

Date: September 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing at the beginning of the autumn term 2011 and do hope that all parents/carers/students and staff have enjoyed an excellent summer break. Welcome back.

Parents will be aware that school opened on Thursday 1st September with a full staff training day. On Friday 2nd September all our new year 7 students were in school with our new year 12 students. I extend a very warm welcome to our large cohort of year 7 students joining us for the first time. I wish all year 7 the very best of fortune as they embark on their secondary school careers.

By now all parents of year 7 students will know that we are taking the whole of year 7 to the Colomendy centre for outdoor pursuits, North Wales on **28th, 29th and 30th September**. Parents will be aware that this important activity was made known to parents some months ago. By now the vast majority of students have paid the £55.00 for the three day residential. Year 7 students will be accompanied by the year 7 pastoral team lead by Mr. Langley who is the Student Progress Leader. We believe that the 3 day residential for all our new year 7 students is particularly important in terms of allowing the youngsters to meet boys and girls from other primary schools and ensure a smooth transition in to year 7.

Once again we were delighted at some **outstanding** results at both **GCSE** and **A-Level**. We were delighted at the outcomes for our youngsters which showed once again a large cohort of youngsters going on to university and we expect our sixth form numbers to grow once again for September 2011. We are delighted to be moving in to **brand new accommodation** for our sixth form and by now parents will know that sixth form lessons will commence on Thursday 8th September 2011.

Our Open Evening takes place on **15th September** starting at **4.00pm** and I extend a very warm welcome to the parents to visit us during the course of the opening evening when we will be joined by parents and youngsters from a range of primary schools. School will close at **2.10pm** on **15th September** to allow preparations to be made for the Open Evening. Further information regarding the Open Evening will be sent in due course.

On **19th September 2011** the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the **parent/teacher association** will take place. The AGM will start at **6.00pm** and I extend a very warm welcome to all parents to join us for this important meeting.

I would urge all students in all year groups join in the vast range of activities which are provided by our staff for the pupils. This is particularly so of our new year 7 cohort. Parents will know that in the course of 2010/11 the range of activities was deemed once again extensive with opportunities being provided to all students.

By now parents will know that in 2011 Childwall Sports & Science College was identified as **"...amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in each year from 2007-2010."** The Department for Education (DfE) wrote to us in 2011 to commend us on our excellent and sustained academic success. It is my intention that all students currently at Childwall Sports & Science College continue to make significant progress.

On the **14th October 2011** the entire school will be raising money for '**Breast Cancer Awareness**' through our 'Dare to Wear Pink' day. Childwall Sports & Science College has a superb reputation for raising money for all causes; I do hope that all youngsters are able to support this worthy cause.

All year 11 parents are warmly invited to attend the **year 11 raising achievement evening** which takes place on **6th October 2011**. I would urge all year 11 parents to put this date in their diaries. Further information will follow from Miss. Alecock in due course.

All parents are invited to the Review Day which takes place on **21st October 2011** when youngsters in all year groups will be meeting with the appropriate group tutor to review progress in 2011 and to set challenging but realistic targets for 2011/12. This will also be an opportunity for the year 7 youngsters to meet with group tutors and pastoral staff. Again I would ask that parents note this important date in their diaries. The first half term of the academic year 2011/12 will end on Friday 21st October 2011. The half term holiday therefore takes place from Monday 24th till Friday 28th October. School will reopen on Monday 31st October with a full staff inset. This means that students will return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Childwall Sports & Science College goes from strength to strength and I would urge parents to ensure that they contact the appropriate Student Progress Leader if at any point they need to discuss the individual progress of their son/daughter. For your information the Student Progress Leaders for 2011/12 are as follows;

Year 7	Mr. Langley
Year 8	Mr. Rietdyk
Year 9	Miss Cooper
Year 10	Mr. Breen
Year 11	Miss. Alecock
Year 12	Mr Samy
Year 13	Mrs. Gambardella

I very much look forward to seeing parents at the AGM of the PTA on the 19th September. I also look forward to meeting parents at the important Review Day on 21st October.

I extend my best wishes to all students in all year groups for 2011/12.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher