

# Childwall School Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Childwall Sports College has successfully applied for Redesignation as a Specialist Sports College as of 2010. In addition I am equally thrilled to be able to tell all parents/carers that our application for a Second Specialism i.e. Science was also successful. My congratulations and thanks therefore go to all members of the Science and P.E Faculties. This is a great tribute to the success of these two faculties and in particular their high quality Learning & Teaching allied with excellent examination results. This is wonderful news.

## Year 11

Many students in Year 11 completed very important GCSE Examinations in English and Mathematics in the week beginning 8th November. I was very impressed with the attitude and response of our Year 11 Students to these important examinations. Parents/carers will

be aware that in 2010 we achieved our best ever GCSE and indeed A Level Results. Success in the Autumn examinations is therefore critical.

The Year 11 Trial Examinations begin in the week commencing Monday 13th December. The Year 11 Parents Evening takes place on Tuesday 25th January 2011 and

## Double Subject Specialism confirmed at Childwall Sports College!

this is followed by the Year 11/12 Options Evening which takes place on the 3rd February 2011. I do hope parents/carers of students in Year 11 will make a note of these important dates in their diaries.

## Sixth Form

Parents will be aware that in 2010 we achieved our best ever A Level Results and the process of applying for place in our Sixth Form is now underway. To this end Mr Crispin Head of Sixth Form has already spoken to Year 11 on a number of occasions. The Year 11/12 Option

Evening takes place on Thursday 3rd February 2011 and I would urge all the Year 11 Parents to ensure that they are present for this important Consultation Meeting.

In addition to a wide range of academic subjects and Level 2 Courses in Sixth Form parent/carers may be aware that we are the only school in the City to offer

Academy Status to youngsters for both Basketball and Soccer. Our links with the Merseyside Tigers and Everton Foundation are proving hugely successful and information regarding all of our Sixth Form Courses will be available on the 3rd February 2011.

## Parents Evenings

Year 9 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 2nd December at 4pm. Appointments should be made immediately. Further details

to follow from Mr O'Leary and Mrs Jennings.

## Autumn Term

Parent/carers are advised that the Autumn Term ends on Friday 17th December at 3.10pm. School will re-open to all students on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 8.15am.

## Drama

The Key stage 3 Drama Performance of "Bugsy Malone" will take place on Thursday 9th December at 7pm in the Schools Drama Studio. Tickets are on sale from the School Office. I do hope all parent/carers are able to support this important performance.

## Performing Arts Showcase Evening

The Annual Performing Arts Showcase Evening takes place on the 25th November starting at 7pm. As always I do hope parent/carers are able to support the School and our youngsters. Tickets for this event are on sale at £3.00 from the School Office.

## Creative Arts Showcase Evening

On Thursday 25th November 2010 Childwall Sports College will be holding a Creative Arts Showcase evening, presenting Drama, Dance, Music and Art in one show stopping evening. Year 12 Drama pupils and year 12 BTEC Dance pupils will be performing a section of the musical Hairspray. There will be Dance performances from BTEC Dance, Senior and Junior Dance club. Music will provide the accompaniment for the evening with orchestra and music will be teaming up with Dance to create chance Choreography.

The Art department has created the props for Hairspray and the backdrop for the Showcase.

This is going to be a fantastic evening's entertainment and I do hope you can all make it.

S. Cooke



## Drama News

### Bugsy Malone

The Bugsy Malone cast are hard at work rehearsing for what is going to be a 'Splurgetastic' performance. The play follows the life of Bugsy played by Kieran Hoare and he watches throughout the play, the rivalry between two Gangs Fat Sam's played by James Holmes and Dandy Dan's played by Thomas McIntyre. The cast are extremely talented and giving up all their lunchtimes as well as after school to rehearse what is going to be a guaranteed comical performance. Tickets are on sale at the Drama Office, Miss it, Miss out!!

### Blood Brothers

On Thursday 10th November Miss Lewis, Mr Curtis and Miss Mutch took GCSE Year 10 Drama to the Liverpool Empire Theatre to see a performance of 'Blood Brothers'. The students were a credit to Childwall School as they were extremely well behaved and all thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The musical is set in Liverpool following the life of twin brother's Mickey and Eddie separated at birth with some extremely funny moments and some sad. The student as part of their coursework will now write a Review on the show.

Year 11 GCSE Drama are looking forward to seeing the performance next week!

Miss Lewis

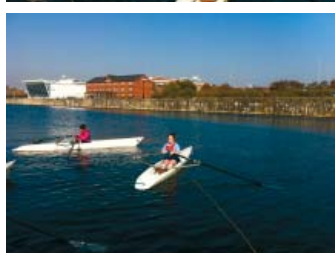
## Dance

**O**n Tuesday 9th November 23 pupils from Key Stage 3 Dance Club, GCSE Dance and BTEC Dance attending Theatr Clwyd to watch the fantastic Richard Alston Dance Company. Pupils were able to see three professional Dance works including 'Out of the Strong,' which is driven by the sharp contrasts of Prokofiev's brilliant sixth Piano Sonata. Terse anger melts suddenly into a sweet lyricism. Both music and dance deal with the complexity of Prokofiev's character, which was warm and irascible by turn. This will in turn help pupils to understand and appreciate dance works and have the knowledge in their examination work and their ability to choreograph.

The next trip will hopefully be to see Footloose in the March at the Liverpool Empire.

## Year 11 GCSE PE

The year 11 GCSE group has been taking part in Rowing and



Rock Climbing as a part of their assessment. They have achieved great success and have all worked hard at both activities.

Well Done  
Miss Cassidy

## Soccer and Basketball Academies at Childwall Sports College.

Childwall Sports College is delighted to announce the signing of contracts with the Merseyside Tigers (Previously Everton Tigers) for 2010/11. The contract means that a Basketball Academy has been established especially for Post 16 Students. Numbers of youngsters from various schools across Merseyside have joined Childwall Sixth Form specifically to undertake Academy work in basketball. This will allow students to apply to Advanced Courses at universities and to some American universities to take up basketball scholarships.



Childwall Sports College is also delighted to announce an agreement and contract with Everton Foundation which again provides for high quality coaching and tuition for students at Childwall Sports College in terms of soccer and soccer coaching. As with the Basketball, youngsters from all over Liverpool and Merseyside have joined Childwall's large Sixth Form with a view to taking up the opportunity to study Advanced Level P.E Courses and to undertake high quality coaching with Everton Staff.

As a Specialist Sports College Childwall is delighted at the arrangements with both The Everton Foundation and Merseyside Tigers.

## Year 9

A trip to Colomendy Outdoor Activity Centre is being organised for year 9 pupils. The dates of the trip are 25 March – 27 March 2011. The cost has of the trip has been heavily subsidised so will only be £50 which includes all transport, meals, accommodation and activities. If you would like your year 9 child to attend a £20 deposit is required by November 30th, a payment plan will be arranged for payment of the remainder of the balance.

If you require any more information then please see Mr O'Leary/Mrs Jennings.

M. O'Leary

## Geography - Urban Africa

In Geography Year 8 pupils have been developing their geographical imagination of urban Africa. The aim of the project is for pupils to make connections between their lives and peoples' lives in Africa.



The pupils focused on building a model of a shanty home as a way of empathising with a family in Kibera in Kenya. The pupils have explored a project run by Comic Relief-the Kicoshep youth centre-through carrying out a hot-seating activity and then producing a newspaper article about the impact of this project on the people of Kibera. Well done to all the pupils involved.

D McNally

## Poetry Workshops

**L**evi Tafari's poetry workshops with Year 7 and Year 8 were excellent. Levi talked about Identity and Unity. Levi got pupils to think for themselves and to express



what they feel inside. Levi did assemblies for Year 7 and Year 8. Year 8 pupils performed in front of their year group and read their poems.

