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Principal's Newsletter

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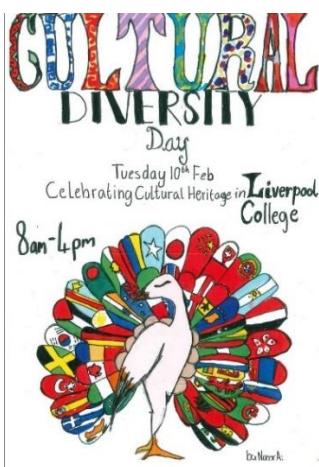
Dear Parents and Carers,

Our highlight of the week, apart from the final performance of Oliver! on Saturday afternoon, was Tuesday's joyful Cultural Diversity Day. Over 300 students from Chapters 7–13 carefully prepared 57 stalls, each representing a different country. Dressed in traditional attire or the colours of their country's flag, pupils and students proudly shared their cultural heritage with peers from Chapters 6–13. As Mrs Kelly commented: *"it was a delight to see the pride and ownership students displayed as they shared with others a small part of what makes them special and unique."*



Ms Odita-Sani shared some reflections on the impact of the event for our school community:

Liverpool College community came together this week for a truly vibrant and uplifting Diversity Day - a celebration that highlighted the richness of our cultures, the power of unity, and the pride we take in learning from one another.



A special thanks goes out to the staff, pupils and students, and parents, who contributed creative and educational resources, as well as food. Diversity Days remind us that our differences are a source of strength, and that we come together with openness and appreciation.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to champion the voices, stories and identities that make Liverpool College community extraordinary.



Thank you to the staff who helped organise and lead the day: Ms Green, Mr Sani, Mrs Kelly, Ms Odita-Sani and Mr Muscatelli, and also to the members of our IT and estates team whose support make events such as this possible.

Events like Cultural Diversity Day, and our reflection assemblies throughout the year, help prompt interest, discussions and understanding in our school community. I was delighted that Ms Alam reported that following the success of the Pakistan assembly delivered by some of our primary pupils last week, many pupils have been asking her about other possible assemblies they could do. We are looking forward to their next presentation!

Chapter 7 pupils meanwhile celebrated culture through art this week as Mrs Watson reports:

Chapter 7 pupils took part in an exciting personal development art competition, combining creativity with cultural learning. As part of the challenge, pupils explored the traditions and customs associated with Chinese New Year, developing a deeper understanding of the celebrations and their meaning.

Inspired by what they learned, pupils created vibrant paper lanterns, working together within their houses to produce eye-catching displays. The activity encouraged teamwork, creativity, and an appreciation of global cultures, with pupils showing fantastic enthusiasm throughout.



The competition element has added to the excitement — the house responsible for the most visually stunning display will be awarded valuable house points. The winning house will be announced soon, and we look forward to celebrating the incredible effort and artistic talent shown by all involved.

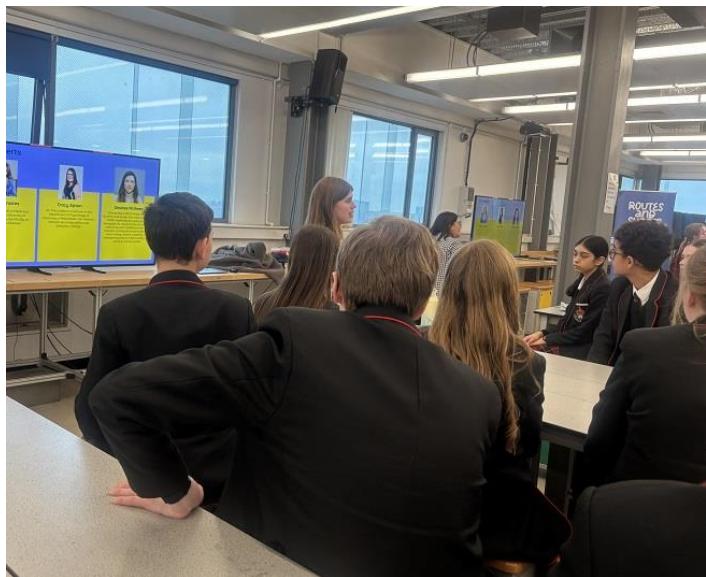
Well done Chapter 7!

