

# Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I extend a very warm welcome to pupils as they either begin their careers at Childwall Sports College or resume after the summer break. I extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 cohort. The Year 7 students, who will be the 2008-2013 cohort, are most welcome and we wish them and all students the very best in their careers at Childwall Sports College.

## **BEST GCSE RESULTS AT CHILDWALL AGAIN!**

I am absolutely delighted to be able to inform all Parents/Carers that once again Childwall Sports College has achieved its best ever GCSE results. We have exceeded the school and Local Authority target for the 5 A\*-C figure by 7 percentage points gaining 62% 5 A-C

which is above both Liverpool and national averages. This is a brilliant achievement. In addition we have also exceeded the national target for 5 A\*-C including English and Mathematics. Again I am absolutely delighted at this outstanding success on behalf of both students and staff. Since becoming a Specialist Sports College since 2003 our 5 A\*-C for GCSE have risen every year.

All Year 7 students will be on a residential at the Kingswood Centre, Colomendy, North Wales between Friday, 19th and Saturday, 20th September 2008. I am sure this will be a great experience for our newly arrived Year 7 students. We are heavily oversubscribed in Year 7 and indeed have waiting lists in all years.

Childwall Sports College's Open Evening takes place

on Thursday, 25th September 2008. Students in Years 7-13 will be dismissed at lunchtime to ensure that the arrangements for the Open Evening are in place. Parents/Carers will know that we are currently oversubscribed in terms of pupil numbers at Childwall Sports College and especially in the new Year 7. I would urge prospective Parents/Carers and their children to attend our Open Evening.

The full school, i.e. Years 7-13 Review Day takes place on Friday, 26th September 2008. Every Parent/Carer will receive an appointment with his/her child's Group Tutor to discuss either the report and to set challenging but realistic targets for the coming academic year. Having achieved our best ever GCSE results we will continue to ensure that

every child maximises his/her potential and the targets to be set with yourselves on 26th September are critical to this process. I do hope all Parents/Carers are able to attend this important meeting.

There are only 6 full school weeks before we close for the half-term holiday. The first half of the Autumn Term ends on Friday, 17th October 2008 with half-term therefore taking place between Monday, 20th and Friday, 24th October 2008. It is imperative therefore that we make the very best use of the 6 weeks in the run-up to the half-term holiday especially in terms of examination candidates.

Year 11 students will be sitting their final GCSE English Language examination on Wednesday, 5th November 2008. Paper 2 will be sat

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by Year 11 on Monday, 10th November 2008. I would urge Parents/Carers of all Year 11 students to ensure that their sons/daughters are in school on every single day and particularly for these very important GCSE English examinations.

We are delighted at the continued success of Childwall Sports College and particularly at our excellent GCSE results. We have equally encouraging results in terms of National Curriculum Tests and Sixth Form results. This is due to a number of factors not least the high quality learning and teaching and the excellent support given by Parents/Carers to their children whilst at Childwall Sports College. Long may this continue.

Best wishes,  
D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

## **Seeing Double! 4 Sets of Twins in Year 7**



## **Expensive Clothing, Jewellery, MP3 Players, Mobile Phones etc.**

Parents will know that we strongly advise all children at Childwall not to bring expensive items to school. We have no insurance cover for any items lost or stolen whilst in school. Any losses would have to be borne by the parents/carers. It may be advisable for parents to check their own personal insurance arrangements.



As regards jewellery, the school rule is "no jewellery" except for one pair of stud earrings. If your child breaks this rule then the jewellery will be confiscated for safekeeping and returned on the last day of the half term. If a parent wishes to collect the jewellery then they should telephone the school.

Mobile telephones must not be in evidence at school. Any pupil seen with a mobile telephone will risk having it confiscated.

## Celebrating Student Achievement

Parents/carers will be aware how important it is for us as a school to celebrate the wide variety of student achievements at Childwall. This may take the form of examination success, sporting success, music, drama etc. We make vigorous efforts to commend individuals, groups, year teams and indeed all members of the school community. To this end we regularly take photographs, video recordings and other electronic images of our young people and staff at Childwall. Parents/carers will know that there are regular entries to the local media celebrating the wide range of successes of our students. These images of our young people in terms of photographs, videos, etc. are portrayed around the school and on our website.

These 'images' are recorded on a regular basis. If any parent/carer has any concerns regarding the possibility of their son/daughter being included within any of these recordings of images could they please inform me in writing immediately with full details.

I am firmly of the opinion that the celebration of our students' achievements raises self-esteem and helps maximise the potential within every individual at Childwall.

Comments on this matter would be gratefully received by myself.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

## Childwall Chronicle

Newspaper club is back after a well deserved summer break. All budding journalists are welcome to join us on Thursday lunchtime and after school. To see the latest edition visit the LRC pages of our school website.

