

January 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Ofsted Section 5 Inspection 7th & 8th December 2011

You will know that Childwall Sports & Science College was subject to a Full Ofsted Section 5 Inspection on 7th & 8th December 2011. I enclose for your information a copy of the Inspection Report.

Parents will be aware that Childwall was previously inspected by Ofsted in March 2009 when Ofsted concluded that *"Childwall is a good school with several outstanding features."* Ofsted wrote that...

"students thrive in this harmonious community and make good progress in their academic work and personal development."

"...students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding. They have positive relationships with the staff and each other and they are particularly proud of their harmonious multicultural community."

"...the school has a warm relaxed atmosphere in which all flourish and feel included. Students truly feel safe, secure and valued."

"...the quality of care, guidance and support is outstanding..."

Amongst the excellent comments in our 2011 Inspection Report were the following:

"...the school provides a caring, welcoming environment in which all students are valued as individuals."

"...students are courteous and friendly. Their behaviour is good."

"...the quality of teaching is good, teachers plan interesting lessons that engage students and help them to learn."

"...learning and progress as seen in the large majority of lessons observed during the Inspection were good and in some instances, outstanding."

"...students feel safe in the school. They trust staff and feel that they are listened to when problems arise...behaviour is good and makes a strong contribution to learning in lessons."

"...students have an outstanding appreciation of the need to adopt healthy lifestyles."

"...the quality of teaching is good."

"...teachers have high expectations and use questioning skilfully to establish whether students have understood the work."

"...school itself is a cohesive community and students have the opportunity to mix with their peers from a range of religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds from locally and further afield".

"...Sixth Form Students think very highly of the care, guidance and support that they receive which they believe prepares them well for the next stage in their lives."

Parents will also be aware that in 2011 Childwall Sports & Science College was identified by the Department for Education (DfE) as *"...amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in each year from 2007..."*

Parents will be interested to know that we have received 461 applications for places in Year 7 for September 2012. We are delighted at the large number of applications which is further evidence of the success of our school.

If parents have any queries regarding the Ofsted Report or indeed any aspect of the education of their children they should contact immediately their appropriate Student Progress Leader (SPL). For 2011/12 are as follows:

- *Year 7, Mr Langley*
- *Year 8, Mr Rietdyk*
- *Year 9, Miss Cooper*
- *Year 10, Mr Breen/Mrs Jennings*
- *Year 11, Miss Alecock*
- *Year 12 & 13, Mr Crispin*

I believe that Childwall Sports & Science College goes from strength to strength and we have high expectations as always that our current Year 11 Students will once again exceed targets for all subjects with the support of our parents.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