I also enjoyed my visits to the primary phase this week to see the wide variety of events and learning going on: from Chinese New Year celebrations in Reception, to the launch of our 6th Form volunteer readers programme and the annual Pancake Race, all taking place alongside the excellent teaching and learning that happens every day in the classrooms. What an inspiring and exciting place to visit!



Chapter 9 pupils took part in an exciting Future Food Challenge trip this week organised by Farm Urban, an initiative dedicated to growing food sustainably for both people and the planet while encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour across the city. Mrs Watson reports:

Throughout the day, pupils participated in a range of inspirational workshops where they explored innovative approaches to sustainable food production. They also had the opportunity to meet expert guest speakers working at the forefront of environmental sustainability, gaining valuable insight into the future of food and the importance of greener living. One of the highlights of the trip was the chance for pupils to build their own hydroponics systems, learning how crops can be grown efficiently using water-based techniques.



Our pupils were a true credit to the school. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they impressed

staff and visitors alike with the thoughtful questions they asked and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the experience.

The learning doesn't stop there — pupils are now bringing their ideas back into school and will be working together to create a hydroponic growing system of their own. We look forward to seeing how their creativity and commitment to sustainability continue to grow.

This week was also National Apprenticeship Week. There are 700 different types of apprenticeships across 18 different career sectors and Mrs Drew (Careers Leader) made sure that all secondary pupils learned more about the options available to them through apprenticeships during LC+ sessions this week. Chapter 7 also had an additional talk to help improve their knowledge and understanding of what apprenticeships are. You can access a lot more information about apprenticeships from Mrs Drew's Careers Newsletter this week – [click here](#) to download a copy.

Advance notice of this year's secondary phase's **Speech Night and Prize Giving** which will take place on **Thursday 19 March at 7pm** at Liverpool Cathedral. Parents of pupils who have been awarded a prize will be receiving a letter by email after half term. All secondary parents will receive detailed information about arrangements nearer the time.

With the start of Ramadan next week, I am delighted to share more details of this year's Iftar celebration on the 6th of March organised by our PTA and Muslim Student Experience (MSE) society:



*Liverpool College PTA - in collaboration with MSE- would like to warmly invite you and your family to join us for our **Community Iftar** on **Friday 6 March** (5-8pm) in the Dining Hall:*

As a non-profit charity, we aim to bring together members of our school community and the wider local community to celebrate the blessed month of Ramadan.

You can purchase your tickets and get full information about the event on
[*https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-ldnpmoa*](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liverpool-college-pta/t-ldnpmoa)

For sponsorship enquiries please email
[*pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk*](mailto:pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

A reminder also from the PTA about voting on a funding request:

We would like all parents to kindly use the link below to vote for a funding request the PTA has received for a Mural in the secondary phase.

All details are on the form however please email us should you need further information or clarification (pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) .

Deadline for the vote is 27th February

<https://forms.gle/GMVocZa7p3bewiAm6>

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has asked me to share some information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about an upcoming workshop aimed for parents/carers who have early concerns or a referral has been made to the pathway. Please click on the link below for more information:

- [Social Communication and Social Behaviour workshop \(26 & 27 February 2026\)](#)

We will be hosting another SEN coffee morning after half term:

SEN Coffee Morning - Travel Training Team

We warmly invite parents and carers to attend a SEN Coffee Morning on Friday 27th February between 9:45 to 11:15am.

The session will be led by the Travel Training Team who will be talking about travel support and independent travel training for SEN students. It will be particularly relevant for those in Chapter 11 who are on transport due to policy changes.

If you would like to attend, please complete the short form using the link below.

[Travel Training SEN coffee morning – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact SEND admin sendadmin@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

A reminder to secondary phase pupils that when we return to school after half term it will be **Week A**.

Thank you for your continuing support. May I wish you and yours a peaceful and calm half term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Haynes
Principal