase musical *Half a Sixpence* - auditions are scheduled for Monday.

A reminder that Friday 6 October is Founders' Day and as usual, school will be closed that day with no lessons in any part of the school. A Service takes place at 12pm in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for pupils in the Prep and Secondary Phase. Parents will be sent further information about the specific arrangements.

Our artist of the week this week is Poppy W (Ch10) with her Sketchbook Research Page - Artist Hiroki Takeda.



She writes –

*"I decided to explore the work of Takeda for its fusion of flora and fauna with animals. I love the combination of animals and nature with the soft colour washes found in this artwork. I enjoyed painting and exploring some of the techniques"*

Starting this week, this newsletter will also include a **musician of the week**, nominated by Mr Bishop (Director of Music). We hope that eventually we will be able to link to performances so you can hear and enjoy the work of our talented musicians.

Our first musician of the week is William McQ (Ch12) for his stunning arrangement of *Locus Iste* by Anton Bruckner. Our LC Chamber Choir are busy learning this new arrangement and hope to perform it at a future concert.

Here is a glimpse of the first line of the piece.

**Locus Iste**  
Anton Bruckner 1824-1896  
Arr. Will McQ

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ALTO  
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TENOR  
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BASS  
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Sport in secondary phase will swing into Saturday morning action, I shall be on the 08.05 departing coach to accompany a team to play St Mary's. Hockey teams are also in action against St Bede's School, Manchester and Mr Stamper has announced the cross-country trials for the middle of next week. As the leaves fall, the character of Michaelmas term comes into focus.

Advance warning that we are holding our Chapter 7 Open Evening on Wednesday 20 September from 3.30pm - 5.30pm for those interested in joining the school in September

2024. Please be aware that we are expecting a large number of visitors so roads around the campus are likely to be busier than normal at the end of the school day.

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

**Yours sincerely,**

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

### Liverpool College Even Better

#### ***You said***

Can there be more study spaces and supervised work areas for 6th form students in Godwyn House?



#### ***We did***

Over the summer holiday, areas of Godwyn House were completely renovated to provide more suitable study spaces and also an office for the Sixth Form Deans.

The 6th Form Learning Hub has proven popular with our Chapter 12 and 13 students who are making great use of the improved areas which have space for group work and also individual study. Art work will shortly be going onto the walls to complete the renovations.

