

Childwall School

A Specialist Sports & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope all parents, students and staff have had an excellent summer break. By now parents will know that we have had **some outstanding examination results** at both GCSE and Advanced Level. We were thrilled at the individual results of so many of our students and we wish all those who have gone onto **University** the very best as they begin the next stage of their educational careers. Following the GCSE Exams in 2011 we have a cohort of around 300 students in our Sixth Form. Parents will know that we have recently opened the new **'Fiveways Centre'** which now houses our large and successful Sixth Form.

As always staff changes have taken place during the summer and we extend a very warm welcome to the new colleagues joining us in September 2011:

Mrs Blaylock, English
Miss Rooney, Mathematics
Mr Tattersall, Creative Arts
Mr Ward, Faculty Leader for Creative Arts
Mr Warren, Mathematics
Mr Williams, Science

We were delighted to receive our new **Year 7** cohort in September and I am delighted to report that Year 7 has settled well into school. Year 7 students were all given the opportunity to visit the Colomendy

Centre for Outdoor Education in North Wales in *September 2011*. As parents can imagine there was great excitement at the thought of a 3 day residential with friends, fellow students and staff. I am grateful to Mr Langley, Mr Kerfoot, Mr Killip, Mr Stackpoole, Miss Clack, Miss Lamb, Miss Colgan, Mr Tyrer, Miss Cassidy and Mr Whiteley for accompanying our Year 7 students on this very worthwhile residential. Photographs of the residential are available on our website-www.childwallsc.co.uk

On the **21st October** we are holding our **Review Day** for all students when parents will be given a time to come into school to discuss as appropriate last year's report and the challenging but realistic targets for 2011/12. Parents will know that we continually strive for excellence and you will be aware that we were identified in 2011 for our outstanding examination results and the Department for Education (DfE) wrote stating "*your results show that you are amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in each year from 2007...this places Childwall Sports & Science College in the top 3% of all secondary schools in England*". We intend that this success continues and it is imperative therefore that all students but particularly those in examination

groups meet if not exceed their individual targets.

We held a **very successful Opening Evening** on Thursday *15th September* when we were visited by hundreds of Year 5 and 6 students from a range of primary schools. Parents will know that Ofsted commented very favourably on our transition arrangements between Year 6 and 7. If any parent was unable to visit the school during the Open Evening and wishes to do please contact Miss Gall in the first instance at the school.

The **Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening** took place on **Thursday 6th October** when all Year 11 parents were invited to meet with staff to ensure strategies for academic success in 2011/12.

School will be closed for Half Term Holiday between *Monday 24th and Friday 28th October*. A Staff Training Day will take place on *Monday 31st October* and therefore this means that all students will return to school on *Tuesday 1st November*.

The PTA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 19th September with Mrs Fernandez being elected Chair for 2011/12. The PTA is currently planning two activities for the Autumn Term and further details will be available in due course. The next PTA Committee Meeting takes place on the *17th November* at 6pm.

October 2011

Parents will know that many of our students pursue the Duke of Edinburgh Award and on the *13th October* at 5.30pm there will be a briefing for parents of students particularly in Year 9 who are commencing the Bronze Award. We are delighted to announce that 2 of our Year 13 students **John England** and **Luke Elston** have successfully completed the **Gold Award**. A marvellous achievement. On the *14th October* we will be raising money for Cancer Research with our "*Dare to Wear Pink Day*". Parents will know of the generosity of students and staff at Childwall for such causes.

As always if parents wish to speak to staff regarding the progress of their child/children they should contact the appropriate Student Progress Leader. For your information Student Progress Leader are as follows:

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

I wish all students a successful Academic Year during 2011/12.

D.W. Phillips
Headteacher

Primary School Visits

In June year 5 children from Sacred Heart and St Nicholas primary school visited Childwall Science department for a morning of fun packed activities. Pupils explored the anatomy of Daphnia under the microscope and made their own custard bouncy balls. The day was an outstanding success which provided an opportunity to continue building links with local primary school.

Mr. S Cullen



Drama Department

The Drama Department has, as usual, had a busy and productive first half term. Work has started on our Christmas production, 'Goodnight Mister Tom', with a cast drawn from across Key Stages 3 and 4. This is being directed by the new recruit to our team Mr.M. Tattersall who will be ably assisted by other members of the faculty. We are hoping to stage this in early December, and more details will be released soon.

Already we have had two theatre visits with our sixth form students to see shows that appeared at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival and are now on tour. In addition to this, a visit to FACT is planned for the last week of the half term with our Film Studies students where they will watch a special screening and then take part in a discussion.

As well as this, staff from the department have attended teacher forum sessions at both the Playhouse Theatre and also the Royal Court to ensure that we know exactly what's happening on the theatre scene and how it can best serve the needs of our pupils.

We hope to see you at our production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' in December – dates and ticket information will be advised after the half term break.

Mr.M.A.Curtis

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A big thank-you to everyone involved in the Macmillan afternoon coffee event which was held on the 15th September, which was our open day. Plenty of the Childwall staff and the parents of potential Year 6 pupils all contributed to the event and a total of £276.68 was raised.

Miss P. Emery, Miss M. Colgan

Attendance

What zone are you in?

95% - 100% Green Zone

85% - 95% Amber Zone

85% & below Red Zone

What zone are you in?



Holidays: - As you will remember, in line with the Local Authority and other schools in the area, we made the decision that Holidays during term time would be classed as unauthorised and recorded in the register as a 'G' code. I strongly advise that parents do not remove their children from school for the purposes of a holiday as this will incur a fine.

It's not a crime to be on time!

Adding Up Success

The Maths Department held a competition on Open Evening to find our best 3 budding young Mathematics stars. The pupils competed on the "Add It Up" game on the My Maths website which is just one of the exciting resources we use to make Maths lessons at Childwall more interesting. The following pupils will be receiving their prizes in the post soon; Well Done Guys!

1. Thomas Cameron from Lawrence Community Primary School
2. John Rushby from Belle Vale Community Primary School
3. Lewis Gould from Blackmore Park Junior School

Miss R Richardson

Liverpool Schools Parliament

Four pupils in Year 9 are taking part in the Liverpool School's Parliament. These pupils learn how government works and actually take part in the Young Lord Mayor elections. There will be visits to the Town Hall throughout the Christmas term with further possibilities of attending UN conventions for the young people of Liverpool.

The four pupils were a credit to the school and many thanks to Lee Stackpoole for accompanying them:

Amina Hossain
Jodie Jones
Jack Richmond
Bailey Connor

Catering Controlled Assessments

Catering Controlled Assessments have been ongoing since the beginning of term and the Year 11 pupils have been working extremely hard to produce some high quality dishes. Pupils chose a range of dishes to display various culinary skills and food



presentation is also a big part of this. The pupils will continue practical based controlled assessments until Christmas and we hope they will continue to work hard to achieve the best possible grades for their Catering GCSE. Keep up the good work Year 11 from Miss Colgan and Miss Emery.

Damage Control

On Wednesday 6th October 2011, fifty five Year 9 pupils from Childwall Sports College took part in a 'Get Ahead' Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) day. Working in small groups, this day was designed to enhance student's aptitude for problem solving, creativity, design, engineering, and was especially geared to complement the National Curriculum.

Year 9 pupils worked on a project called Damage Control where they had to design and construct both a bridge and a battery-operated train.

The day was an outstanding success with all pupils engaged from the start. Pupils found themselves challenged, stretched and were constantly having to solve problems in their teams. On completion of the task each group had to present their designs to their peers and were judged on design, cost, effect of tension, compression, loads, and forces on their creations.

On completion of the project a number of pupils were asked their thoughts on the day. Daniel La replied "the day was brilliant, I constantly had to problem-solve and think. I am really looking forward to visiting the University of Liverpool next year". Jessica Munnerley described the day as "an eye opener, which has made me understand how so many subjects need to combine in different career paths".

The school's Science Teacher, Steve Cullen said "We were delighted to have this amazing opportunity. It will encourage our pupils to connect the taught elements of science and technology to what happens in engineering in the real world. By taking part in this STEM day, we are hoping to put the spark back into these subjects and demonstrate to pupils that there are exciting and rewarding career paths available".

Geography

Year 6 pupils take part in the Trade Game during Induction Day.

Pupils from a variety of schools attended Childwall Sports College for their induction day. In Geography pupils took part in the Trade Game. The aim of the game was to help the pupils understand how trade influences the development of a country and to create interest and discussion about the world trading system in an enjoyable and fun way.



The earth is divided into two parts: The economically rich north and the poorer Global South. The gap between rich and poor is becoming bigger partly because of the world trading system we have today which makes the North richer at the cost of the South.

The game tries to show, through the production of different paper products, how the world trade works. How do countries interact? Who are the winners? Who are the losers?

After the game pupils took part in a discussion about the obstacles they came across during the game and how they are relevant in today's world. Certificates were presented to all pupils that took part. Congratulations.

D Breen



Society, Health and Development Advanced Diploma

The year 13 Advanced Society Health and Development team would like to thank Miss Gall for coming to talk to us about her role as Director of inclusion, on Thursday the the October 2011. She has given us a great



deal of information to support us in our Unit 6 coursework. Through her input we are all hoping to do well and reach the high mark band.

Many thanks

Year 13 Advanced Society Health and Development Group.

National Children's Book Week – Visit of John Mayhew

Local author, Jon Mayhew, visited Childwall LRC to celebrate 'Children's Book Week'. Jon spoke about his books- *Mortlock* and *The Demon Collector*, both of which are available to loan from the LRC, and how to start writing Gothic fiction.



Jon explained to the students that he got his idea for some of the characters in *Mortlock* from an old ballad entitled *The Two Corbies*. Jon then gave a workshop on how to use ballads as a springboard for the students' own writing, based on the story of *Long Lankin*. Students produced some excellent work, which Jon kindly offered to put on his blog site for other authors such as, Charlie Higson to comment on.

The English department bought 20 copies of *Mortlock* to give away as prizes and Jon picked out the winners, signed their books and posed for pictures with them. This was a fantastic event for our students to be actively involved in and inspire some of our young writers.

L Kilroe

Under 18 National Cup

Our girls showed a stunning display of football to beat Neston.

Even with 2 players missing from the first match the girls were confident going into the game and half time the score was 6-1 with goals coming from a number of players and tears from the opposition keeper.

After a total of 40 minutes played the referee called time with the score finishing at 14-1.

Unfortunately our next is away in either Blackburn or Clitheroe but thanks to all those who came and supported the girls it was greatly appreciated.

Olivia
Amy
Lucy
Holly
Sarah
Jen
Kirsty
Ashley
Nicole
Connie
Keisha

**Target Day
Friday 21st
October target
day. Every child
and his/her parents
will meet with their
relevant Group
Tutor.**

School Sport Co-ordinator Updates

Young Sports Ambassadors

2 Year 11 pupils Nicole Hindley and Joe Hall have been selected to be our Young Sport Ambassadors for the school. Over the next 9 months their aim will be to raise awareness of the Olympics and Paralympics within the school. They will be involved in running form challenges and intra school competitions.

Change for Life

Change 4 Life Sports Clubs focuses on building a network of new school sport clubs based on seven Olympic and Paralympic sports. The sports are badminton, boccia, fencing, handball, table tennis, volleyball and wheelchair basketball. This new network of sports clubs aims to attract young people who might be inspired by the 2012 Games to take up and participate in a range of Olympic and Paralympic Sports. Our school

has been selected to run a change for life Badminton Club. The club will be 'owned' by young people and the school and there will be an opportunity for young people to lead and volunteer. The club takes place on a Friday in our school sportshall from 3.15-4.15.

Premier League for Sport

All 20 clubs in the premier league have linked up with community sports clubs to help attract young people in their area to take up badminton, judo, table tennis and volleyball. At Childwall we are currently running a Premier League for sport Judo club, giving our pupils and the wider community the chance to get involved in an Olympic sport running up to 2012. The Judo club takes place on a Tuesday from 3.15 - 4.45 at Childwall in the Dance Studio.

Miss Atkinson

Mathematics Examinations November

Year 10

Sets 1 and 2 will sit a higher modular exam, (unit 2) at 9:00AM on 14th November 2011

Year 11

Sets 1 and 2 will sit a higher modular exam, (unit 2) at 9:00AM on 14th November 2011

Sets 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will sit paper 1 of the linear paper at 1:00PM on the 9th November 2011 and paper 2 at 9:00am on the 14th November 2011.

A-Level Engineering

A level and diploma Engineering students continue to have close links with Jaguar Land-Rover. Groups of students from both year 12 and 13 visit the factory and interviewed engineers last week.



A group of year 10 diploma students will taking part in "inside manufacturing next week at Jaguar Land-Rover where they will also meet a VIP.

Jill Davies

Enterprise Wind Turbine Challenge

On 22nd and 29th June over 80 pupils from Northway and Lawrence Road participated in the 'Wind Turbine Challenge'. The project was funded by the North West



Enterprise Hub in collaboration with Liverpool Community College. Pupils were required to design a cost effective wind turbine which generated electricity, market their designs, and deliver



a final presentation to the rest of their peers. Primary pupils were assigned a year 10 G & T mentor to help support and provide advice in the implementation of their designs. The project was highly successful with positive feedback from both pupils and teachers who attended the event.

S Cullen/J Maddock

Colomendy

As a bonding and transitional activity, students from our new year 7 went on a team building residential to Kingswood Colomendy on 28 September 2011 for 3 days (2 nights). As you can imagine, our students were very excited and nervous for their first real trip away from home without parents and siblings and many saw it as an opportunity for adventure, discovery and exploration.

After finding our way to the dormitories, students were put straight into groups and led away to begin the activities. These activities included abseiling, Jacob's ladder, descender, power wall, low ropes, air ball and fencing. These activities were put on a carousel to enable all students to



experience them in their groups over the three days. As well as being able to take on these challenges, students were also invited to a camp fire when it got dark to build moral, confidence and social skills. There were toasted marshmallows, stories, riddles and singing until the dying embers of the fire were hardly visible. After another day of activities, the students were allowed some rest time before again being invited out to another social event in the form of a disco. As the night progressed, some bashful faces developed into some very good dance moves and amongst some very quiet voices laughter became constant. As you can imagine, at the end of what was a very busy day, students could not wait for bed after the disco and were all tucked up in their bunks by 9.30pm. After another morning of final activities, students then gathered on to the main field where all of the boys (and some girls) had a huge game of football with Kingswood team leaders and Childwall Staff whilst the remaining students acted as fans sitting on the sideline basking in the unexpected autumn sun.

Before the students realised, it was time to go home and what had been a huge build-up to Colomendy, the experience was finally over; to the disappointment of some of our students. However, I am sure for many - if not all - it will last in their memories for the rest of their lives as the first test of independence. All students were an absolute credit to Childwall Sports and Science College, parents and of course, to themselves. Well done year 7.

Thank you to all staff who attended the residential and a special thank you to Kingswood Colomendy for having and looking after all of us.

Mr M. Langley. Y7 Student Progress Leader

Childwall's Annual Ski Trip

As you will be aware the preparations are well underway for Childwall's annual ski trip; this leaves slightly earlier than normal on the 2nd January. The beginners are about to attend the Runcorn dry ski slope to start to learn the basics whilst the more advanced skiers will refresh theirs.

There is a meeting for all of the final arrangements to be held

on 1st December at 6.30, where pupils and parents will be told all of the final arrangements. There will also be an opportunity to buy or hire the necessary clothing for the trip.

If you are interested in attending the trip there are still a couple of places available.

Miss.Wilde
(Ski Trip Co-ordinator)

Rambert Dance Company

On Thursday 22nd September, the world renowned Rambert Dance Company came in to work with G+T pupils from Key Stage 3, as well as GCSE and 6th Form BTEC Dance pupils. Pupils learned sections from Lihna Curva by famous choreographer Itzik Gaili. Pupils were split into two groups, each doing 2 ½ hours with Rambert.

This is the third time Childwall Sports College have linked up with Rambert to provide excellent, exciting and challenging workshops for all of our dance pupils. Pupils will be involved in learning rep from the piece, as well as creative and technique work, which pushes all of our pupils.

All pupils were fantastic and succeed in the challenges that we set for them, a mixture of the pupils will now go on to watch Rambert Dance company and the piece that they learnt live at the Lowry theatre on Friday 23rd September.



Yr 8 Rugby

Childwall v West Derby

The game started brightly with Addison Blakey smashing into four West Derby pupils from the tap off, and sending them all flying. He then proceeded to score his first of the afternoon. This move set the tone for the game and Childwall's superior strength, speed and power was evident to see. West Derby never really troubled our defense with Lewis Dean leading the defense with some powerful hits. Addison was causing all sorts of problems with his strong running and scored two tries before being subbed. New boy Sam Chinamona scored his first try in his first ever game of rugby showing an excellent turn of pace to beat the defense. Motm Addison Blakey

Final score- Childwall 25, West Derby 0.

Childwall v Cardinal Heenan

The second game was always going to be a tougher test. Our set pieces were very strong and in the end Heenan couldn't live with our physicality in the breakdown and speed in the backs. Patrick Eddison Gramhe was excellent in the scrum and ruck, as was Yusof Sonko and Lewis Dean. Controlling the game from scrum half was year 7 boy Reece who scored and was outstanding all day. Man of the match was Sam Chinamona

Final score Childwall 20, Heenan 5.

Squad

Addison Blakey
Kamal Farley
Abdi Mohammed
Yusef Sonko
Harry Stow
Alex Smith

Lewis Dean
Kalim Simpson
Michael Mullins
Tyus Nelson
Sam Chinamona

Van Kwofie
Patrick E-G
Lorenzo Daley
Wesley White
Rhys Griffiths

Mr P Breen

Duke of Edinburgh

Another fantastic year completed with around 100 students involved in the award. Again this year we have had great success with our Gold Students, with another 2 pupils off to the palace to collect their award from the Duke himself. This is a fantastic achievement as it takes at least 4 years to get to that standard. My congratulations go to Luke Elston and John England.

This year saw some great achievements from all those involved and in a variety of weather conditions, from heat to rain. The groups coped with all brilliantly. I would like to thank

all those involved staff, yr 12s and all the pupils involved. The Hard work starts now as they have to finish their sections and hand in their log books to be awarded their level, this will be held in the Echo Arena in March. Good look to all.

Dates for next year: Bronze April 21st Training, May 8th & 9th Practice walk and the Qualification walk 28th – 31st May

Silver Practice walk 17th – 20th April and Qualification walk 9th – 13th July

Gold Practice and Qualification walks July 9th – 14th July.

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