

Principal's Newsletter

20 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term settles into the more regular momentum that is the fast paced and widely varied life of Liverpool College, it has been another busy week on campus.

A particular highlight was the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening. Hearing the wide variety of activities that the PTA Committee have organised over the past year, including the impressive Fireworks display, school discos, Christmas Market and Food Festival and a Share Ramadan event, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTA, but particularly Amara, Heather and Simon, for all their hard work and kind donations to the College, most recently additional iPads in the primary phase and a set of laptops for both the English and Science faculties in the secondary phase. I know the PTA would very much welcome any parents or carers, particularly those new to the College, who would like to volunteer to help with future events. Please contact pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk to find out more.

Thank you to all parents who attended Reception's Chapter Information Evening on Tuesday. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into the Liverpool College Community at the start of what could well be a 14-year long educational journey together!

I was delighted to attend the Liverpool Education Conference at Aintree Racecourse this week where school leaders across the City gathered to discuss the key challenges facing the education of the young people of Liverpool, as well as attend the first governors' meeting of the school year. Neither event was anywhere near as delightful, however, as the presentation of awards to the children in school and I was thrilled to present the new Chapter 7 Music Scholars with their badges, as well as the Prep children with their Headteacher certificates in assembly this morning. Well done to all those children and I look forward to presenting many more in the weeks ahead.

It was a busy weekend of sport last Saturday with our secondary rugby and hockey teams in action. Thank you to all the pupils involved for their contribution and for representing their school on Saturday mornings.

Particular congratulations to the Chapter 10 rugby team who won their match 34-17 and to the Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 hockey teams who also won their matches. Well done to the players

of the match in hockey: Ella R (Ch8), Sienna M (Ch9) and Olivia C from Chapter 9 who was player of the match for the Chapter10/11 team.

Mrs Webb and Mr Devine report this week on the first of this year's Merseyside Schools Cross Country races:



On a warm sunny evening 22 athletes from Chapters 7-11 took to the fields of Calderstones Park for the first of the four Merseyside Schools Cross Country races.

For the first time, Liverpool College were able to field full teams in the Year 7 Boys, Year 7 Girls and Y8/9 Boys race.

We had many outstanding performances. Every student showed courage to step onto the start line, determination to push themselves to achieve their best position and resilience in sprinting to the finish line.

Year 10-13 boys raced first. Ed R epitomises Liverpool College. A Chapter 11 student who set himself a target and was going to achieve it no matter what. Having only recently taken up running, he raced alongside experienced athletes and finished strongly. An incredible performance and one which he should be very proud of.

Next to race were the Chapter 7 boys and what a team of athletes they are. Harry R, Mylo H and Henry T finished in the top 15 positions. Issah O, Isaac S, Tom G, Anas T and Nathan T are also to be highly commended in their performances especially as there was an incredibly large field of 100 runners taking part.

The Chapter 7 girls were just as inspiring. Emmie T (top 20), Anna S and Niyah M all ran with enthusiasm and determination. Special mention must go to Mya T who despite carrying an injury, was insistent on running to ensure Chapter 7 had a team. A fantastic performance from them all considering they too ran with a very large field of athletes.

Seb W (Chapter 9) has waited for this moment when he could finally run as a team. This year he was also joined by Eyad T. Last year, as the only runner in his year group, Seb, who came 9th, was also joined by the talents of Ezra D, Dylan D, Sam P (Chapter 8). A total of 66 points could see them in with a chance of taking a top position in the team event. Seb must also be highlighted for his sportsmanship as he has recently set aside his running to focus more on his musical talents.



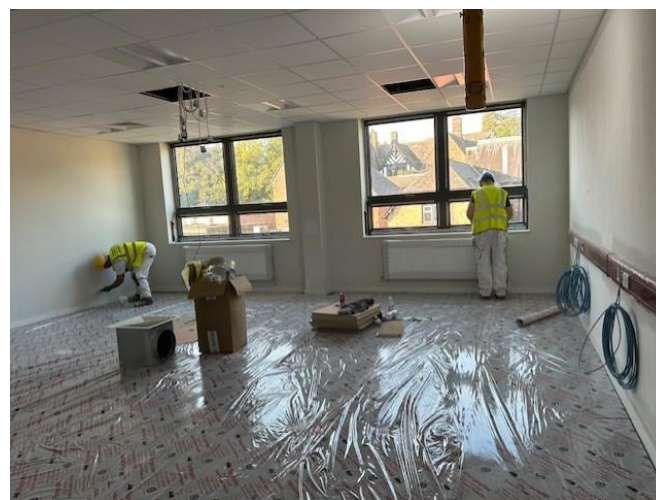
Our highly talented Chapter 8 girls raced next. Sadly, Beau R was injured so could not compete, but that did not stop Mia F and Lottie H from stepping up to the start line and putting in epic performances (7th and 10th) All three of these girls regularly race both on track and in cross country for Liverpool Harriers and have just competed in the National Cross Country Race and the Northern Road Relays. We just need one more runner from Chapter 8 or 9 to make up the team. Whether you are a hockey player, footballer or netball player or someone who likes to run, please come and speak with Mrs Webb. Liverpool College needs you and so do the Chapter 8/9 girls!!

Finally, it was the turn of our Chapter 10 girls Gracie-May P and Courtney A. Standing alongside club runners on the start line they were not put off. With teamwork, they worked together supporting each other along the course to run through the finish line in fine style. A fabulous achievement for both students and one which they should be very proud of.

Congratulations to all pupils. They were a credit to Liverpool College.

Next race is Wednesday 16 October at Camp Hill. Come and sign up in Student Services.

I was very pleased to receive an update from Mrs Cassidy (Senior Vice Principal) on the progress being made in completing our new classroom block on the senior site:





Excitement is growing as we watch our new build grow nearer to completion.

I made a site visit this week along with the Chair of the governors' Operations Committee to view the progress being made with works inside the building and meet with the Project Manager Mr Scrivens to get an update from our contractors. Robertson, our building contractor, have impressed us as they have worked hard to overcome many obstacles to remain on target to complete on time. They have also ensured our local community have benefited from the build by commissioning local sub-contractors to the tune of £1.5 million. Robertson have also been nominated for a sustainability award for this project at Liverpool College; and we wish them good luck with this.

If any parents use the main school car park on North Mossley Hill Road to attend fixtures or other events at the weekends, please note that due to building works, the main car park will be closed this Saturday and Sunday, 21 and 22 September.

In addition to our artist of the week award, we also celebrate the musical achievements of our pupils and students through our **Musician of the Week** award, nominated by Mr Bishop (Director of Music):



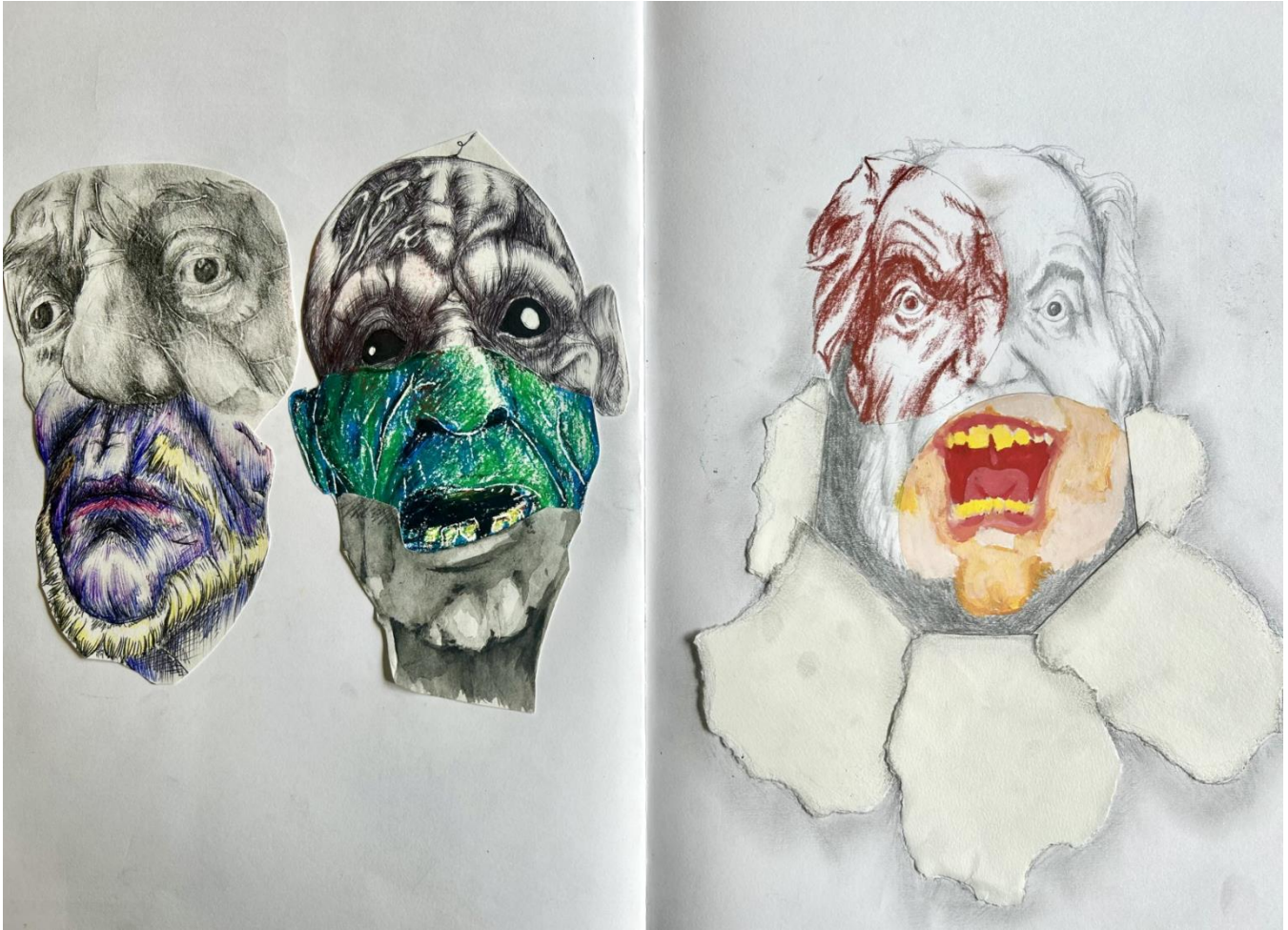
This week saw auditions for the senior production of School of Rock which will be performed in February. Some of the roles require pupils to play instruments during the performance and the talents of our young stars were certainly on display in abundance! Two Chapter 9 pupils have shown commitment above and beyond in preparation for the audition process. Valentin B had learnt to play the guitar in just two weeks to prepare for this role, taught by Max M - a true testament to their dedication to the arts and of their support of each other. We look forward to working with the cast, crew and musicians over the coming months to bring this fantastic production to our community.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) is organising a coffee afternoon at school for all parents of children with ASD or are on the ASD Pathway on October 1 at 1.30 pm. It will be attended by the Liverpool ASD Training Team who will speak about support that they provide and answer any questions that parents may have. Please contact Mrs Crook if you plan to attend

kcrook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

An important reminder to secondary phase parents that secondary pupils will have their individual photo taken on Tuesday 24 September. All secondary pupils and students must attend in full formal school uniform on Tuesday (there will be no Games or CCF that day).

This week's **artist of the week** is Thomas B M (Ch11) with experimental sketchbook portraits.



Mr Murphy, our Centre Manager at [LC Sports](https://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/lcsports), has asked me to share with you a new membership offer for families:

LC Sports New Family Gym Membership offer

*LC Sports is delighted to now be able to offer a new **Family Gym Membership** category for members between the ages of 12-16 years.*

Family of 4 from as little as £50 per month

- * No joining fee*
- * No contract*
- * All Classes included*
- * Free exercise programme and Nutrition plan*



Email on lcsports@liverpoolcollege.org.uk or call 0151 724 488 to take up this amazing offer.

*We hope to see you soon
LC Sports team*

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