

Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

DOUBLE NATIONAL SUCCESS FOR CHILDWALL SPORTS COLLEGE

We are delighted to be able to tell all Parents/Carers that following our 'outstanding' Ofsted Inspection of 2009 we have successfully applied for **Re-designation as a Specialist Sports College**. We have also applied for a **second specialism**, i.e. **Science** and news of this application is due at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2009. In addition, the **Creative Arts Faculty** led by Ms K. Earle has successfully applied for the highly prestigious **Artsmark Gold Award**. Following a rigorous assessment of Childwall Sports College's Creative Arts curriculum the assessors unanimously agreed that Childwall be awarded the Gold Artsmark Award. This is the highest Creative Arts award of its kind. There are also Silver and Bronze Awards and we were thrilled to be awarded the **highest accolade** in this field of Creative Arts. Many congratulations to all colleagues involved in these two outstanding national successes.

As I write all of our examination candidates will be extremely busy sitting and preparing for the vitally important **GCSE and 'A' Level examinations** taking place during the course of the summer term. I wish all our candidates every good fortune. Parents/Carers will be aware that we have exceeded **all** our examination targets since becoming a Specialist Sports College in 2002 and we are optimistic that once again examination targets will be exceeded for 2009.

I am sure all Parents/Carers will have seen the excellent coverage given by the **Liverpool Echo** in May when we were especially identified by the press as having an excellent Newspaper Club. The **Newspaper Club** is based in the Learning Resource Centre and managed by two of our Learning Resource Centre staff, Miss Caren and Mrs. Hamilton. Photographs taken by the Liverpool Echo are available from the desk at the Liverpool Echo offices.

We were delighted to be invited by the **Youth Sport Trust** to hold a **Regional Multi-Skills Academy** on 22nd May which involved large numbers of Year 6 students from Primary Schools across the Northwest of England. This was a great tribute to the work at Childwall on behalf of the P.E. Faculty. Our annual **Sports Day** takes place on **Friday, 26th June** at the Wavertree track and I send a very warm welcome to Parents/Carers to join us for this important event in the life of Childwall Sports College. The **National School Sport week** between **29th**

June and 3rd July. Further details are available from Mr. Bird, Head of Physical Education.

Parents/Carers will be aware that Childwall is the lead member of the **Fiveways Trust** which includes the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool John Moores University and Broadgreen International School. I am delighted to be able to inform all Parents/Carers that the Trust goes from strength to strength and indeed we have been invited to deliver a session on successful Trusts at the National Trust Conference to take place in June. The Parents/Teachers/Friends Association (PTFA) arranged a 'bag pack' at Sainsbury's in Woolton in May and raised hundreds of pounds towards school funds. I am extremely grateful to the PTFA and to Miss Gall, Head of Key Stage 3 and the large number of students who supported the school on this particular Saturday in May.

The **half-term holiday** took place during 25th and 29th May. We had many hundreds of youngsters participating in **sporting activities** throughout the half-term holiday. The arrangements were made by Miss Wray who is the school's Community Sports Development Officer (CSDO). In addition many students in **Key Stage 4** attended for **revision** and last minute preparation for the GCSE examinations which took place particularly in **English and Mathematics** on 1st and 2nd June. I am indebted to the large number of staff who came in during the holiday to support our youngsters.

We were visited by the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) on 2nd June following a request by the DCSF to visit a school exhibiting 'good practice' in terms of meeting national academic targets especially in English and Mathematics. We were delighted to host this important visit and the DCSF Strategies Manager was extremely impressed with the work being undertaken at Childwall in all subjects to ensure that students have met their targets.

Parents/Carers will know that we are already oversubscribed for the new **Year 7 joining us in September**. We have arranged a day's **induction** which takes place on **1st July** and all students joining us in September have been notified of this important day. The arrangements have been made by Miss C. Gall, Head of Key Stage 3.

On 10th June a large number of our **Gifted & Talented** students in **Year 8** will meet with the Olympic Athlete, **Steve Smith** who has won Olympic medals in the High Jump. The arrangements for this Gifted & Talented celebration have been made by Miss M-L.

June 2009

Morgan who is the school's Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator.

A group of **Year 9** students will be attending the **Aim Higher residential** at Liverpool University on **2nd/3rd July**. Further details are available from Mr. Mullarkey and Mr. Meir.

All **Year 10** students will be on **Work Experience** for the fortnight beginning **Monday, 15th June**. Further information regarding placements etc. is available from Miss Maddock who is the school's Work Related Learning & Enterprise Co-ordinator. A group of Year 10 students pursuing **Child Development** raised significant amounts of money in May for the '**Women's Refuge**'. The arrangements were made by Miss Colgan of the school's Technology Department. A group of Year 10 students attended a **Higher Education Conference** at Hope University on 19th May. The arrangements were made by Mr. Meir who is the school's Aim Higher Co-ordinator.

The **Year 11 Progress File Ceremony** takes place on **Wednesday, 24th June** starting at 1.00 p.m. Parents/Carers of Year 11 students will have received an invitation from myself to this important event. I do hope Parents/Carers of all our Year 11 students will be in a position to attend. Our guest of honour this year is Ms **Kate Walsh** who is the England International Hockey Captain. To facilitate the arrangements for the Ceremony **Years 7,8,9 will be dismissed at lunchtime**. **Year 10** will continue on Work Experience. The **Year 11 Prom** takes place on **25th June** and the arrangements have been made by Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Phoenix. On **23rd June** a large number of our Year 11 students will be receiving awards at the Philharmonic Hall during an important ceremony to identify excellent attendance and commitment to studies.

Parents/Carers will be aware that in March 2009 we were inspected by Ofsted and the Inspection Team concluded that Childwall Sports College "is a good school with a number of outstanding features".

As always if Parents/Carers wish for further information regarding their son/daughter they should immediately contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader. I very much look forward to meeting all Year 11 Parents/Carers on 24th June at 1.00 p.m. Lunch will be served for all Year 11 students on what is sure to be a very special occasion in the life of every Year 11 student and in the history of Childwall Sports College.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Drama Highlights 2008-2009

October

Tayo Aluko performed 'Call Mr. Robeson' for two audiences in the Drama Studio.

Sixth form Film Studies students attend a screening of 'The Orphanage'.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Drama Students attend a performance of 'Antigone'.

November

Sixth form students attend a performance of 'King Lear' at the Everyman Theatre – starring Peter Postlethwaite.

December

Sixth form students attend a screening of 'Slumdog Millionaire' – a month before this Oscar-winner goes on general release.

January

Sixth form students attend a screening of 'Control' at FACT followed by a lecture on Representation.

February

Staff from the Royal Court Theatre deliver a drama workshop to year 10 students.

March

Students attend two performances at the Unity Theatre, 'In A Thousand Pieces' and 'Panic'. An actor from the first one, performed by The Paper Birds Theatre Company, delivers a workshop to drama students in school.

April

Year 11 Drama students perform for their practical GCSE examination.

May

Year 12 and 13 Theatre Studies students perform for their practical A level examination.

Next year, we already have tickets booked for a performance at the Royal Court – we can't say what it is yet (not before the official press release) but one of our students will be appearing in the cast. We are also hopeful that some of our students will be taking part in performances at the Everyman Theatre. More details to follow. Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Childwall Drama/Film Studies Department

Staffing

The following colleagues are leaving us at the end of the academic year 2009-10. I wish to thank them most sincerely for all their efforts over many years on behalf of the students at Childwall Sports College. D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Dr. A. Dutta: Science Teacher

Miss S. Fawcett: Teacher of Music

Mr. L. Ferguson: Technology Teacher

Mr. M. O'Hagan: Key Stage 4 Maths Co-ordinator

Mrs. K. Lambert: Art Teacher

Mrs. B. Thistlethwaite: P.A. to the Headteacher

School Meals

At the Childwall Governors Finance Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2009 it was agreed to increase the price of school meals from £1.80 to £2.00. This takes effect from 1st September 2009. Research into the price of school meals suggest that the extremely healthy meals served at Childwall are still cheaper than the vast majority of other Secondary Schools in Liverpool. We are very proud of the high quality and nutritional value of our school meals.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Public Examination Results

Advanced Level: Thursday, 20th August 2009 in school at 10.00 a.m.

GCSE: Thursday, 27th August 2009 in school at 10.00 a.m.

The School Day 2009-10

7.45 - 8.15	Breakfast available in Dining Hall
8.20	All students on site
8.25	Move to registration
8.30 - 8.50	Morning Registration and Assembly
8.50 - 9.40	Period 1
9.40 - 10.30	Period 2
10.30 - 10.45	Break
10.45 - 11.35	Period 3
11.35 - 12.25	Period 4
12.25 - 1.15	Lunch
1.15	Move to P.5
1.20 - 2.10	Period 5
2.10 - 3.00	Period 6
3.00 - 3.10	Afternoon Registration

Childwall Geography

Students In Wales

Recently a large party of GCSE Geography students visited North Wales to complete important sections of their GCSE coursework. The students were led by Miss Price, Miss Alecock and Miss McNally and Miss Woodpark and were delighted at the outcomes of the visit to Wales. Some of the work in which the students were involved comprised river studies and climate studies which are an integral part of the final grade for GCSE Geography.



"I am confident that our Geography students will have gained a huge amount from their coursework visit to Wales and look forward to some exceptional GCSE Geography results."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Basketball Yr 7's 2nd June

St. Margaret's 54 V Childwall 14

Although the result was not a success, the following boys were outstanding in their attitude and behaviour, a real credit in the way they conducted themselves in a heavy defeat. We had such a small number of players due to absence and other random excuses and they ran their socks off for each other.

Kane Vasco-snow

Lewis Morrison

Sean Broadhead

Steven Hatton

Ethan Pollard

S. Bird.

School closes on Friday, 17th July 2009 at 3.10 p.m. for the summer break.

There will be a Staff Inset Day on Tuesday, 1st September 2009.

All students return to school on Wednesday, 2nd September 2009 at 8.20 a.m.

Year 12 will be following their induction programme for the first week of the Autumn term.

Visit of Basketball Stars at Childwall Sports College

Childwall Sports College opened its new and improved reception area which has taken 6 months to complete and includes purpose-built administrative block for staff in addition to a Boardroom which has been well received by parents, governors and visitors. The reception area was officially opened by Chris Haslem of Everton Tigers Basketball Team who is also an international Basketball player for England. Childwall was delighted to welcome Chris and Henry Mooney who both represented Everton Tigers at the prestigious ceremony.



In addition to the opening of the administrative block the ceremony saw the burial of the recently discovered 1936 time capsule in conjunction with a brand new 2009 version to depict life at Childwall Sports College. The ceremony ended with a spectacular display of Brazilian dancing and drumming arranged by Miss Alecock and Miss McNally from the Humanities Faculty. The arrangements for the 2009 time capsule also saw ex-pupils, of what was then the Holt Grammar School, share their memories of the school. All the evidence has been documented in the new time capsule.

Representatives of Childwall's highly successful Basketball Squad were also in attendance with the U15 Squad having recently reached the city final and the U19 Squad reaching the quarter finals of the national Basketball competition.

Mile a Day at Childwall Sports College

Students and staff have been taking part in Liverpool's 'Lose a Million Pounds' campaign by establishing a 'Mile a Day in May' running/walking activity throughout the month of May. The arrangements have been made by Miss Atkinson and the task set all students and staff was to walk twice around the extensive school fields, i.e. a mile, and have their card ticked by a member of the P.E. Department to signify successful completion. All students participating are raising money for charity and students of all ages are participating eagerly in the valuable contribution to the school and the city's health.

Duke of Edinburgh Award at Childwall Sports College

Students in all Year Groups are currently working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The group which has most recently started the Award are in Year 9 with a large group undertaking their first walk and residential into the Welsh hills during



a weekend in May 2009. Students were led by Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Hurd, Miss Atkinson and Miss McHugh. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of looking after themselves independently whilst in Wales for the weekend. They came back the following day exhausted but exhilarated by their success.

“ I was delighted that the youngsters in Year 9 are now starting their Bronze Award. Good luck to them all.”

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Art Extravaganza

Recently Childwall Sports College held its annual exhibition of GCSE and ‘A’ Level Art. The evening was arranged by Ms Earle and showed the range of superb artwork completed by students in Years 11, 12 and 13 for their



GCSE and ‘A’ Level coursework portfolios. Results in Art have been outstanding and the quality of the work displayed in the exhibition was of the highest standard. In addition to parents, students, governors and friends of the school attending to view the Art, there were also musical items and refreshments were served. Pictured is Rachael Tsai, Year 11 who completed an outstanding portfolio of work and we are extremely hopeful that Rachael will gain the highest possible accreditation in Year 11 for her GCSE artwork.

