
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

4 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish all our Jewish pupils, staff and families celebrating Rosh Hashanah, a happy and healthy new year. Shanah tovah!



This week I have been reminded to be thankful for the food we eat, and for those who care for and support us, by the children of the Prep and Pre Prep during their wonderful Harvest Festival services. Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to attend to support the children as this is truly one of the highlights of the academic year when the children get to perform in front of their nearest and dearest for the first time in their new Chapters. The courage shown by many of the children performing for the first time, including our very youngest pupils, was commendable. Thank you also to our families for their very generous food donations which have been delivered to the South Liverpool Foodbank.



Saturday marks the 30th anniversary of World Teachers' Day, held annually on 5th October. This is an opportunity to thank, recognise and celebrate how teachers are transforming education across the globe. I would like to add my own personal thanks to all the teachers within our Liverpool College community for their hard work every day to transform the lives of the young

people in our care. Their expertise, skill and pastoral care shone through in every classroom, playground and learning space that I have visited during the secondary phase and primary phase lesson observations over the past two weeks.

We are only a few weeks into term and are already looking forward to welcoming future pupils of Liverpool College with the first of our two Reception Open Evenings earlier this week. Prospective parents had the opportunity to visit classrooms in both the Prep and the Pre Prep and listen to a talk from myself, Mrs Pease (Head of Primary) and Mrs Loveridge (Admissions Manager). Thank you to all who helped make this a success and particularly to the Prep pupils who acted as guides for the evening and are the real ambassadors for the school.

On Wednesday I attended an Anti-Racist Schools workshop along with our Diversity Lead, Mrs Kelly. This is one of a series of workshops that are delivered to Liverpool schools by Leeds Beckett University and we are delighted to hold the next session, entitled 'Liverpool's History with Race' here at Liverpool College over the half term break.

You will have received on Wednesday via MCAS the details of arrangements for pupils for our Founders' Day Service on Friday 11 October. A reminder that school will be closed that day with no lessons in any part of the school.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Tuesday marked the beginning of Black History Month with a theme this year of Reclaiming Narratives. This will be a focus of assemblies and work here in school but there are also opportunities for pupils and students to participate in events outside of

school. Mrs Kelly has collated details of some of these events in Liverpool for secondary pupils – [click here](#) to find out more. Liverpool John Moores University is also organising workshops for sixth form students (more information [here](#)) - students should speak to Mrs Kelly if they wish to register to take part. You can also find out more about Black History Month and this year's theme [here](#).

Promoting online safety is a key part of our safeguarding curriculum. Parents and carers play a central role in this and there are a lot of resources available to help support you (please see the **Online Safety** page of our school website [here](#) for more information). Mrs Duffy (Assistant Principal: Safeguarding and Inclusion) has asked me to highlight a particular resource to help you:

Talking to your child about their online activity and relationships can be difficult and frustrating. This resource can help support parents to have those difficult conversations and provide support to children and families.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward/>

Our musician of the week from Mr Bishop:



This week's **Musician of the Week** is Jonah F in Chapter 6 for his excellent drumming during the Prep Harvest Reflections this week. Jonah kept the school together as they sang *Colours of the Wind* and *Autumn Days* - a big responsibility!

Mr Heeley reported on the success of the Chapter 9 and 10 rugby teams against Bishop Heber High School on Saturday. Well done to all the pupils who took part, and also to the Chapter 7 and 8 teams who although they lost their matches it was a great sign to see such strong numbers of pupils participating. This weekend sees rugby fixtures against Bolton School and Hockey fixtures away at Cowley.

Our **artist of the week** this week is Lily N (Ch13)



Pen, ink, acrylic, coffee, flour on paper.

Attendance is a key focus: children cannot benefit from the fantastic learning opportunities we provide every day at Liverpool College if they are not here. We have been asked by the NHS and Liverpool local authority to highlight some useful information for parents about the support available from pharmacies to get medication/treatment more quickly for some

common childhood conditions (such as ear ache, sore throat) and help reduce school absences. Please [click here](#) to find out more about the **Pharmacy First** offer.

Next week is national Kinship Care Week. Kinship carers are family or friends who step up, often during an unexpected crisis, to care for a child when their parents can't. It is estimated there are over 180,000 children in the care of relatives in the UK. Often, carers don't realise they are Kinship carers and therefore miss out on the support available to them. At Liverpool College, we are keen to support any family in this situation and would encourage carers to contact us to let us know of their particular needs. You can also access support from the Kinship Carers charity here in Liverpool - please see link to their website here:

<https://kinshipcarersliverpool.co.uk/>

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our coffee afternoon organised by Mrs Crook (SENCO) on Tuesday with members of the Liverpool ASD training team. Advance notice that the ASD team will be holding a workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour at the College in February for parents and carers who have early concerns about social communication and interaction or if your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway. Please [click here](#) to find out more information.

Secondary phase parents will have received their latest Careers Newsletter this week from Mrs Drew (Careers Lead), including a link to a TV programme launching the top 100 Apprenticeship employers. Thank you to Mrs Drew for all her hard work on providing careers advice for our pupils, particularly the individual 121 sessions that have been taking place over recent weeks. You can access this edition and all the previous careers newsletters on our website [here](#).

Mr Stamper has shared an opportunity for members of the school community to support a fundraising initiative by some of our primary staff:



On Saturday 19 October, the very brave (and possibly a little bit crazy) Mr Atkinson, Mrs Bygroves, Mr Devine, Miss Tyrer, Mx Roberts, Miss Frees, Mr Beardsmore, Mr Stamper and Miss Donahue will be taking part in the North West Tough Mudder challenge! This involves 15km of running, over 20 obstacles to scale and slide, and lots and lots of mud and cold water. They will be doing this to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to support them, it would be hugely appreciated! Scan the QR code to the donation page, and feel free to leave a message of encouragement, they're going to need it!

The **term dates for the 2025-26** academic year have now been published – you can access them on our school website [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you and yours a pleasant and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a period at the end.

**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**