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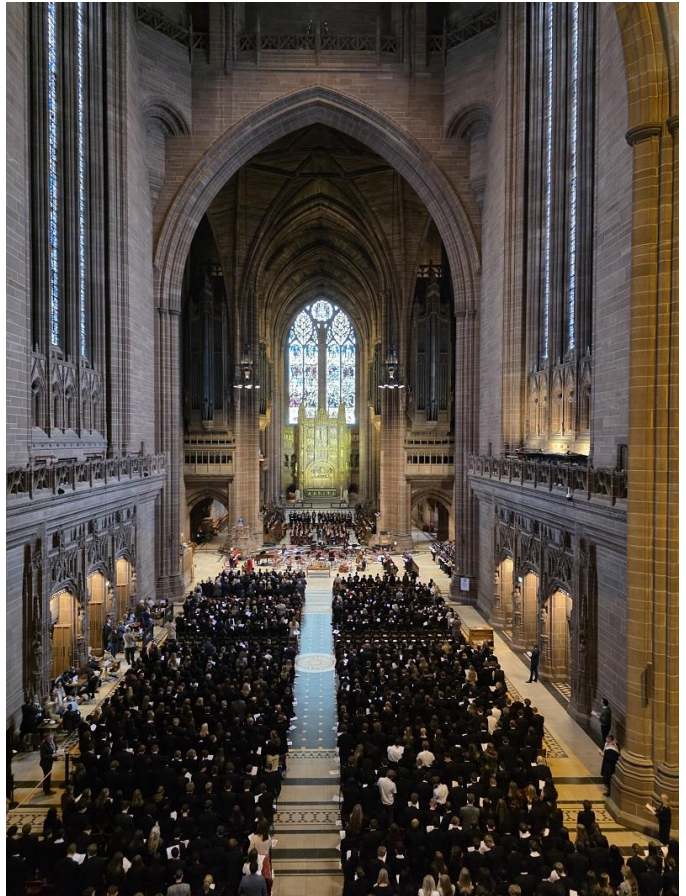
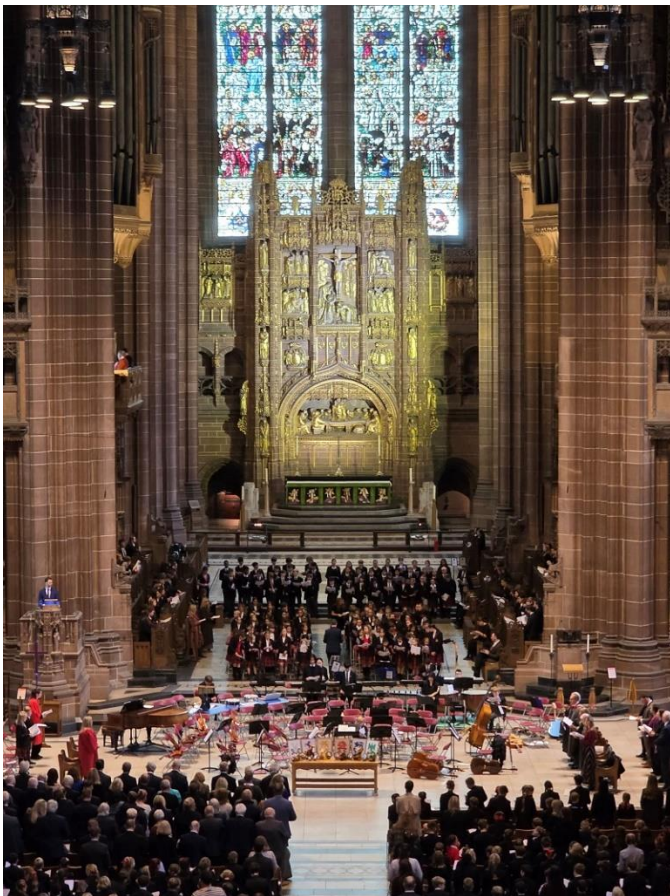
A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

16 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We start this week's newsletter with the highlight at the end of last week.