Lambanana Visits Childwall Sports College!

Recently Liverpool’s iconic Lambanana visited Childwall Sports College as part of our ongoing commitment to physical education, sport and health. Students in Year 7 are pictured with the lambanana which arrived much to the delight of



the students and signified the work which Key Stage 4/5 students are doing through their P.E. and fitness courses to train and support younger students. Not only are Year 7 students involved in this project but students from local Primary Schools. Many of Childwall Sports College’s new Year 7 joining us in September 2009 have been involved which has seen coaching of the highest level arranged by students in Years 12/13 who are pursuing BTEC National courses in Physical Education. The lambanana signified the city’s and indeed Childwall Sports College’s commitment to the health of the city.

Coffee Morning

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who came to our refreshment morning on the 1st of May. Thanks to the work our team put in, and the generous support of all the staff we managed to make a total of £320. This has been donated to Zoë’s Place Hospice, our sixth forms charity who have been most grateful for our fundraising efforts.



The morning was very successful and a good laugh for the team, we sold a variety of cakes and drinks. Our team managed to make this event the best it could be- against all odds. A second thanks goes to the unidentified member of staff who accidentally turned our freezer off before half term, leaving us to find the first batch of all our cooking stale and mouldy! We pulled through, and visited Cosco- thanks to them also for their extra large carrot cakes and pastries, they saved our necks!

A final thanks is to Mrs Gleeson, our teacher who guided us through the whole build up, her hard work payed off because without her the refreshment morning wouldn’t have been half of the success it was in the end.

The society health and development diploma team-

Jordan Jones, Alisha Williamson, Adna Abdulkadir, Jade McKay, Rachael Barrow, Nasema Miah and Sophie Johnston.

Girls Athletics City Championships

Monday 11th of May girls across years 7-10 participated in the North Liverpool girls city athletics championships. We entered our ladies in both track and field events and their efforts were exceptional. They showed great determination, enthusiasm and excellent team work skills. These girls were a credit to the school as their behaviour and general conduct throughout the day was exemplary.

Although all pupils performed exceptionally, there were a few outstanding performers. In year 7 young Emily Laing came first the Shot Put, throwing a marvellous 8m, she was also a superb addition to the relay team. Also in year seven our little rocket Nakita Ferguson came first in the 200m. Childwall ladies dominated in the Shot Put arena as Leila Blackett in year 10 also came 1st, she also grabbed herself first place in the 1500m race.

Some of our other successes were in the 300m as Jodie Evon ran a terrific race and came in first. Lynn Koworera came third in the hurdles. Our year seven relay team came in second place with a great performance from the girls.

The girls performed extremely well in the City Athletics Finals, competing in a very strong field and battling against the weather. The winners on the day were, Callula Dring-Gibson - 3rd Shot Putt, Emily Laing - 3rd in 100m and 1st in Shot Putt, Nakita Ferguson - 1st in 200m. Well done to all the girls that participated. A big thanks to all the girls PE department for their efforts and support at the championships

Miss Wilde

Pondlife

Here are the latest photos from the Science pond showing dragonflies. Year 8 are studying their lifecycles and a group are working on a presentation for assembly.



Gardening Club is on Thursdays – all are welcome to join. So far they have grown tomatoes, chillies and peppers.

Mr Pybis

Year 10's Summer Term

The final term of the school year for Year 10 is packed with opportunities!

Year 10 pupils head off on their Work Experience for 2 weeks from the 15th June- 26th June. This is an opportunity for our pupils to experience real life working conditions. Giving them an idea of what they might like to pursue in the future but also giving them an insight into the importance of punctuality and attendance to work, co-operation and team building with colleagues and importantly the joy a good job can give every individual.

Year 10 pupils will also be pursuing their Duke of Edinburgh Silver award this June! Year 10 pupils set off on the 15th June and return on the 19th June. They will be taken to the Rhinog Mountains in the West of Wales, a favourite destination of our Mr Phillips! The focus of the trip is for the pupils to self navigate and sustain themselves for 4 days and nights. They have to walk roughly 15 km/10 miles a day over mountainous terrain. The pupils work in teams and have to set up their own tents, carry and cook their own food and all accessories required to cook and clean. The expedition is only one part of the D of E that the pupils must complete to gain their Silver award.

