

Principal's Newsletter

26 January 2024

Dear Parents,

On Monday of this week my perambulations took me to Mr Stamper's classroom. His class were intently creating string telephones, discussing how to improve their design and manufacture. Yesterday, beckoned by the sound of bagpipes, I stumbled upon Ms Russell Moore leading her class through some Scottish country dances, an ambitious project for Chapter 1.



These are uplifting moments in my day. The thrill of young people learning together, exploring not only the wonders of the world but the joy of working together. A similar vibe is felt when one sees the estates team at work. Here they are in combat with a drain. Our campus has more old drains than you have had breakfasts. They are a perennial problem and occasionally become a crisis. The team with their distinctive blue coats then arrives to make problems go away. It is truly a team effort.

On Wednesday I visited the Prep School for their bedtime reading night. Dressed in comfortable, warm, and bright colours, Chapter 3 were on the floor listening to teachers read them a story. I wanted to try a new book, but always return to a family favourite, Dahl's *The Twits*, a book which, as I age, is beginning to reach the borderline in terms of depiction of a truly gruesome self-absorbed couple. It was pleasing to be asked to keep reading.

Mr Steve Baker OBE OL gave a great talk to Chapter 12 about his work as a forensic anthropologist investigating the Srebrenica genocide. Our various charity action groups are in full swing. The Mini Vinnies group in Prep School has more ideas for helping others than they have time in the day. The charity action group, anti-racism group and the muslim student experience are working together on various student led days of awareness and action including a cultural diversity day in March and a mental health awareness day.



Mrs Miller (Librarian) has shared details on the further improvements that have taken place in the Library thanks to a generous donation. More computers and laptops have been purchased which means the library can now be used by full classes as well as smaller groups. The new equipment also ensures that there are computers available to support individual study, which the Sixth Form are particularly grateful for.

We've received a polite request from an Ibbotsons Lane resident to ask parents to please not park on the grass verges on this road when dropping off and collecting children from school as the verges are being turned to mud as a result.

There is much sporting success to celebrate.

Congratulations to Izzy H (Ch11) who made her first team debut for Everton. Her journey to the top of her sport, including England representative honours, is a story of dogged determination and family support. I am sure we will hear much more about her as her careers develops.

On Tuesday the U14 netball team had a successful match against Holly Lodge Girls College as Mrs Achilleos reports:

The girls won 25 - 0. Player of the match was Jemima L and Teacher's player of the match was Edith Q. Special mentions to Alisha S and Lexi W for excellent man marking throughout in defence (hence why no goal was conceded).

Mrs Webb has sent a fantastic report on the efforts of our Cross Country runners this week:

Congratulations to the 6 students from Chapter 7-8 who represented Liverpool College at the prestigious Merseyside Schools Cross Country Championships last week. Whilst most people take a look at the snow and ice apprehensively and decide to wrap up warm before venturing outside; our athletic superstars without a second thought for the treacherous conditions, took to the snowy fields of Arrowe Park, Wirral to take on the toughest race in the school calendar. The race was well known for its undulating hill sections and a long uphill finish with little shelter from the winter weather. This race is known for challenging the more experienced school and athletics

club athletes. It is also the qualifier for the Merseyside County selection team which will compete against Cheshire later on in the season.

The Chapter 7 trio of Beau R, Mia F and Lottie H took to the start line first. Once again, they worked their way through the field to establish strong positions within the first section of the race. As experienced school and club athletes, they were not daunted by the weather or even the standard of their fellow runners, despite it being incredibly high. Beau finished the race strong to place a spectacular 3rd place. As a result of this, she has automatically been selected to race for the Merseyside County Team against Cheshire. Mia F and Lottie H were not far behind, running a hard-fought race to come in 6th and 19th. There is a hope that they too may also be selected to run for the County Team. It must also be highlighted that Beau was the first placed Liverpool runner and helped secure a Team Gold medal to add to her Bronze individual medal. Congratulations girls. We are all extremely proud of you and look forward to hearing how you get on.



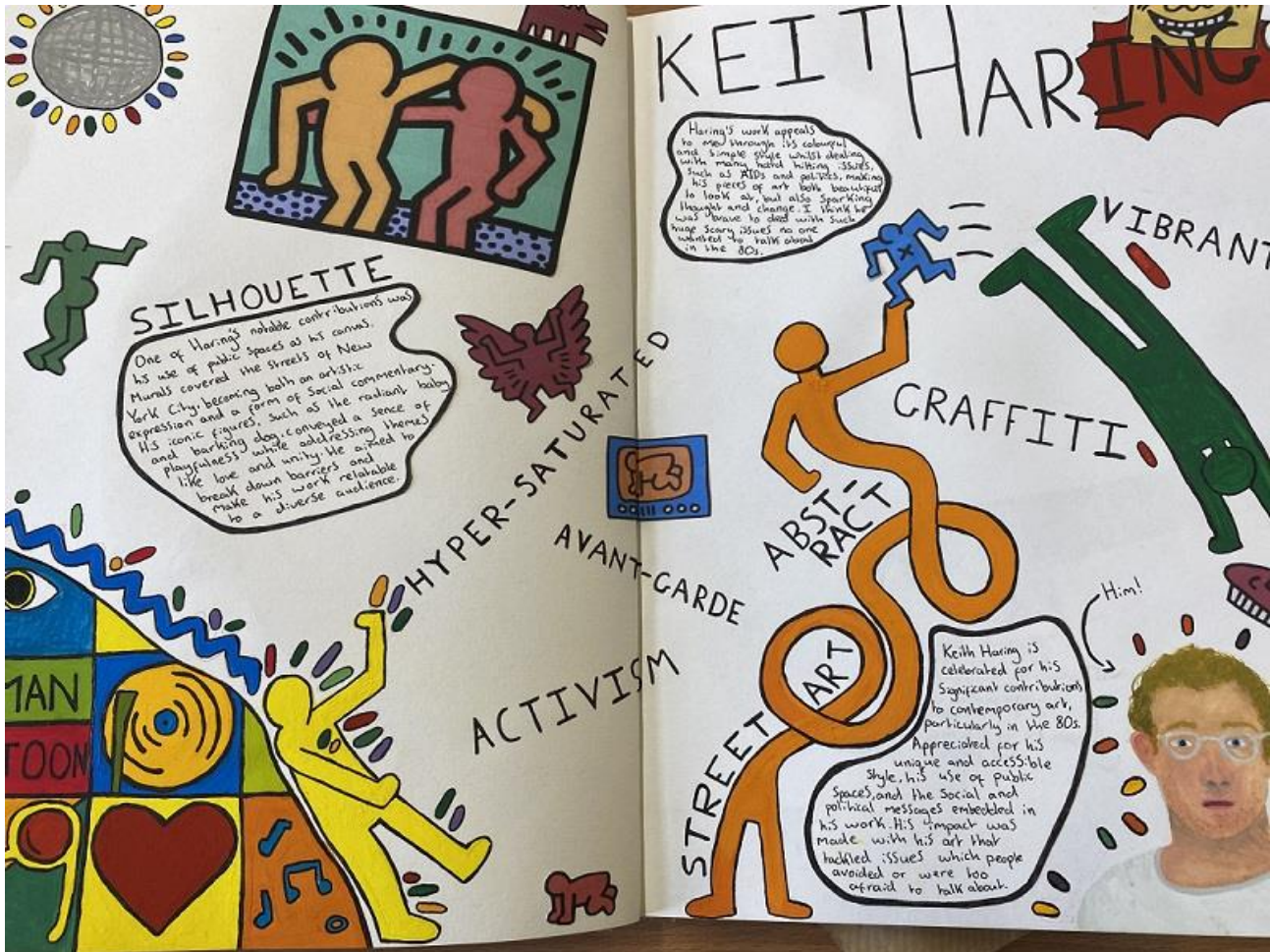
The talented Chapter 7 duo of Dylan D and Ezra D raced next. Training regularly throughout the Winter, they too were not fazed by the weather or the field of runners that they were racing against. Dylan and Ezra run well as a team, often taking it in turns to take the lead and encourage each other on. A steady paced run and a final long sprint to the finish line saw them come in at 17th and 20th position. A fantastic result and one to be extremely proud of.

As for Seb W, the only LC runner in his year, he took on boys not only in the year above but also nearly twice his size in the Chapter 8-9 race, but this did not discourage him and neither did the weather. A later start in the day saw the temperatures drop, yet, once again he battled his way through the field to finish a fantastic 13th place - just missing out by one position on a Merseyside County Team place. What a superstar! He now needs the talents of LC Chapter 8 and 9 boys to step up and join him on the line. Cross country is great training for all sports and develops stamina and endurance. With two more school races still to go, we need to get a team behind Seb!

A request for more runners from Chapter 7, 8 and 9 in both the girls and boys race would see the athletes being able to compete for team points in the league. The third school race will now take

place in a few weeks. Date and Venue to be confirmed. Should your child be interested in taking part, please see Mrs Webb or Mr Fawcett.

Our **artist of the week** is Skye W (Ch9) – I chose Keith Haring for my critical studies street artist homework. I liked the original way he addressed themes of love unity and diversity in New York in the 1980's.



Tickets are now on sale for the exciting Senior School production of **'Half A Sixpence'** on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February. Mr Bishop and Ms Kempton-Poole write:



Following the changing fortunes of orphan and draper's assistant, Arthur Kipps at the turn of the twentieth century, this new version of a much loved classic contains musical favourites like 'If The Rain's Got To Fall' and 'Flash Bang Wallop'. 'Half A Sixpence' is a true toe-tapping, family show.

Tickets can be purchased at www.trybooking.com/uk/DBTH

Mr Bishop has also nominated our *Half a Sixpence* band and singers as our **musicians of the week** in recognition of all their hard work and commitment. We look forward to hearing them in action very soon!



Miss McCone (Assistant Dean of Chapter 10) has shared some of the winning entries from our Chapter 10 LC+ art competition. The theme was the 'Year of the Dragon' in preparation for Chinese New Year.



Jeffery L



Zona G



Sofia S and Annabel G-B

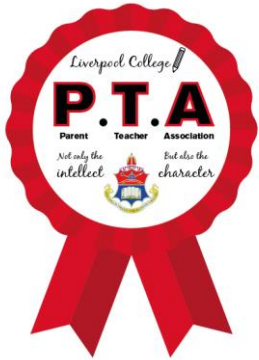


Maryna N



Bridie F

This weekend we will be travelling to Kirkham that citadel of rugby dominance. One of the most disturbing and disappointing trends at Liverpool College is failure to commit to Saturday morning sport. Messages are sent, teams are picked, coaches are hired, teachers are employed, and sometimes parents, without so much as a how do you do, do not bring their child to the appointed place at the appointed time. We play sport because of what it teaches, because of the bonds it creates, and because of our desire to compete together as a school. I want to thank the hundreds of parents who do make the effort and encourage the others to support this important part of our school life.



Update from the PTA



- **Share Ramadan** (15 March) tickets are available to purchase on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-yamavem>. We have a mouth-watering menu, Karak Chai for after and multiple desserts for those with a sweet tooth. You'll find more information in our newsletter.
- Tickets for the **Food Festival** are available online from today. We're pleased to announce that with its success last year, the Food festival is back with more vendors and variety! You can purchase your tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-gaejjan>

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual group drop in advisory sessions in February for parents. Please [click here](#) to access further information.

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

Yours sincerely,

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