Many thanks for the staff that helped to organize the day.

Marcelle Greenberg  
(Bilingual Support)

## Childwall Sports College Health Centre

**C**hildwall Sports College is currently engaged in an iconic development working alongside the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Liverpool Library Service. The Centre which will be completed in September 2011 will house surgeries for local doctors, a new bespoke library facility for the Childwall area and new Sixth Form Accommodation for the 300 plus Sixth Form Students at Childwall Sports College.



Currently the position is that the previous library has been demolished as have some temporary classrooms on the Childwall Sports College Site. Galliford Try is working closely with staff at Childwall Sports College in conjunction with officers of the City Council on the building which will provide outstanding facilities for Childwall's Post 16 Students. In addition the residents of Childwall and beyond will have the opportunity to use a brand new Library Service in conjunction with doctor's surgeries at the site.

The Centre is fully in keeping with Childwall Sports College status as a Specialist Sports College. Childwall Sports College emphasises a healthy living and lifelong learning. The Sixth Form Accommodation at the new Centre will bring together significant aspects of the further developments of Childwall Sports College.

## BiteSize Brook

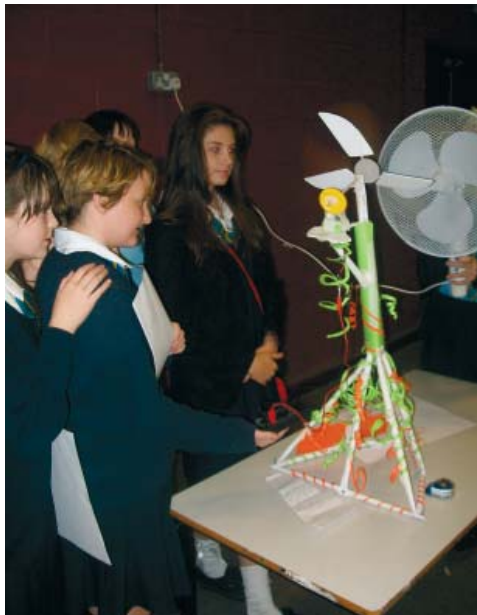
As part of a pilot funded by Liverpool PCT and Healthy Schools Brook will be coming into Childwall for one day to deliver a sex and relationships education event called 'Bitesize Brook' to Year 9 pupils. The service will be delivered by Brook education workers, a clinical nurse and the relevant professional from our partner agencies including NSPCC, Young Addaction and Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. This interactive day will take place on 15th December for Year 9 A band pupils in the Drama Studio. We are thoroughly looking forward to this interactive and informative day.

Miss Wilde

## STEM Science, Maths and Engineering Event

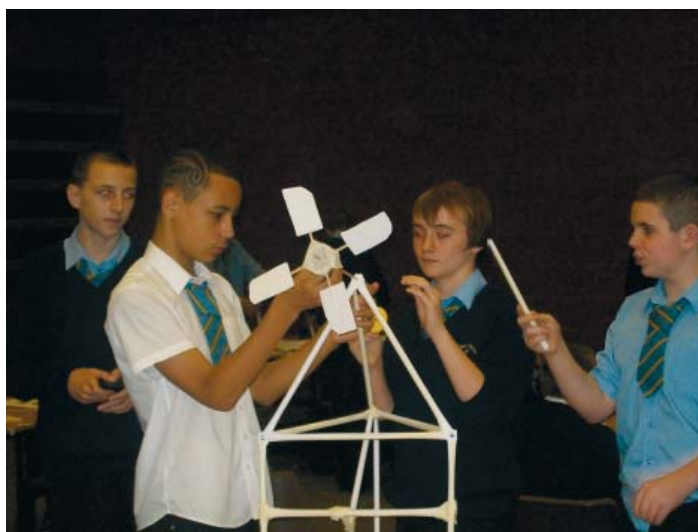
On Wednesday 3rd November fifty year 9 pupils took part in a 'Get Ahead' Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) day. Working in small groups, this session was designed to enhance student's aptitude for problem solving, creativity, design, engineering, and was geared to complement the National Curriculum.

