LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

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Principal's Newsletter

20 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our work on addressing disadvantage and belonging, Mrs O'Meara Day (Assistant Principal: Inclusion) and I are attending School Improvement Liverpool's conference today on *Strengthening Inclusion in Schools: Strategy into Practice*. We look forward to hearing of practical, evidence-informed strategies to positively impact outcomes for young people and especially for the most disadvantaged members of our school communities.

I was delighted to welcome a large number of potential Reception parents and carers to our second Reception Open Evening this week. Open Evenings are always a great opportunity to showcase all the excellent work of both staff and pupils in our primary phase and Wednesday evening was no exception. Many thanks both to staff who volunteered to help for the evening but especially to our pupils who hosted tours around the Prep School and who remain our greatest ambassadors.



Reception Open Evening meant that unfortunately I was not able to attend the GCSE music recital which also took place on Wednesday evening. Mr Bishop however has produced an excellent report on the evening for his **Musicians of the Week** award:

On Wednesday evening we were treated to a recital given by pupils in Ch 10 and 11 who are studying music at GCSE. Performance is worth 30% of the overall qualification and pupils have various opportunities throughout the year to perform to parents and each other in an informal setting. The evening opened with Ch 10 pupils. Elodie J performed Paul McCartney's 'Blackbird', she then accompanied Isabel F who sang 'Dream a Little Dream of Me'. Both performances were extremely musical and mature. We were then treated to Bach's 'Cello Suite No 3 - Gigue, performed by Lara B - an exquisite and technically challenging piece which she executed with perfection. Molly B followed with a rendition of Richard Rodney Bennett's 'The Bird's Lament', a piece with a challenging range which Molly took in her stride. Maria B then stunned the audience with the first movement of Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, playing the whole diploma-level 10-minute movement from memory - a real feat!

Next up, Ch 11 pupils. Sebastian D started the set of with Aram Khachaturian's 'Legend' with some very effective dynamic contrasts. Myles McC M followed with an extremely stylish performance of Florence B. Price's Elfentanz (Dance of the Elves). Joseph D then treated us to two pieces on the acoustic guitar; Evan Call's 'Time Flows Ever Onward' and Gary Ryan's 'Rondo

rodeo' – both executed with precision and style. The first movement of Friedrich Seitz's 5th Concerto in D major was next on the bill, superbly performed by Sebastian W on the violin - an extremely musical performance that we couldn't fault! We couldn't have had a recital evening without something from Claude-Michel Schönberg's 'Les Misérables' - this came in the form of 'On My Own' performed, superbly in role, by Heidi S. The evening ended with three movements from 'Rumanian Folk Dances by Béla Bartók, superbly performed by Paolo C on the violin. The evening, which we will eventually publish on our YouTube Channel was a real showcase of the extent of the musical talent possessed by our pupils, and we look forward to the next concert of this kind - 'Music Masters' on Thursday 11th March.

Well done to all the pupils who took part!

It is going to be a very busy few weeks for our musicians and music staff:

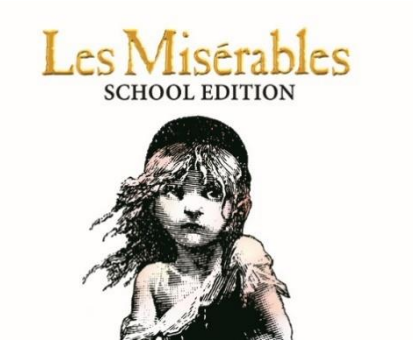
Concert for a Cure - St. George's Hall Concert Room, Sunday 29th November, 1.00pm

For a start to the festive season, join our very own Preplings and Chamber choir at the annual Concert for a Cure. This concert raises much-needed funds for Northwest Cancer Research and is always a splendid occasion! It's also an opportunity to check out the Christmas Market on the Hall's grounds.

Tickets are available via this QR code.

This is always a wonderful event that supports a very important cause and I hope many of you will be able to join us.

The choirs will then be in action again, along with the orchestra, at our Christmas services at Mossley Hill Parish Church in December.



We mustn't forget of course the main expressive arts event of the term – the secondary musical ***Les Misérables***! Performances take place on Monday 30 November, Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December (6.30pm) in the MV Hall.

Tickets are available to buy at the link below:
https://www.trybooking.com/uk/HFOP

We have some Law Champions to congratulate as Mrs Doran explains:

On Saturday, students from Ch10 to Ch13 took part in the Young Citizen's Bar Mock Trial National Law Competition. Attending Liverpool Crown Court, the students entered real court

rooms to compete against other schools in a series of cases. Assuming the roles of barristers, court clerks, ushers, witnesses and jury members, the students presented two cases to the court; they made opening and closing speeches, cross examined witnesses, led examination-in-chiefs and deliberated the verdicts. The students were outstanding on the day, winning all three of their cases. The students were delighted to hear news that they won the competition, battling against 12 other schools. They now look forward to attending National Finals in London in March.



Massive congratulations must go to the winning team: Rueben B (Ch13), Emily P (Ch10), Annabelle B (Ch12), Louis H (Ch12), Refeef Lily A-N A(Ch10), Masti M (Ch10), Alisha S (Ch12), Hisham A (Ch11), Tanvir H (Ch11), Julia V D H-G (Ch10), Oliver N (Ch10) and Tabby C C (Ch10).

