LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

27 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement is building for next week's secondary phase performances of *Les Misérables*! Cast and musicians are busy with final rehearsals and Mrs Harper has also shared a glimpse behind the scenes of the set preparation work:



Preparing the barricades for Monday's opening night of Les Misérables school edition. A huge thanks to Mr Armstrong our DT technician and the estates team for their wonderful work constructing the set. ***Tickets still available:*** ***https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/126791***

Some Sixth Form students and I had the opportunity this week to participate in an upcoming Liverpool Council public health campaign called Smoke-Free Generation. The Smoke-Free Generation is a new law which means anyone born on or after 1 January 2009 will never legally be sold tobacco products. As part of this work, the Council is creating a series of short videos featuring local people, including young people, parents, education staff and community leaders highlighting why a smoke-free future is important for Liverpool. Students shared their thoughts about growing up in a smoke-free generation and what a healthier future means to them and I spoke of my support for the legislation which is aimed at promoting the good health of young people.

Reception pupils enjoyed a wonderful Star Hunt this week as Mrs Atkinson (Head of EYFS) reports:





The children in Reception had a magical time on Wednesday evening as they came back to school when it was dark to take part in a Star Hunt.

On Tuesday, their class stars had mysteriously vanished, leaving only a trail of star dust behind! They knew the only way to find them was to get searching in the dark and when they arrived to hunt for their stars, there were a series of clues to help them. In order to find their stars they had to solve the problems to work out the next location to find further clues. This took the children on a magnificent quest around our school grounds, but the children were prepared with torches, head lights and glow in the dark accessories to help guide the way!





Along the way they visited the EYFS outdoor area, the library, the outdoor classroom, the fields, the reflection centre and even forest school - and they found every single clue. The very last clue told the children to follow the light to find their stars. They finally arrived at a beautiful, sparkly clearing in the trees and guess who was there? The stars! But the adventure wasn't over. The stars had a letter and some magical star dust attached. The children had a job to do in order to send the stars back to the sky. They were tasked with finding a quiet place and forming a circle around the stars. They then had to cover the stars in the magical stardust and shine all of their lights up to the sky to let all of the other stars know that their friends were down here at Liverpool College! They did this and said a fond goodbye to their stars.



When we all came back to school on Thursday, our stars were gone. They have made their way back up to their friends in the sky. We know that we can see our special friends when we look at starry sky at night! All of the children had a magical time participating and haven't stopped talking about it since!

Thank you to Mrs Atkinson and the EYFS team for creating such an enchanting and memorable experience for our pupils.

This year's Chapter 8 anti-racism ambassadors undertook their training last week as Mrs Kelly reports:

Last Thursday, our newly appointed Chapter 8 Anti-Racism Ambassadors—Feranmi, Frankie, Okinaka, Ed-Mercy, Toni, Michael, Isla, Gabrielle, Evie, Summer, and Ayat visited the Mercol Training Academy to begin an exciting year of leadership.





Throughout the day, the students explored the roots of racism and learned practical ways to be an active anti- racism ally. This year is particularly special as the team is working toward achieving the prestigious Gold Award from the Anthony Walker Foundation.

Our students were a true credit to the school. They contributed thoughtfully to the discussions and confidently worked with ambassadors from other local schools.

In addition to their core workshops, the group enjoyed special sessions led by local police officers. They gained fascinating insights into the work of Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) forensic officers,

explored police vehicles, and learned about how police horses are trained for crowd control.

Mr Hutchinson has also shared an excellent report of our historians contributing to the work of the Anthony Walker Foundation in our city when they visited to the World Museum on Monday:



As part of Liverpool College's association with the inspirational Anthony Walker Foundation, nine of our students from Chapters 11–13 recently visited the World Museum in Liverpool to share their ideas and feedback with design professionals working on plans to redevelop the International Slavery Museum and Maritime Museum.

It was wonderful to see our students engage so confidently with pupils from other schools and a range of professionals. They contributed to discussions about what it means to be from Liverpool, how graphic novels could use primary historical evidence to bring the past to life for young people, and how historical artefacts could be displayed to create engaging and meaningful exhibitions. They also shared ideas about exhibition spaces, including the use of colour, sound and lighting to enhance the visitor experience.