Our 186th Founders' Day was a wonderfully proud occasion. Pupils, staff, parents, governors, Foundation members and trustees, OLs and friends of the school gathered in the awe-inspiring Liverpool Cathedral to celebrate our school. We heard Mr Matt Horry (Assistant Pastor at Bridge Chapel) speak on the importance of building our lives on strong foundations, and as always, the orchestra and our primary and secondary choirs were particularly impressive. Thank you to Mr Bishop (Director of Music) and Miss Clark (Director of Primary Music), Prof. Ian Tracey (Organist of Liverpool Cathedral), as well as all the pupils involved, for their hard work and dedication to these superb musical pieces which add so much to these occasions. Thank you also to our Chaplaincy team of Miss Green and Mr Stamper and all who read at the service;

in particular our Head Boy and Head Girl of the Primary Phase, Noah N and Matilda R (Ch6), and Head Boy and Head Girl Ismail AH and Orla C (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.



Pre Prep, Prep and Secondary house emblems on display in the Cathedral during our Founders' Day Service

Our Chamber Choir will be returning to the Cathedral on Thursday 5 November at 5.30pm to join the Cathedral Choir for their Choral Evensong Service.

Also last week we enjoyed pupil-led reflection assemblies which I highlighted briefly in my last newsletter but Mrs Kelly has more information:



Last week our Hispanic students from Chapters 7-13, Chadrick, Adrián, Logan, Santiago, Amelia, and Julia shared lived experiences and knowledge of Spain and South America. They explored similarities between their cultural heritage of Spain, Argentina, Peru, Bolivia and Colombia. They explained true and false stereotypes and highlighted the extent of the cultural activity and passion of Hispanic people, surprising our students who were far off the mark in guessing that there are 15,000 festivals celebrated each year in Spain alone. They were fascinated too by the culinary delights of the countries, although few were keen to try guy, cerviche or pigs ears for the moment.

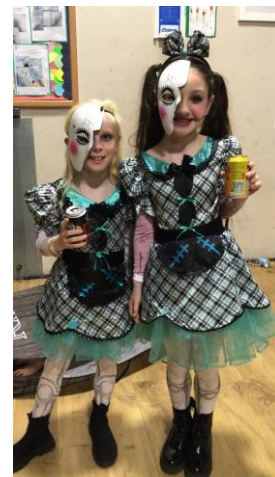
Just because it is the last week of a half term it doesn't mean there hasn't been plenty going on here on campus!

I had the great privilege of visiting many lessons across the secondary phase this week, stepping into classrooms and observing some of the outstanding and purposeful learning that takes place every day here at Liverpool College. The enthusiasm of the learning in Chapter 7, the high levels of engagement in Chapters 11 and the Sixth Form, and the resilience and endeavour in Chapter 9, gave me a snapshot of the outstanding classroom practice that Liverpool College can be proud of.

I have also been meeting with senior leaders over the last couple of weeks to hear the progress they have been making with their priorities for this academic year. I was delighted by the many initiatives taking place throughout the College, particularly around inclusion, pupil progress and achievement and attendance.



Today, in conjunction with Liverpool City Council, we have been taking part in 'Wear Red Day' in support of [Show Racism the Red Card](#). Pupils and staff across the school were invited to wear red accessories, and took part in activities to encourage discussion about racism, inclusion and respect. In Prep assembly, Mrs O'Meara Day (Assistant Principal: Inclusion) shared her own story of growing up with dual heritage and experiencing racism, and encouraged pupils to celebrate differences and help everyone feel safe, welcome and included. Thank you to all staff and pupils who wore red to show racism the red card.



We held our annual primary Halloween disco on Tuesday, kindly organised and supported by the PTA. I was most impressed by the dedication to the theme from the children! Thank you to all who stayed after hours to help make this such an exciting evening for the children.

