

Childwall School

A Specialist Sports & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you at the beginning of the Spring Term 2011 and wish all Parents, Carers, Students, Colleagues and Governors an excellent 2011.

In January 2011 we received the superb news that Childwall Sports and Science College has been identified by the Department for Education as one of the "...100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in each year from 2007-2010". This is a brilliant achievement and I send my warmest congratulations to staff and students.

We have started the new calendar year with some other excellent news regarding our status as a Double Specialist College. We now have both Sport and Science as our Subject Specialisms. This achievement recognises the ongoing and continued academic success in all subjects which has been recognised by our status as a Specialist Sports and Science College. This is a great tribute to the work of all colleagues and students at Childwall.

To celebrate our dual specialism we are holding a "Specialisms Day" on the 22nd February which will involve colleagues and students from the P.E and Science Faculties combining on a range of exciting and innovative activities. Further details to follow from Mr Bird and Mr Hurd.

At last you can breathe easily [those who have been holding their breath awaiting 'Strictly Childwall 2'. Our 2011 event promises to astound the audience with more dancers, more sequins and less space as contestants jostle for position in the dance studio.

Savvy students, temperamental teachers and middle management [well upper doesn't alliterate]

We have regularly exceeded Government Targets for academic progress and intend that the current group of students especially in **Year 11** continue this trend. Parents in Year 11 are reminded that there will be a Parents Evening on the **25th January starting at 4pm**. I do hope all Year 11 students and parents are able to attend. All the Year 11 Parents are also invited to the vitally important Options Evening for Year 11 Students which takes place on the **3rd February** starting at 6.30pm. Mr

Childwall "...amongst 100 top performing schools from 2007-2010"

Crispin Head of Sixth Form is making the arrangements for the Options Evening and I extend a very warm welcome to all our Year 11 Parents to attend.

Parents and Carers will be aware that we are working closely with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Liverpool Library Service to provide a new and iconic centre to be built on our site which will house a new Library in addition to medical practitioners working from the same centre. Our Sixth Form Accommodation will be lodged within the new centre which will be completed in September 2011 and provide first rate accommodation and resources for our large group of Sixth Form Students. This is

Strictly Childwall: The Sequel

will compete for the lofty honour of becoming 'Strictly Childwall' champions. Contenders include the elegant Miss Mutch displaying her mesmerising waltz and our own 'snake hips' Mr Nosiyama, King of Salsa. Representing our Year 11 students are such hopefuls as Thembi Dube and Amarah Campell, who bring style and Latin flavour to the Rumba and Cha Cha, appearing alongside the

a wonderful opportunity for us to work alongside colleagues who support not only our academic progress in terms of Sixth Form but also careers opportunities within the Health Service and also Lifelong Learning in collaboration with the Library Service.

Parents will be aware that in 2010 our Sixth Form was extremely successful and exceeded targets in all subjects. In addition we have close links with the Merseyside Tigers in terms of our Basketball Academy and also are

working closely with the Everton Foundation with regard to our Soccer Academy.

The **Year 8** Parents Evening takes place on the **8th February 2011** starting at 4pm. By this time an invitation will have been sent to all the Year 8 Parents and again I do urge all parents to attend to speak to staff regarding the progress which their children are making at Childwall Sports and Science College.

Year 9 Parents and Students will know of the important Options Evening for parents taking place on the **20th January starting at 6.30pm**. Again I do hope all Year 9 Parents and Students are in attendance.

rhythmical Ryan Hind and natty Nigel Chahwanda who lend speed and grace to make the quickstep effortless.

This is an event not to be missed. The competition takes place on 12 May at 7.00pm so book a ringside seat. If you fancy your chances [or want to tone up after Christmas excess] it's not too late to don your dancing shoes and join the

On the 5th January we were delighted to be visited by Gee Walker, Mother of Anthony Walker who has established a foundation in her late son's name.

Parents will remember that Anthony Walker was tragically murdered in 2005. Students in Year 10 were very respectful and moved by Gee Walker's presentation.

There are a number of very important examinations taking place involving students in Year 11. Parents will be aware that there are a large number of "controlled assessments" involving our exam candidates particularly in Year 11 and it is imperative that all students attend on all occasions.

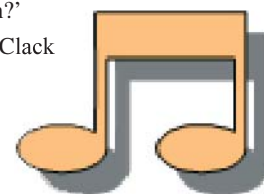
Parents will be aware that school closes for the **Half Term** Holiday on Friday 11th February. This means that the Half Term Holiday takes place between Monday **14th and Friday 18th** February. School will reopen to all staff and students on Monday 21st February.

I do hope that all students particularly those in examination classes are taking advantage of the large number of extracurricular activities and also the additional classes in a number of subjects to ensure that we meet if not exceed our Academic Targets for 2011.

If any parent wishes to discuss their child's progress then they should immediately contact the school and speak to the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader.

team. Rock and Roll classes are on Monday with Ballroom and Latin training on Wednesday and Friday. You'll be greeted warmly with those immortal words: 'You dancin?'

Ms V Clack



CSI Day

Recently youngsters in Years 8 and 9 enjoyed a superb project day involving a CSI Day which was arranged by members of the Science Faculty and in particular Miss Cooper Head of Key stage 3 Science.

Youngsters were involved in a range of team building activities to try and solve the mystery of the

“body” discovered in one of the Science Laboratories. By the end of the day all teams had to draw their own conclusions based on the evidence available as to who had committed this ‘dreadful crime’ at Childwall. When interviewed later the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience as did the staff who was also involved.



Zoofari

Childwall is delighted to announce that it has gained a Second Specialism i.e. Science. This is due to the fact that the Science results at Childwall continued to be outstanding. As part of the Science Specialism at Childwall the Faculty have invited the company “Zoofari” to come into

school to show youngsters from Key stage 3 a large number of insects and animals from a private zoo. Students were delighted to have the opportunity to see and touch a range of animals and insect including snakes and tarantula spiders.



Year 8

Childwall 0 Chesterfield 1

Childwall were 2nd best in the 1st half and you could see why Chesterfield won the same cup last season. However, with a strong chat at half time and 1-0 down to a scrappy goal, Childwall upped the work rate and dominated the whole 2nd half. In the last 10 minutes Danny McKenna & Sean Boyle had tremendous long range efforts beat the goalkeeper but going wide and hitting the post

respectively. All boys a credit to the school in relation to effort, conduct & sporting etiquette.

Ryan McCoy, Joel Borokini, Kurt Morris, Zakk McDowell, Sean Boyle, Jack Watts, Reece Gray, Daniel McKenna (Captain), Khalil Osi Efa, Josh Lundon, JJ Devine, Goitse, Bailey Connor, Paul Gailbraith, Alban Ajuti, Tre' Gielnik

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Professional Chef

Recently youngsters studying Catering were delighted to be given a master class by a Professional Chef Phil Mackenzie who worked with the youngsters as part of their Catering GCSE Course. Not only did the youngsters have

the opportunity to watch the chef complete a fantastic menu but also having watched the chef the youngsters themselves had to put into practise what they had learnt and take home some wonderful food for their friends and families.



Visit of Gee Walker to Childwall

Recently Gee Walker who has founded the Anthony Walker Foundation in memory of her late son paid a visit to Childwall to speak to students in Year 10 regarding the work of the foundation and the murder of Anthony Walker in 2005.

Gee Walker spoke to the students regarding the incident which led

to Anthony's murder and also about the work of the foundation. Gee also showed the youngsters a DVD of the events that could lead to such appalling acts of racism. Students in Year 10 were most respectful of the input made by Gee Walker to the Year 10 Programme of Personal and Social Education at Childwall.



Year 9 BiteSize Brook

Year 9 A band worked alongside The Brook Advisory Clinic during the very worthwhile Bitesize Brook day back in December. The pupils took part in a whole host of activities relating to sexual health, drugs, alcohol and domestic

violence. All pupils really enjoyed the day and were a credit to the school. Year 9 B band will be taking part in the BiteSize Brook later in the term.

J. Wilde



Santa Dash!

Before Christmas the whole of Year 7 took part in our annual Santa Dash to raise money for a chosen charity.

Well done to all those that took part, including some of the PE Department. The total raised was

£154.59, year 7 pupils will now decide which charity they would like to donate the money to.

Well done see you same time next year!!

Miss Wilde



Visit of Professional Referee Chris Foy to Childwall Sports and Science College.

Sixth Form BTEC National Students studying Physical Education, 10th January 2011

Childwall Sports and Science College has developed excellent links with the Everton Foundation especially in the context of delivering BTEC National Courses in Advanced Physical Education and Sports Studies. As part of the course the large group of youngsters studies a module entitled "Rules and Regulations". To this end the school was delighted to invite

Chris Foy the Premier League Referee to attend and inform the youngsters about his experience as a Professional Referee and also to give them an insight into the rules and regulations of soccer in the context of the Premier League. Students were enthralled by Chris Foy's knowledge and also stories of his time as a Professional Referee. The arrangements for the session were led by James Croxton of the Everton Foundation who is also responsible for teaching the Academy youngsters at Childwall Sports and Science College.



Year 10 Football

A New Year but the same story for this very talented Year 10 Squad.

Playing our first fixture of the New Year, in our third cup, the boys faced an unknown team from St Helens - Cowley High School. They arrived with only 10 men and although they were a big physical

after goal and at 17-0 the referee decided to call time on the fixture. The boy's face SFX in the 3rd Round next and they will be a much stronger test. This team is now the only team in Merseyside to still be in all three cups and whilst there is no silverware yet, this has been an outstanding season and win or lose



team our boys were desperate to get going having not played since Christmas. The game began and after 5 minutes we were 2-0 up and the game was all but won. The true measure of this team is the strength of the squad. With three first team regulars out through illness the boys who came in to the team were more than equal to the challenge and played outstanding.

In what turned into a training game exercise the boys rattled in goal

the boys have been superb.

Goal Scorers:

Nathan Inabiere (Man of the Match),

Rowan Sillah,

Michael Evans,

Dominik – 2,

Bradley Evans Foster,

Slavik,

Mehdi

J. Porter

Society, Health and Development Visit to Picton Children's Centre

On the last day of term, December 2010, the Year 12 Society, Health and Development group went to Picton Children's Centre, to speak to the Co-ordinator Colin Wilson about how the Centre works in partnership.

We had a tour of the premises and a most informative discussion on

the services they provide, how they are funded and who they work in partnership with. All of the learners are now armed with the information to enable them to complete their coursework.

P. March



Year 10 – Work Experience 20th June – 1st July 2011

The Work Experience programme will provide pupils with the opportunity to see the world of work at first hand. Pupils will be able to make comparisons with school life, to acquire and develop the Key Skills, to sample as wide a range of tasks as possible under the supervision of the experienced workers and make a small contribution to the work of a team. This is a major educational experience for all Year 10 Pupils.

All pupils have access in school to the following website which advertises all the vacancies:

<http://liverpool.learnaboutwork.net/log-in-student.asp>

If your son/daughter has internet access at home then your additional guidance and support in the selection process would be most welcome.

IMPORTANT

Pupils in Year 10 have 2 options for work experience:

1. To find their own placement.

- Click on “own placement” and print form.
- It is the responsibility of the pupil to seek an employer to complete the form and return the form to Miss Maddock no later than **1st April 2011**.
- If students select this option they are **NOT** able to select from the available placements list.
- **Therefore only students with a formal verbal agreement in place from a parent/family friend etc. should click this option.**

OR

2. To select from Available placement List

- Click on “available placements”
- This will display all the jobs opportunities
- Click “view” to look at job details
- If you wish to select this job you can then click “add to selections”
- Make further searches up to a maximum of 3
- When you have made all your selections you need to record a choice of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Choice
- Click SUBMIT – this will lock all your selections and you will not be able to delete or change your choices. **Only click Submit if you are sure of the 3 choices you have made.**

ALL CHOICES MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1ST April 2011.

IF ANY PUPIL FAILS TO MEET THIS DEADLINE A JOB WILL BE SELECTED BY MISS MADDOCK AND THIS CHOICE WILL BE FINAL

J. Maddock

Sixth Form News

Enrichment

Thanks to Mr Donnelly, our Enrichment programme is varied, interesting and relevant. Activities offered are Latin for beginners, Italian Language and Culture, Boxercise, Guitar Lessons, Community Placements, Red Cross and various cultural visits one being to the Planetarium as well encouraging the students to work with our EAL pupils. Chris Foy a former professional referee came in to speak to Everton BTEC students discussing his career and perceptions in the sporting world.

UCAS Applications

In spite of the negative publicity regarding university fees 40+ of our Year 13 students have applications for university, many of whom have now received offers.

Our students have a varied line of study, Maths, Physics, Law, English, Criminology and Sport Science to name just a few.

Return Visits of Former Students

It is a delight to speak to former students who visit us to speak of their impressions of first term at University. Sean Walsh is settling in well at Cambridge studying medicine; Adam Yip is enjoying his Chemistry. Laura Hayes is really positive and enthusiastic about her Animal Studies as well as Kim Wareing in Environment Studies. Stephen Morgan is enjoying his Foundation Art Course and was

grateful for all the encouragement he received from school without which he said he would not have obtained his place. James Ward is pursuing Sport Science at Cumbria University; he too is enjoying his studies. One of our former students, Jamie Jones has applied to University of Liverpool to study for an M.A. in Bibliotherapy.

Good luck to them all.

J. Gambardella

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

Yours sincerely



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