

Principal's Newsletter

16 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

An early newsletter this week due to our Founders' Day celebrations. Tomorrow we will gather to celebrate the 185th birthday of the College, to remember our founders, benefactors, and all the people who have contributed to moving the school forward from its beginning in 1840. Mr Bishop and Miss Clark were busy packing the van to take various musical instruments and equipment down to the Cathedral ready for a final practice tomorrow morning following a busy few weeks of rehearsals for the orchestra and choir here in school. The House Captains from Chapter 2, Chapter 6 and Chapter 13 have also been rehearsing this afternoon for their special procession during the service.

Just because it has been a shorter week it doesn't mean there hasn't been plenty going on here on campus! The last week of a half term is always a rapid and joyous occasion.

For some, Founders' Day begins early. The boarders will be hosting their special Founders' Day dinner tonight. Members of the Humanities faculty are also busy this evening packing for their trip to Munich over the half term break with a group of historians from Chapters 10-13.

The countdown is on for tonight's PTA Halloween Disco in the primary phase. Thank you to the PTA volunteers and school staff who make these events possible for our pupils – I'm sure there will be some tired Prep pupils tomorrow at Founders' Day!

Tuesday saw our annual Chapter 11 mock interview day. Mrs Drew reports on an excellent and impactful event, declaring it the best one yet!

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, even though many were really nervous.

Feedback from the volunteers was amazing; they were so impressed by how polite, well mannered, enthusiastic and positive the students were. One gentleman told me the students 'shone' and another volunteer told me she was blown away by how confident and well prepared the students she interviewed were and she had never attended such a good event in a school. Every volunteer gave positive feedback and really enjoyed the event which really helps when planning more careers events!

When I spoke to pupils taking part, they were suitably proud of their positive feedback from the volunteer employers. One of our volunteers also spoke to me to praise the pupils and staff involved, sharing how impressed they were with the professional approach and careful preparation of the students. Well done to all our Chapter 11 pupils for participating so well and thank you to Mrs Drew and Mrs Doran as well as the Chapter 11 pastoral team led by Mr Heeley (Chapter 11 Dean) for all their work on the day and beforehand to prepare and support all the pupils so they could get the most out of this opportunity.

This was followed by Chapter 11 Parents' Evening yesterday which saw the campus buzzing with parents and pupils sharing their progress and achievement to date in this important year of their education. Thank you to all that attended, your active support of your child's learning is always appreciated by both teachers and pupils alike.

There is plenty for our Chapter 11s to be thinking about and working on over half term particularly with mock examinations scheduled for mid-November. Mrs Ormrod will be sending out today details of the timetable for the mock exams for Chapter 11 and for Chapter 13.

After half term on Wednesday 19 November, we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening from 3.30-6pm – [click here](#) for more details. We will also be having our second Reception Open Evening that same day from 5.30-7.30pm. All details about our open events and admissions process can be found on our website.

As part of Black History Month, Ms Odita-Sani has designed a fact-finding research activity which has really engaged our pupils, as she reports:



Our fact-finding work for BHM is well underway, and we're gathering some powerful insights.

This history research is helping us to uncover hidden histories, honour legacy, and empower learning through truth-telling and reflection.

Pupils have been inspired in their independent research by the wonderful display in learning support created by Miss Odita-Sani. The display is designed to spotlight the lives, legacies, and contributions of influential individuals across history and contemporary society.

Mrs Drew (Careers Leader) has shared details of an event next Wednesday (22 October 4.00pm-7.00pm) at the City of Liverpool College aimed at secondary school children with SEND, specifically those in Chapter 9 and above, who are unsure of what their next steps could be or where to find advice and support. Please [click here](#) for more details and to register to attend.



We've received a lovely thank you message from the South Liverpool Foodbank for the donations we were able to send to them from our Harvest Festival collections. Thank you again to all our primary families who helped support this initiative. Mr Stamper has also shared the link to the video created by pupils about the work of the foodbank - [Foodbank Harvest Video.mp4](#)

Our **artist of the week** this week is Amelia TH (Ch10).



Portrait of Maro.

Our Chapter 5 artists have also been busy as Ms Skates reports:

We have been exploring the work of Charles Fazzino during our Art lessons. In 5Q, we decided to create our own Pop Art using our fantastic city as inspiration. We drew and decorated iconic buildings from Liverpool in Fazzino's style and then to replicate his use of 3D art, we used foam tape to lift our buildings off the page!



An important message from the PTA:



As we approach the half term break, we would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support - from Reception's welcome party to bowling with Ch7 and tonight's Halloween disco for the primary.

Upon our return, the fireworks event is on Friday 7th November along with own clothes day in exchange for tombola prizes (please see our newsletter). The deadline for any refunds for the fireworks tickets is Friday 24th October which falls in half term. No refunds will be given after this date, during the fireworks week, on the day of the fireworks or after the event. If you've not reserved your Blue badge car park space, please respond to the email that was sent last week.

All ticketholders will be sent an email regarding the event's day planning during the half term.

No reminders will be sent during this period, and communication will be kept to a minimum in general unless necessary. We will still be working through emails so please feel free to get in touch.

Have a restful break.

May I wish you a dry and sunny Founders' Day, and I hope you enjoy a wonderful half term break when it arrives. A reminder for pupils in the secondary phase that it will be **Week B** when we return on Monday 3 November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs A Haynes
Principal