LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The wonderland has melted. Our campus is never more excited or exciting than in the snow.









I was delighted to receive a letter this week from the Schools' Minister, the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP congratulating us on our outstanding achievement in the national 2023 Phonics Screening Check. The letter reported that the number of our Chapter 1 pupils who had met the expected standard put the school in the top 4 per cent of all primary schools in the country! Well done to Mrs Pease, Mrs Ridley (Phonics Lead) and all our Pre Prep staff for their hard work, and to our pupils for their efforts and their parents for supporting their learning at home.

Also impressive are the annual oversubscription stories. Our school is the second most oversubscribed school in the country at primary level, and by some distance the most oversubscribed regionally at secondary level. It is unfortunate we cannot offer places to all those people who would prefer to attend the College.

Following their triumph at the Ethics Cup last week, our debaters enjoyed another successful week; this time in the second round of the ESU Schools' Mace competition. Mr Barnicoat reports that despite the ever-increasing quality of the competition, our team broke in style to the Regional Finals of the tournament alongside Altrincham Grammar School for Girls. We were arguing in favour of giving prisoners the vote and managed to beat teams from Loreto Grammar School, Bolton Sixth Form College, Birkenhead School and Carmel College. Congratulations to our team of Ismail AH (Ch10), Hannah S (Ch12) and Zaenab R (Ch12).

Our boarders enjoy a series of activities called BSA [Boarding Schools' Association] Active. This includes various welcoming projects for new boarders, games, ideas and all sorts of ways they can enhance and improve their living experience and complete projects together.

Mr Bishop has nominated our musicians of the week:



This week's **Musicians of the week** are Max M, Seb W, Seb D, Ruaridh M and Valentin B from Ch 8 who have written and recorded an original song about the Reactivity Series. Recorded at the Prohibition studios in town, the song features lead vocals, keys, clarinet, trumpet, drums, guitars and backing vocals. A great effort! You can listen to it on the LC Music YouTube channel

here: https://www.youtube.com/@liverpoolcollegemusic

You may already be aware of the Children's Commissioner's 'The Big Ambition' survey which is collating the views of children and young people on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better before the next General Election. These will then be presented to the Government by the Commissioner. Click here to take part.

Our artist of the week is Jeffrey L (Ch10) with "Green Frog".



"I like artist Carrie McKenzie's work. Her use of colour is bright and vibrant. Her illustrations of animals, nature and landscapes are of particular interest to me. I especially like her washes and expressive brushstrokes. This piece in my sketchbook was inspired by her."

Some exciting updates from the **PTA** on upcoming events:



LC's Got Talent: We all know LC has talent like no other! For the first time in history, that talent is being showcased right here at Liverpool College! Students and staff from across the school are invited to audition. We welcome everyone - singers, comedians, dancers, gymnasts, poets, actors and anyone who has a talent to show off!

If you're up for it, come and audition! The Senior auditions will be on Friday 23rd Feb at 3pm in GB1. The Primary auditions will be announced soon.

We're also looking for students and staff to help us raise awareness of the auditions. We need staff and students of all ages to help us create a promotional video. Your child doesn't need anything, just a love for limelight, camera confident and we will show them how to do the rest! Please fill out the permission form on this link: https://forms.gle/PPGBaxGBT2kBJNv8A





Tickets are still available for our Share Ramadan feast event. We've now released our menu for that evening - a mouth-watering meal to suit all. More details are available in our PTA newsletter. Tickets are available at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-yamavem

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr H van Mourik Broekman Principal