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# LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

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## Principal's Newsletter

7 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I firstly wish a Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrated over the half term holiday.

The countdown is on for tonight's PTA Fireworks Bonanza but we need to start this week's newsletter at the very end of last half term.



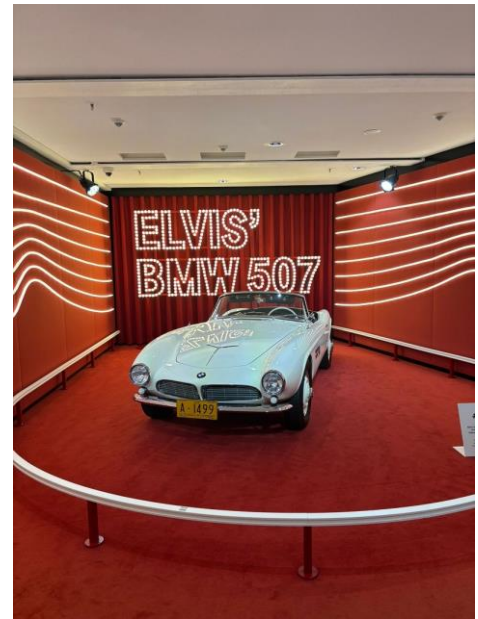
Our 185<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day was a marvellous occasion. A full Liverpool Cathedral heard a wonderful sermon from the Very Rev Dr Sue Jones, Dean of Liverpool focused on the importance of being ourselves within the pressures of today's society. It was a powerful message and one which is perhaps even more important nowadays with the dangers from social media for young people than it was for the original Liverpoolians 185 years ago! I was overwhelmed by the excellence of our choirs and orchestra which seems to go from strength to strength.

It is a great credit to Mr Bishop and Ms Clark that our pupils love to make music and that the numbers of singers and players seems only to grow. Thank you to Miss Green and Mr Stamper and to all our readers, particularly our Primary Head Girl and Boy, Claudia B and Artie H (Ch6) and College Head Boy and Girl, Dennis P and Maisie-Merle H (Ch13). Well done also to our House Captains from Chapter 2, Chapter 6 and Chapter 13 who represented their houses so well during the Procession of the Houses.

During the half term break, Mr Hutchinson led a fantastic trip to Munich with a group of historians from Chapters 10-13. He reports:

*Our eagerly anticipated History trip to Munich began with an early 4:15 am start at Manchester Airport, leading to an exciting first day exploring the heart of the city. After arriving and settling in, the group enjoyed lunch in the vibrant Marienplatz, surrounded by the lively atmosphere and*

historic architecture. The afternoon was spent on a fascinating walking tour of Munich's many sites, giving students a first glimpse of the city's culture and history, before rounding off the evening with live music back at the hotel.



Day two was focused on the powerful legacy of resistance and remembrance. The group visited the White Rose Memorial at the University of Munich, reflecting on the bravery of student resistance against the Nazi regime. After lunch in a bustling local market, surrounded by fans of both Bayern and Dortmund, the afternoon continued with a National Socialism walking tour and a visit to the Munich Documentation Centre, deepening everyone's understanding of the city's complex past. The following day took the group to Nuremberg, where they explored the Congress Hall and its Documentation Centre, followed by a walking tour of the city's remarkable architecture and a visit to the historic courtroom used for the Nuremberg Trials.



*On day four, the group travelled to Obersalzberg to visit its Documentation Centre before enjoying lunch in the charming town of Berchtesgaden. The highlight of the day was the trip up to the Eagle's Nest, where clear skies offered breathtaking panoramic views of the Bavarian Alps.*



*The final day featured the modern contrast of BMW Welt, followed by a sobering and thought-provoking tour of Dachau concentration camp, before returning home. The trip was filled with memorable experiences — from laughter, music and new friendships to valuable lessons about courage, history, and remembrance.*

*Many students gained confidence being away from home, some relished sampling the local cuisine, the Sixth Form enjoyed donning traditional Lederhosen, and everyone returned with a deeper understanding of Nazi history and its lasting impact. Throughout the trip, numerous guides commented on how polite and well behaved our students are, they really did us proud with their outstanding attitude.*

Thank you to Mr Hutchinson and all the staff who accompanied the trip for giving up their own time to enable our pupils to have this wonderful opportunity.

Remembrance weekend is a time when we mention the heroic figures in the history of the school. During secondary reflections this week, I spoke to pupils about Noel Chavasse VC & Bar, MC. Noel Chavasse, after whom Chavasse Park in Liverpool One is named, attended Liverpool College in 1900 prior to going up to Trinity College, Oxford to study medicine. Aside from a lifetime of service in medicine and representing GB in the Olympic Games alongside his twin brother, Noel Chavasse is famous for being the only person in the Great War (1914 -1918) to receive the Victoria Cross for bravery twice. Serving in the medical corps, he saved many, many lives and rescued countless injured from the mud and forsaken wasteland of the battlefields before succumbing to repeated wounding on the ridge of Passchendaele in July 1917. His final words sent to his sweetheart at home were "Duty called, and duty must be obeyed." We will be marking Remembrance Day on Tuesday here in school, and our CCF Colour Party will also be assisting at the remembrance service conducted by the Collegiate Old Boys in the original school building on Shaw Street.

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our primary phase "book look" this week: an opportunity for our children to showcase the brilliant work they complete every day at Liverpool College. I look forward to meeting many parents next week at our primary parents' evening and Chapter 7 parents' evening. These meetings are not only an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress at school, but also an opportunity for parents and

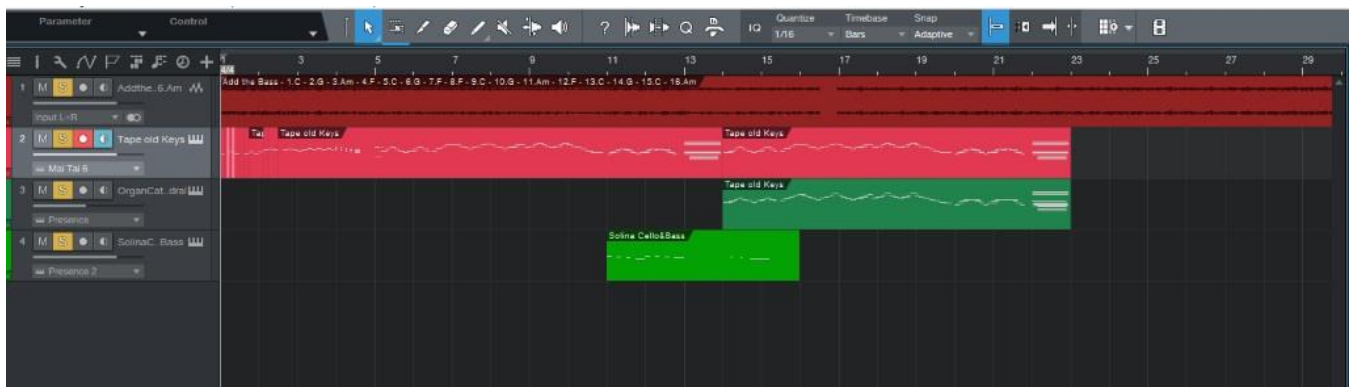
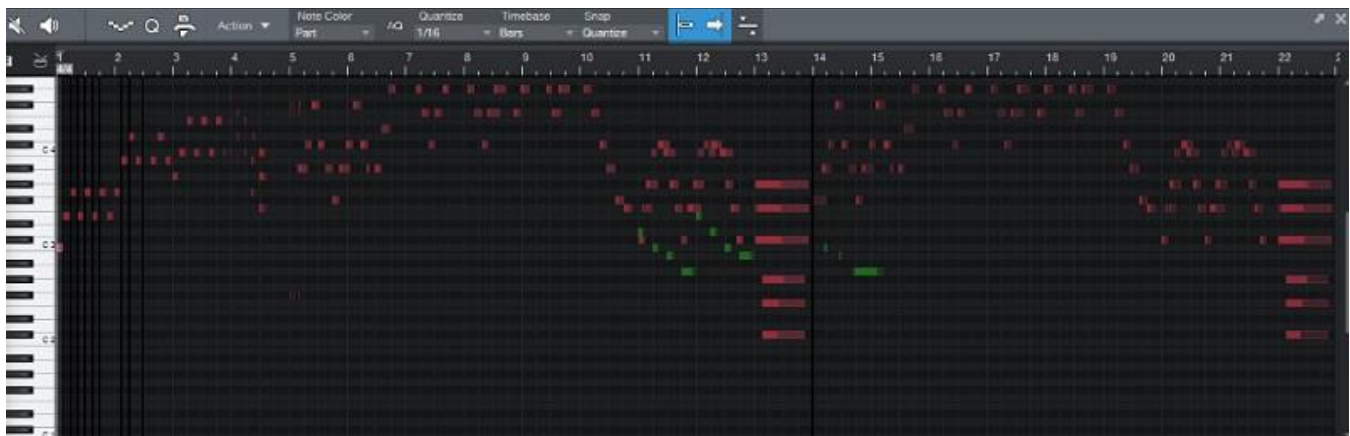
carers to share their feedback through the questionnaires ably delivered by our Sixth Form helpers.

Our musicians of the week from Mr Bishop:



This week's **musicians of the week** are four pupils from Ch9. Emma P and Grace P have taken a chord progression and composed basslines and other musical textures to fit with the chords. Help in identifying the chords is given for the first 16 bars, after which, they were required to work the chords out aurally. Their final composition is excellent! Another example of a piece of work which goes above and beyond comes from Charlie L and Benedict P who have also added riffs and drum beats to their bassline composition. [You can listen to their work by following this link.](#)

Screenshots of Grace and Emma's composition:



Next week there are flu vaccinations scheduled for secondary pupils. Parents have already received information about this from the NHS Vaccination & Immunisation Team via MCAS but schools have been asked to share a message with parents and carers about the flu vaccine from Liverpool's Director of Public Health, Professor Matthew Ashton:

*Flu is spreading early this year. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and family. It is safe and cannot give your child flu. Please send the consent form back to school so your child can get the vaccine. The link is here. [eConsent External Form](#)*

*Or phone the vaccine nurse team on 0151 295 3833. They can help you complete the consent form and answer any questions. They can also help you book an evening or weekend clinic appointment if your child has missed the school clinic.*

I was delighted to receive news from Mrs Duffy that our school has been recognised for our pupils' attendance last academic year with a number of FFT National Attendance Awards. The awards are an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance. Let's keep up the good work this year!

A reminder from Mrs Crook (SENCO) of the upcoming courses for parents being offered by the Liverpool ASD Training Team – please click on the links below for further information:

- ASD Course (for parents whose child has an ASD diagnosis): [10-11 and 14 November](#) and [8-10 December](#)

May you and your family enjoy a pleasant weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**



**Mrs A Haynes**  
**Principal**