

# LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

## Principal's Newsletter

16 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go"* (Dr. Seuss). Reading offers portable magic, a bridge to other worlds and minds, and a pathway to knowledge. I was delighted therefore to start the week with our primary bedtime reading night. I joined our Reception class to read "The Detective Dog" by Julie Donaldson. Thank you to Miss Brooke (Primary Head of Learning and English Lead) for organising the event and to all the staff who shared their favourite books with our primary pupils to help inspire their love and enjoyment of reading.

I also enjoyed taking each Secondary Chapter for their reflection sessions this week on the theme of "Looking forwards and backwards" and the Roman God Janus, after whom January is named. We reflected on the highlights of last year and looked forward to future challenges over the year ahead. For all the Chapters, making the most of every day and learning from our mistakes so we can be the best we can be were central to our hopes and ambitions for 2026.

Next week we are delighted to be welcoming our Foundation Members to their annual general meeting, chaired by the President of the Liverpool College Foundation, Lord Derby. This meeting is a great opportunity to share with them the successes and efforts of our pupils and staff and to also to thank them in person for all the support the Foundation provides to the school.

Well done to the U15 football team for their latest win in the national cup competition. Mr Muscatelli has more details:

A massive congratulations to the U15 boys football team, who are now into the last 16 of the National Cup, after an outstanding 3-1 victory against an impressive Great Sankey team. Each and every player should be commended on the heart and desire which proved to be the determining factors in a fiercely contested game.



*Leo T shared the player of the game award with a captain's performance and two excellent long range strikes.*

*Well done, boys.*

We welcomed the Anthony Walker Foundation back to school this week to run a series of training workshops with our Chapter 8 pupils and also an assembly for Chapter 7. Our AntiRacism pupil ambassadors supported every session and were a real credit to their learning over the past year around tackling racism. Mrs Kelly shares more details:

*This week, the Anthony Walker Foundation made a significant impact across the school. Chapter 8 pupils welcomed the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences of racism, microaggressions, bias, and racial slurs. They participated in group activities led by our Chapter 8 Ambassadors: Khaled B, Anas T, Nnamdi I, Leonardo L, Sofía S, and Vian M.*



*Pupils also embraced the concept of what it means to be an active bystander and how to challenge racist behaviour. It was inspirational to hear the emotional and mature responses from many pupils and to see how this learning opportunity provoked thoughtful and meaningful discussions.*

*Chapter 7 pupils also had the opportunity to begin their journey of racism awareness by learning about Anthony Walker and exploring how to recognise, reject, and respond to racist behaviour.*

Our **artist of the week** this week is Sienna D (Ch11):



It was a delight and privilege to welcome former pupil (and former artist of the week award recipient) Dylan Dunlop to school this morning so he could present his fantastic portraits of our estates team. Thank you Dylan!



It was a busy week for visitors as the LFC Foundation were also on site to introduce a new project that our Ch8 and Ch9 pupils will be involved with, as Mrs Scott reports:

*This week, as part of our whole-school approach to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, we were thrilled to welcome the LFC Foundation into school. Their team delivered two inspiring assemblies to our Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 pupils, introducing an exciting project that will be taking place here over the coming weeks: the On Target Programme.*



*The On Target programme is a six-week initiative designed to help young people understand and improve their thoughts, feelings, and behaviours. It aims to equip pupils with practical tools to support their mental health something that matters more than ever. Throughout the programme, groups of students will take part in engaging, interactive sessions that focus on: Building communication skills and positive relationships, Developing self-esteem and confidence, Challenging unhelpful or negative thinking, Strengthening resilience, Understanding the impact of social media and promoting healthy body image, Learning coping strategies and self-care techniques.*

Thank you to Mrs Scott (College Mental Health Coordinator) for all her hard work in accessing and facilitating these and other opportunities and resources that help support and promote our pupils' mental health and wellbeing.

Our musician of the week award:



*This week's **Musician of the Week** is Valentin B (Ch10) who is Musical Director for the forthcoming production of Bugsy Malone in March. This is the first time we have been able to assign this role to a pupil. Val has been rehearsing the band and accompanying the songs in rehearsals in an extremely professional way and we look forward to the productions on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March!*

A request for your help from Mrs Drew (Careers Leader):

### **Chapter 10 work experience placements – Can you help?**

Chapter 10 pupils are going out on work experience this term for 2 days - **10 & 11 March 2026** - for in person placements during school hours. We still have a number of students without placements, so **if you can support us in offering placements to our pupils, please email me on [jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)**

Thank you for your support.

An offer from the team at LCSports:



A reminder of the invitation from our SEN team:

### **SEN Coffee Morning Invitation**

We warmly invite our parents and carers to join us for a SEN Coffee Morning on **Friday 30th January between 9:45 to 11:15am.**

This informal session is a chance to meet the SEN team, ask questions, share experiences, and connect with other families in a relaxed and supportive environment.

We will also be joined by a member of the ASD training team who will be happy to answer your questions.

The coffee morning will take place in the secondary school – please head to the main reception and you will be directed from there.

We would love to see you there — if you are interested in attending, please can you complete the short form (just to give us an idea of numbers for refreshment purposes)

If you have any questions, please contact SEND admin [sendadmin@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:sendadmin@liverpoolcollege.org.uk)

**SEN coffee morning – Fill in form**

May I wish you and yours a pleasant and restful weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haynes.'

**Mrs A Haynes  
Principal**