Special thanks must also go to Chloe D, who stepped in last minute to cover the parts of two students unable to attend; without her support, this success would not have been possible. Well done to all involved!

You can read more about their success on our website here. A very big thank you to Mrs Doran as well for her work in supporting the team's preparation.

As well as our musician of the week award, we also have an **Artist of the Week** to celebrate- congratulations to **Sophie C (Ch9)** for this stunning artwork:



Sixth Form students have benefited from some excellent career talks and events this week as Mrs Drew (Careers Lead) reports:



Our Chapter 12 students attended an informative careers talk about the UK events industry which was delivered by Lisa Mitchell from Adlib. Lisa told us about her own career journey and working in the theatre industry before taking up her role working at Adlib who are a major event and venue technology partner that provide audio, lighting, video, rigging, and staging solutions across the UK and Europe; based in Knowsley they have supported artists such as David Bowie in the past and currently support Sam Fender on his tours. Lisa spoke about every part of the events industry, from sporting events, concerts, theatre tours and some of the 'behind the scenes' jobs such as technicians and lawyers that students may not have thought about when thinking about working in this industry. We thank Lisa for speaking to our students and opening up the events industry world to our students.

Chapter 12 Wilton Scholars attended the University and Apprenticeship Fair at Anfield recently to meet with representatives of UK universities and the apprenticeship service. Students spent time finding out about the courses on offer at some of the best universities in the UK, and also had the opportunity to attend talks on writing their personal statement, student finance and life as an undergraduate. These events are a fantastic starting point for our students in their post 18 pathways research and by attending early, they have more time to really consider their options and plan their next steps.

Our Law Society were invited to attend a Law and Criminology Taster Day at Liverpool Hope University this week to give them an insight into degree study and university life. Our students attended a law lecture and a criminology lecture, and then attended seminars in both subjects where they got to discuss the lecture content in smaller groups. We then had a tour of the beautiful Liverpool Hope campus and attended a UCAS support session. The day finished with a student panel with current law and criminology students who answered our questions about degree study. This really was an informative and interesting day, and our students fitted in seamlessly with discussions around the Gillick Competency and police ID parades. Their feedback was extremely positive and they agreed the day really supported their subject and university research.

Thank you to Mrs Drew for organising and facilitating these fantastic opportunities for our pupils which all help them to make informed choices about their next steps.

Pupils took part in an exciting new venture this week partnering with cinema chain Vue to create a new marketing campaign. Mrs Doran has more information:



Vue cinemas are a market leading cinema chain in the UK, with over 1000 screens entertaining millions of people every year. What makes Vue different is that they don't just show movies, but football matches, concerts and even opera. Vue executives however want to explore how to use digital ideas to entice more people to venues and enlisted the help of Liverpool College pupils to brainstorm marketing ideas. The mission – how to create brand loyalty and make the user experience more exciting, interactive, surprising and personalised?



Teams of pupils worked to research the company and enlisted the use of AI to help with global research and marketing. Students created written reports, which they then delivered as recorded presentation to send to representatives of Vue cinemas. Some teams even created video advertising campaigns. The Liverpool College pupils' ideas were superb. The ideas have now gone to HelloFresh headquarters, where we eagerly await news.

A reminder for Chapter 7 parents of the invitation you will have received from our SEND Team:

Chapter 7 SEND Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite parents and carers to our ***SEND Coffee Afternoon*** *on* ***Monday 7th December, 2pm- 3pm****.*

This is a great opportunity to meet members of the SEND team, hear about interventions, provide feedback to help improve the transition experience, ask questions, and connect with other parents and carers in a relaxed and informal environment.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

To help us with catering arrangements, please complete the booking form if you would like to attend.

Ch7 SEND Coffee Afternoon – Fill in form

We look forward to welcoming you.

SEND Team

Parents will have received notification this week from Mrs O'Meara Day about the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas programme – please see below a reminder of the information shared:

Mission Christmas 2026

Mission Christmas is one of the UK's largest Christmas toy appeals, run by Cash for Kids. The initiative works with schools, charities and community organisations to provide Christmas gifts for children and young people who may otherwise go without. Last year, the campaign supported hundreds of thousands of children across the UK, helping to ensure that every child has something to open on Christmas morning.

We recognise that the current financial climate continues to place additional pressures on many families, particularly at this time of year. Through our involvement in Mission Christmas, Liverpool College would like to help ensure that support is available to those who may be worried about providing gifts for their children over the festive period.

Families experiencing financial hardship, unexpected changes in circumstances, or simply finding the festive season particularly challenging are encouraged to complete the confidential form that was shared in the Bromcom communication. Requests will be handled sensitively and discreetly.

If you believe this support could benefit your family and you have not yet completed the form, please refer to the email sent via Bromcom. Please note that applications must be submitted by Monday 23rd November.

As a community, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels included and supported, and we are grateful to Cash for Kids for making this opportunity available to families across Liverpool and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you and yours a warm and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Haynes
Principal

A reminder of our catering company's (Caterlink) survey for parents and pupils:

The survey can be completed by parents alongside their child at home and it takes approximately 9 minutes to complete. It will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

*The survey will remain open until **20 December**, and the insights provided by pupils and parents will help shape our service moving forward.*