The pupils worked on a project called The Wind Turbine Challenge, where they had to design and construct a wind turbine to produce the



greatest amount of electricity. The main subjects covered were renewable energy, wind power and wind turbines, electricity and circuits, structures and forces. The day was an outstanding success with all pupils engaged from the start. Pupils constantly had to solve problems in their teams. On completion of the task each group had to present their turbine to their peers and were judged on design, cost, electricity generated, aesthetic appeal, name and logo.

Louise Duncan, Smallpeice Trust Education Officer said "It was very encouraging to see the students so enthusiastic about the project. Their creative thinking and problem solving skills were put to the test as they tackled the tasks in hand. We hope both girls as well as boys will consider engineering when looking to choose future study options".



After a hard fought contest the eventual winners were team 2 (Emma Marsdon, Molly Roberts, Lauren Wallace and Morgan Sefton), which generated 2337 mv.

Six pupils from Childwall Sports College now have the opportunity to take part in a residential course for 100 students at the University of Liverpool. The course has been designed to offer an even deeper insight into science and engineering plus a taste of university life.

S. Cullen

## Spelling at Childwall

Dear Parents,

As you already know we are encouraging our students to improve their spellings through weekly lists. These are spellings to be learned for homework made in group period time. Year 8 groups have already held competitions and the first prize-winners have been given their prizes. Please encourage your son/daughter to learn these spellings. You may wish to test them yourself at home. Play games with the words and make spelling fun. Ask you son/daughter to show you their planners with the words to be learned. We look forward to the Year 7 and 9 competitions starting within the next term.

P W Lewis, Literacy Co-ordinator

Forms in Year 8 have been improving their literacy skills by taking part in weekly Form Spelling tests. Pupils are then rewarded with certificates presented in assembly for their hard work and progress. The Form Tutors recently received support from the School Literacy coordinator, Mr Lewis, who gave a talk about resources and the possible strategies to support all our students!



Year 8 Spelling Champions with Mr Lewis, Literacy Coordinator

Mr Meir

Work on the new PCT development at the Fiveways continues at a fierce pace with the steel now being erected. All steel work is scheduled to be in place by the end of November. Work is on schedule and due to be completed in September 2011.

Childwall Sports College's Eco Society is submitting a bid in partnership with the PCT and FACT to create a community nature garden at the front of school. If successful this would be a fabulous project for the students to participate in and would provide a truly lovely community area at the front of school. Fingers crossed we are successful.

C. Densmore Business Manager

## Childwall Go Senseless

The English Department has been working alongside Aerial Trust, an education charity whose aim it is to help educate the younger generation about sensitive social issues such as Racism.

A selection of Year 10 students have been studying 'Senseless', an interactive unit based on racism amongst young people. The students have watched a DVD and analysed the actions and spoken language within the script and performance. The unit has been linked with the GCSE Speaking and Listening coursework, which is worth 20% of the students' overall grade.

Due to the students' mature approach towards the topic, Aerial Trust invited our students to participate

in the 'Bed-In' exhibition at Bluecoat theatre. It was the perfect opportunity for our students to show all they have learned through using the Senseless pack.

The students started the day by re-enacting scenes from the 'Senseless' short film. They went on to discuss the issues raised and take part in a Question Time programme (aired on City Talk 105.9) with guests including the writer of 'Senseless', Maurice Bessman, members of the City Council and members of the public in the audience. The occasion provided the students a chance to build on their Speaking and Listening grade

The students proved to be a credit to the school, staff and themselves. They all got involved with asking



at least one question to the guest speakers and they all participated in the drama-focused activity. Well done!

L. Kilroe

## Year 11 Trial Exam Timetable

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 2	Alan Tests LRC (English)	<u>Science</u> (Biol B1-3) (Chem C1-3) (Phys P1-3) (Triple 1 P4-6) (Triple 2 C4-6) (A. Sullivan P1-3) (A. Buckley B1-3)		<u>Science</u> (Biol B4-6) (Chem C4-6) (Phys P4-6) (Triple 1 C4-6) (Triple 2 P4-6) (A. Sullivan C1-3) (A. Buckley P1-3)	Normal Timetable
3 4	Alan Tests LRC (Maths)  Prod. Design – catch up  English – catch up	Prod. Design – catch up  English – catch up	Geog Catch up	GCSE Music Exam	Normal Timetable
5 6	<u>Opt 2 + 3</u>  Spanish PE Bus. St. Geography	<u>Opt 4</u>  Graphics History Catering Dance Engineering		<u>Opt 1</u>  Textiles Product Des. Res. Materials Sociology	Normal Timetable

### Science News

The Science Department are very proud to become a second specialism subject at Childwall Sports College. We have worked very hard at providing opportunities for our pupils within the Science department and we

have many up-coming events that we are glad to announce. We have many educational trips such as GCSE Science live lectures, A-Level Coursework residential and the Science trip to Futuroscope in France. We have many in-

house events such as Zoofari, CSI day and STEM talks with years 9 and 10. We aim to provide such opportunities, for all pupils throughout their school years.

R. Dudley

## PE News

I am delighted as Head of the PE Faculty to be once again successful in the Sports College re-designation process. Childwall School is once again proud to announce that we are a Specialist Sports College. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff, pupils and parents that have supported the school in this rigid process of proving to the nation that we are an outstanding lead department here in Childwall. Though the evidence required to be awarded Sports College took months of work to organise, it is the previous years of innovative and ground breaking hard work from all the staff and the commitment of our pupils that makes us so successful. Its achievements like 43% A\* to A Grades in GCSE PE and 100% BTEC Sport that put the specialism at the forefront of the school. Sports College allows enriched opportunities for all pupils and elitism for those that work hard enough. Sports College re-designation is an excellent result. Well Done!

Kind Regards,

Stephen Bird  
Head of Physical Education

## Sixth Form News

### Review Day

Year 12 and 13 Review Day was successful in that Year 12 parents attended interviews with the respective group tutors and targets were given to enable students to work towards and hopefully achieve their full potential. Parents welcomed this opportunity to discuss pupil progress. Year 13 students were involved in UCAS application and personal statements were written with extra guidance given by the Aim Higher team as well as the group tutors. Several parents discussed the UCAS process with Mr Crispin.

### Previous Student Achievements

It is always pleasing when higher education establishments contact the school about the achievements of our previous students. Joleen Osayande graduated this year with a 2.1 in B.A. Music Technology. Ashley Douglas gained a 2.1 B.Sc. Hons in Business/Management Studies from Edge Hill. Johnny Latham achieved a first class grade for a Psychology project he carried out for Oxford University. He used our school for the basis of his research.

Not a past pupil, Thomas Keen a King David pupil currently studying A' Level P.E. in Childwall Sports College has been selected to play for the Liverpool County Football Association Under 18's.

### Educational Visits

Mrs Davies' Engineering group have had the benefit of visiting Jaguar on 2 of November. The students had first-hand experience of engineers at work. This visit followed the visit to school by an engineer who spoke to the self-same group about the fascinating world of Engineering. Year 12

and 13 Art students visited the Liverpool Tate where they worked with the sculptor Godfrey Burke. On 8 November, the students worked with the textile artist Lynda Roberts artist in order to help with their own ideas. In October, the Film Studies group were taken to a viewing of the film "The Motor Cycle Diaries" a South American film based on the life of Che Guevara which they are studying for their Film Studies course. These activities are essential for the enrichment of our students.

J. Gambardella

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

Yours sincerely



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