Seven of our Year 10 pupils have also been accepted to the hugely successful University of Liverpool's Dangerous Science Summer School this year from the 13th-15th July. There were only 100 places offered to Year 10 pupils all over the North West as this will be a residential Summer School where pupils will stay 3 days and 2 nights at the University. With a tough four page application to attend this was no mean feat.

We also have three of our pupils attending the Health Sciences Programme at the University of Liverpool from the 2th -1st July. The programme aims to excite and inspire young people by showcasing the wide range of disciplines offered at the University of Liverpool's School of Health Sciences.

Pupils studying humanities will also be given the opportunity to go to France and Belgium this term. The Battlefields visit is scheduled for the 29th June to 2nd. The trip will involve 2 days of visits to WWI Battle sites, cemeteries and museums in Belgium and France. Pupils will then spend one day at Disneyland Paris, an evening in Paris and a morning in Montmartre and Sacre Coeur. This will directly impact their knowledge and understanding of the First World War and will be directly related to their coursework task and final exam for History.

Of course we will also have our final reward trip to Alton towers at the end of the year. Always a great day out for all our pupils and our form tutors. This has always been an important reward for our pupils at the end of the Year.

It has been a very successful year for Year 10 and many of our pupils have already completed their English, Science & ICT coursework & are well on their way to achieving 5 A*- C in their GCSE's next year. I should take this opportunity to thank pupils & parents for a wonderful year. As Year 10's Pupil's Progress Leader my main aim, Mr Phillips and all the teachers at Childwall School has been to provide every one of our pupil's opportunities in Year 10 to progress and our Year 10's have not failed to grab all these opportunities with both hands. I'll miss them while on my maternity leave as they've always been an excellent year group. Mr Rietdyk will have a great time seeing them through Year 11 and I look forward to returning at Easter next year for the best part of Year 11, their record of achievement ceremony and Prom. Thanks to all the opportunities our pupils have been given over the years their record of achievement file should be filled to the brim.

Don't forget to check out the school website www.childwallsc.co.uk, where you'll find videos and photos of all Year 10's activities this year.

Dr L Youssef

Childwall Students take on the Mersey Tunnel 10k Road Race in Soaring Temperatures.

On the 31st May 2009 ten Year 10 GCSE students took part in the Mersey Tunnel 10k Run. For those that don't know the Mersey Tunnel 10K, starts in Liverpool, crosses under the famous River Mersey through the Kingsway Tunnel and finishes on the Promenade in New Brighton on Wirral.

The race saw over 1900 runners tackle the course on what was the hottest day of the year with temperatures reaching the high 80 degrees. All ten Childwall Sports College students completed the course and received their winner's medals and more importantly some much needed shade and rest. Particular praise must be given to Inzimah Akpan who came first out of the group in a time of 42 minutes and 58 seconds closely followed by Ashley Kalugin-Ugo and Declan Redmond. There is now talk of some of the group attempting the Liverpool Half Marathon next year so watch this space!

Catering College

Congratulations to David Burke and Maria Collins who have completed, their young apprenticeship in Hospitality and Catering NVQ2 Course. Both students have done this over a period of 2 years attending Duke Street Catering College, one day a week and one day in Industry.



David has given up his Saturday every week to work for Heathcotes Restaurant, and they have now given him a permanent job. Maria's placement is at the Everyman. Both establishments are very pleased with both pupils.

David also won the Learner of the Year, competing against nine other schools.

There are currently 4 pupils who are just about to finish their first year. The chefs at the college and staff are so pleased with Childwall pupils that they have put in a specialised request for more pupils this year.

WELL DONE!

Mrs Emery



(Pictured above are the runners from Childwall Sports College:)

Luke Holden, Thando Mngxali, Noah Ihiekwe, Paris Kaye Minto, Tom Davidson, Sam Parry, Jake Ray, Inzimah Akpan and Declan Redmond.

J. Porter

If parents have any queries regarding their children's education they should contact the school immediately.

Yours sincerely

D.W. Phillips
Headteacher

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