We very much appreciate all that the PTA does to support the College and can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about a PTA event in the first week back after the half term break: the fireworks extravaganza here on campus:

On Friday 6th November 2026, there is an own clothes day across school. In return, PTA is asking for donations for our Fireworks Bonanza Tombola/Raffle:

- ✓ ***Primary students are to bring a bottle of drink and secondary students are to bring an item of confectionery.***
- ✓ *Bottles will be collected at the Primary gate at drop off. Seniors should drop their donations to the sports hall*
- ✓ *Please make sure donations are unopened, in date, and do not need to be refrigerated.*
Thank you!
- *We need lots of volunteers to help us for the fireworks event. Any parents or carers who can help, please fill out this quick form. <https://forms.gle/sYsfkGPeh2W1MP8v7>*
- *Any senior school students who can help, they have a link on their Satchel One account*

Mrs Doran reports on success for our Chapter 9 pupils in a regional competition:



We are delighted to announce our Chapter 9 Girls became regional STEM champions this week, beating teams from across the North West. The all-girl team took part in a series challenge which

will give them the opportunity to work alongside working professionals such as architects, surveyors, site managers and more to design and build their own Eco Classroom. The event required the students to plan, design and market a successful design project. The event was judged by a team of industry experts and STEM professionals who, following prize-giving, spoke directly to the students about their careers.

Thank you to Mrs Doran for organising the event, Miss Shaw for accompanying the trip and Cronton College for hosting. Of course the biggest thanks and congratulations must go to our amazing Ch9 girl STEM champions - well done!



*This week's **Musicians of the Week** are **Kieran L (Ch13)**, **Sam G (Ch11)** and **Ava D (Ch9)**. Kieran conducted the orchestra at last week's Founders' Day service, keeping the musicians in time while Preplings sang an anthem including sign language. This was a lovely moment in the service and Kieran did an excellent job in his clear direction of the orchestra.*

Sam and Ava are doing amazing work in rehearsals for the forthcoming production of Les Misérables, stepping in for understudy roles as and when necessary and also taking on additional roles as we progress through rehearsals. Well done to all!

Pupils and students have enjoyed some amazing career talks and learning opportunities this week as Mrs Doran and Mrs Drew report:



There is no better glimpse into a career than to talk to professionals excelling already in those careers. Ch12 A' level Law students were given this opportunity. Hosted by Hugh Baird College, students listened to magistrates working for the Liverpool Crown Court give a brief history of British Law and how it is applied to modern Britain.

The magistrates spoke to students about young offenders and the government policies that underpin sentencing within youth court. The event also included a demonstration of a mock trial, with second year A'level students showcasing the roles of barristers, witnesses and magistrates. This was a perfect taster for those students soon to be taking part in the National Bar Mock Trial at Liverpool Crown Court in November.

Meanwhile back at school.....

Have you ever wondered how a blockbuster movie is actually made and what factors determine how successful it will be?

Pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 were delighted to learn from a movie master this week - the producer of Guardians of the Galaxy 3. Students learnt how finance, scheduling, locations, merchandise, virtual production and script writing are all of paramount importance when producing a movie. She spoke about the vast array of career opportunities within the movie industry and the qualities needed to succeed in this field. It was absolutely fascinating.



Our thanks to the Wilton Trustees for financially supporting this opportunity. The students who attended will now be pitching their own movie ideas, with the best being forwarded to the Guardians of the Galaxy producer for consideration.

Our annual Careers Fair took place on Tuesday – my thanks to Mrs Doran and Mrs Drew for all their hard work in facilitating this event:



This week Chapter 9 and Chapter 11 had the superb opportunity of engaging with a vast array of professionals through the school's annual Careers Fair. The event connected pupils with local business leaders, universities, apprenticeship providers, national institutions, public service operatives and higher education providers, enabling our lucky pupils to gather information about a vast array of possible careers opportunities and the varying routes into those professions. You can read more about the event on our website [here](#).

Yesterday pupils enjoyed two different careers and 'next steps' talks:



Chapter 12 attended a talk from the Outreach Team at the University of Liverpool about two schemes our students can apply for to give them a headstart at university.

The Liverpool Scholars scheme gives students exclusive access to our local Russell Group university through three welcome and discovery days and study support which is available right through Chapter 13. On completion of the Scholars programme our students would then get a reduced entry requirement offer for all degree courses at the university.

The Pathways Programme supports young people from widening participation backgrounds to access leading universities and competitive graduate careers. This programme at the University of Liverpool is delivered in partnership with the [Sutton Trust](#), bringing together two organisations with the skills, knowledge and experience to help young people progress into exclusive graduate careers. This is for students interested in studying Banking and Finance, Medicine or Engineering. Students can speak to Mr Griffith for further information.

Our music scholars and pupils studying GCSE music were invited to attend a careers workshop from Waterbear Music College yesterday to discover the different routes into a huge spectrum of music careers. Our speaker, Josua, introduced a range of careers, many our students had never heard of and talked about the growth in the music industry in the UK. Our music students hold a wealth of talent and were interested to hear about the opportunities offered through studying at Waterbear, not just for our musicians, but also for our back stage production crew,



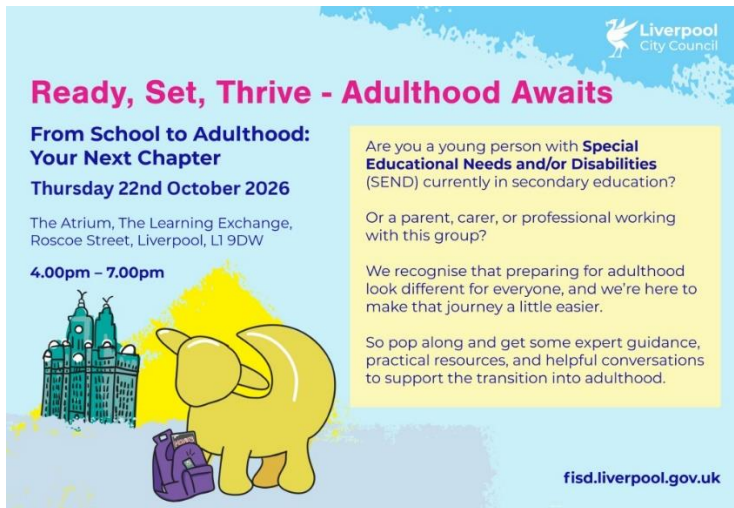
our choreographers and our PR guys. Josua included a little quiz in the workshop to test how well our students were listening and Myles MM, Chapter 11, was lucky enough to win a special prize. Josua really enjoyed working with our students and was impressed not only by their enthusiasm, but also about how much talent we had in the room.



Well done to our Chapter 10 pupils who participated in a regional competition testing out their skills in three key areas – Humanities, Sports and STEM. The Liverpool College team competed in multiple challenges, unusually testing their IQ, problem solving, academic and athletic abilities. The team won multiple individual challenges, each time earning points towards the overall Cup Trophy! Although narrowly missing out on the aggregate top spot, the team did exceptionally well and walked away proud of their performances.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has asked me to share with you details of a number of upcoming workshops and courses for parents run by the Liverpool ASD Training Team. Please click on the links below to find out more:

- ASD Course (for parents whose child has an ASD diagnosis): [7, 9 and 14 December](#)
- Social Interaction and Play Workshop (Reception-Year 6): [10 November](#) and [9 December](#)
- Social Communication and Social Behaviour Workshops: [19 & 26 November](#) and [1 & 2 December](#)
- Preparing your child for Christmas Workshop: [12 November](#), [25 November](#) and [1 December](#)
- [Virtual group Q&A sessions \(November and December\)](#)



Mrs Crook has also highlighted an event that may be of interest to some Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 pupils and families:

Liverpool City Council is inviting young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), along with parents, carers and professionals, to attend [Ready, Set, Thrive: Adulthood Awaits](#). This friendly event is designed to help families learn more about the journey from school into adulthood and the opportunities available for young people. Please [click here](#) to download further information about the event.

A reminder for pupils in the secondary phase that it will be **Week B** when we return on Monday 2 November after the half term break. Also, advance notice and reminder that the last day of the Michaelmas Term, Thursday 17 December, is a 12pm finish in all parts of the school.

May I wish you and your family a pleasant, restful and relaxing half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Haynes
Principal