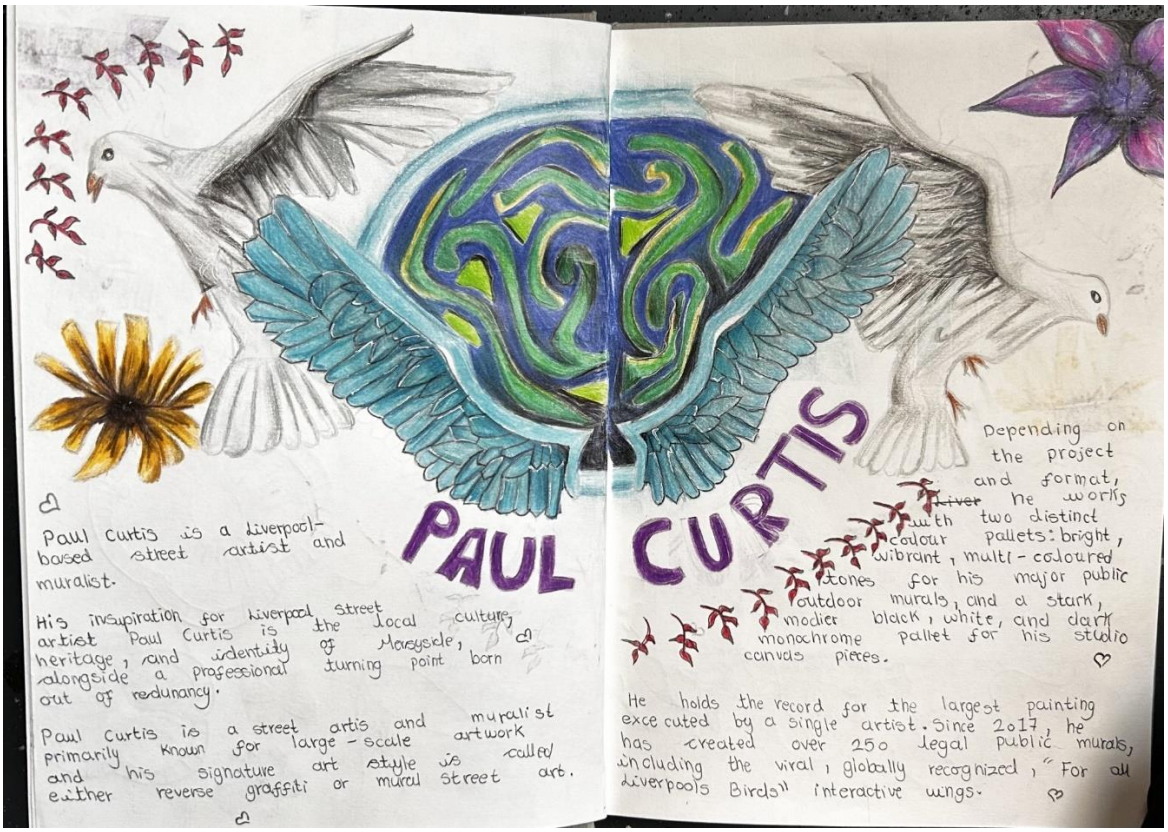
A particularly exciting highlight was seeing some of our Sixth Form students selected to take part in video interviews, with their contributions potentially featuring within the museum exhibitions themselves!





We are incredibly proud of the confidence, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm shown by all nine students. They represented the school brilliantly and played a valuable part in helping shape the future of two important Liverpool museums.

Our **Artist of the Week** this week is **Evie F Ch9** for her research homework on Paul Curtis:





*This week's **Musician of the Week** is **Aslam R (Ch10)**. Aslam performed with the Philharmonic Youth Choir and Orchestra in their Youth Company Celebrates Britten concert at Philharmonic Hall last weekend. Aslam is also performing at the Phil's Spirit of Christmas concerts in December. In school, he is busy learning diploma level pieces on the piano and we look forward to hearing more from him during the course of the year. Well done Aslam!*

*In addition to Aslam's achievements, we would like to recognise **Myles Mc M (Ch11)** for his outstanding work during rehearsals for the upcoming production of Les Misérables. Myles has been playing both his own role and also as an understudy for a separate role during many of the rehearsals. He has approached this responsibility with extreme professionalism and dedication.*

Sixth Form students benefited from another informative careers and post-18 talk organised by Mrs Drew (Careers Lead):

As part of Discover Creative Careers Month, we welcomed LMA into school yesterday to deliver a talk to our sixth-form students about the post-18 degrees they offer across their four UK campuses. We heard from Jason Perry who is a Music Producer teaching at LMA whilst touring with his band, Matt Riley who is Head of Music, Hannah Rankin who is Head of Acting and finally Joe Neill who is Head of Events at LMA. The lecturers shared their own journeys in the creative industry before joining LMA and highlighted a wide range of career paths that aren't always considered, such as marketing, business management, and stage production.



Alongside their music and acting degrees, LMA also offers courses in events management and business for the creative industries, which really appealed to our business students. We also learned about LMA's interactive teaching style and the live events students can get involved in. It was a really informative and uplifting session, encouraging our students to work hard and find a career they love so it never feels like just a job.

The secondary phase will be holding its annual service of lessons and carols at Mossley Hill Parish Church on Tuesday 8 December at 7.00pm. The service is open to all members of the College community and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

An early reminder that school finishes at 12pm on the last day of term (Thursday 17 December) and the new term begins for all pupils on Wednesday 6 January 2027.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal