

Principal's Newsletter

1 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A real highlight of this week for me was the opportunity to visit lessons in the secondary phase and to see the excellent work that our teaching staff do every day in the classroom to deliver outstanding learning experiences day after day.

Another highlight of the week was of course the excellent primary instrumental showcase on Wednesday evening. It was an absolute delight to see the courage of each and every one of our soloists performing their individual pieces in front of everyone in the MV Hall. From saxophone to piano playing, to singing, flautists, violinists and the drums they were all too wonderful to single out a favourite but my particular admiration has to go to the Chapter One pupils performing for the very first time! Miss Clark has a further report from the event below:



Our Primary Phase were once again out in force on Wednesday evening with a Music concert filled with variety and style. This concert is always a highlight in the calendar, where children share their progress in instrumental and singing lessons.

It is inspiring how much confidence they have and eagerness to share their skills with friends and families.

There were some world premier performances last night, with first for: Mascen Mi J (Ch 4) on drums; Elias H (Ch 4),

Elodie C and Emelia D on piano; Rosa F K (Ch 1) and William D (Ch 2) on violin.

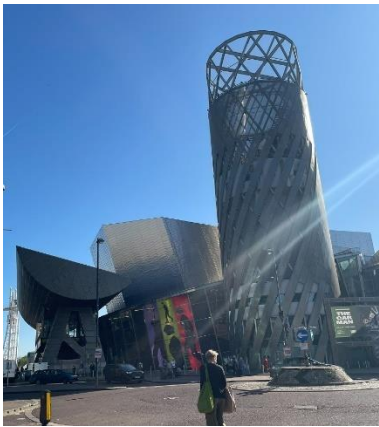
The musical future is certainly shining brightly! Well done to everyone who performed! Another fantastic show!

And from Wednesday night's performers Miss Clark has nominated this week's musician of the week:



Our **musician of the week** this week is **Jack C (Ch 6)**. Jack is a multi-talented star of the future. This week Jack performed a stunning vocal solo at our third and final Primary Instrumental Showcase of the year (a brilliant rendition of Elvis's classic - *I can't help falling in love with you*). He has also been working hard out of school, recently gaining a distinction in his grade 3 singing exam and qualifying for the National finals in a Musical Theatre competition for under 21s, having won the Liverpool regional heats.

A star in the making! Well done Jack.



Our Drama students meanwhile enjoyed an afternoon out at the Lowry Theatre last Saturday 25 April watching the matinee performance of *'Noughts and Crosses'* presented by Pilot Theatre in association with Northern Stage and directed by Esther Richardson. Mrs Harper reports that a great afternoon was had by all enriching the curriculum for our pupils.

Chapter 9 pupils benefitted from another excellent opportunity through our careers programme this week as Mrs Drew (Careers Leader) describes:



A group of Chapter 9 pupils were invited to attend a Computer Science and Gaming Experience of the Workplace Day at Liverpool Hope on Thursday.

Run By All About Stem and the Careers Hub, the day comprised of 5 workshops which introduced our students to the huge range of careers within the games industry, aside from games design and coding. We attended sound workshops from Radical Forge where the students created sound effects for a short film which they loved, a branding and trademarking workshop with PlayStation, a teamwork and design session with Game Changers, where our students had to improve Snakes & Ladders for future generations and a creative and narrative design workshop from Sweet Baby Inc; this was a particular

favourite, where students were assigned a picture card and had to create their own character and world that could appear in a game in the future. Our day finished working with Lucid Games, where we learned how to become a character artist and our students created their own gaming character using two randomly assigned words.



One of the best aspects of the day was our students being introduced to an industry which is largely based in Liverpool in the UK, met people from very different backgrounds in teaching, engineering and TV who took totally different routes in their varied jobs and they got the inside knowledge behind some of their favourite video games.

Our students represented Liverpool College impeccably and their feedback was fantastic; a very inspiring day.

Chapter 7 pupils also impressed this week at a road safety course at Anfield. I was delighted to receive a report from Miss McCone (Chapter 7 Dean) that the group of pupils involved: *"engaged excellently with all aspects of the programme. They represented the school to an exceptionally high standard, demonstrating maturity, respect, and enthusiasm at all times. In addition, several pupils were recognised for their efforts. Isla, Ehaan, and William received prizes during some of the carousel activities, and Luca was selected overall as one of the most motivated participants across all activities."*

A special congratulations to Chapter 8 pupil Alannah B - Mr Bijster of Ch8 Selwyn's reports that Alannah is a Double Centurion and has achieved an outstanding 206 PPC points so far this school year! He explained that this has been achieved by her *"being constantly exemplary in every aspect of school life and taking part in numerous extra-curricular activities to boot"*. Very well done Alannah!

Chapter 3 pupils were out and about this week thoroughly enjoying their first residential trip with an overnight stay at the Catalyst Museum.



A reminder that on Tuesday 5 May at 7pm we are hosting our organ concert (**Organ Extravaganza No.4**) in the College Chapel. This concert is 'A Night at the Movies!' and is in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund project. To reserve your space, please click on the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXIV>

May I wish you and yours a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**