V. Caren



CHILDWALL  
Sports  
Centre



## SHOKK Fitness Suite

3pm - 9pm weeknights,  
9am - 5pm weekends,  
membership £10.00 per month.

SHOKK U18 Gym Membership only £10.00 per month - contact the sports centre for more details.  
0151 7221561

## Childwall Sports Centre Summer Holiday Report

During the Summer Holidays, Childwall Sports Centre ran free holiday activities for four weeks, from Monday 28th July to Friday 22nd August 2008. A wide range of activities were offered to local children aged 5 - 16 years of age, such as: Multi Sports, Football, Cheerleading, Dance, Kickboxing, Martial Arts, Try New Sports, Alternative Sports, Trampolining, Racquet Sports and Summer Sports.



Four different activities were offered per day and children were split into appropriate age brackets. Children accessing early morning drop off and late pick sessions were able to use the SHOKK Fitness Suite and the Games Room (Dance Studio) until the start of the day's activities or collection. The Games Room, complete with pool tables, table tennis tables, hoppers, large board games and boxing equipment proved very popular.



On the final day of the holiday activities children were encouraged to dress up. "Fancy Dress Friday" proved a great success with children, parents and staff alike and will definitely be used again during future holidays. Free Face painting was also available on the final day.

All of the activities were free to the local community thanks to successful SPLASH funding bids (£6000), support from the Liverpool South Central School Sport Partnership in the form of free coaches and support from Jan Parker (£3000). A further £4000 under spend from the Easter and May Holiday programmes were put towards the cost of running the programme. These funds were used to pay staff wages and buy equipment.

In conclusion the Summer Holiday Sports Programme proved a great success. Hopefully, the already fully booked October Half Term Holiday Programme will continue to improve, and furthermore continue to develop and enhance the schools image in the local community.

## Cashless School Meals System

We are pleased to announce that we are installing a new cashless system for the catering service at the school in October 2008. The system will work on fingertip recognition and will hold student data. This will include your child's name, class, photograph, account balance and meal entitlement. The data will be handled under the guidelines of the Data Protection Act and only used by parties directly involved with the implementation of the system. A letter will be sent to all parents and guardians within the very near future. We will be going live on 13th October 2008. If you require any further information, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs C Densmore, on 0151 722 1561.

## Ramadan

The Holy Month of Ramadan began on the 1st September this year.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and a time when Muslims across the world fast during the hours of daylight. During Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the time when the verses of the Holy Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The month of Ramadan is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer, carrying out good deeds and spending time with family and friends. The fasting is intended to help teach Muslims self discipline, self-restraint and generosity. It also reminds us of the suffering of the poor, who may rarely get to eat well.

As reading the Qur'an and prayer is an important part of Ramadan my room (G110) will be available for all our female Muslim pupils to come to read the Qur'an and pray during lunchtimes.

The end of Ramadan is marked by a religious festival known as 'Eid-ul-Fitr', the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. During this celebration Muslims dress in their finest clothes, attend morning Eid prayers and spend time with their family and friends. During Eid it is obligatory to give a set amount of money to charity to be used to help poor people buy new clothes and food so they too can celebrate.

I would like to wish all our Muslim pupils and their families, Ramadan Kareem.

Dr. L. Youssef

## Scholastic Magazine

Look out for the latest issue of Cover to Cover magazine featuring new Young Bond from Charlie Higson and new fiction from Cathy Cassidy as well as manga and High School Musical titles. All orders and money to the LRC by Friday 19th September.

## Drama Department

After a washout of a Summer, the Drama Department is drying its wellies and getting ready to face the challenge of another year of hectic activity. This Autumn term promises to be as exciting as ever with extra-curricular drama clubs in upper and lower school – details of days are yet to be decided, but this information will be advertised in school. We also have an international performer, Tayo Aluko, coming in to school on the 2nd and 3rd of October to play the role of Paul Robeson – again, details of audience members will be advertised in school. As usual, we will be organising theatre trips for our sixth form students, including an opportunity for them to see Pete Postlethwaite playing the role of King Lear in the Everyman Theatre in November. We hope to see as many students as possible taking part in these events, and in other activities and opportunities that will develop during the year. Now, where did I put my umbrella...

M.A.Curtis

## Human Papillomavirus HPV

Parents will be aware of this new programme of screening against cervical cancer. It is a new initiative in the UK but already widely available in Canada.

Year 8 girls will have the opportunity to be part of the first cohort to be vaccinated. The programme is as follows:

12.9.08 Mary McDonald School Nurse to speak to all Year 8 girls who will take a letter outlining the programme home.

17.9.08 Mary McDonald to speak to parents/pupils at 2.30pm in the canteen.

24.9.08 First vaccination

12.11.08 2nd vaccination

11.3.09 3rd vaccination

Parents are requested to make every effort to attend the meeting at 2.30pm on 16th or telephone Mary McDonald on 234 1208 if they wish further information.

CG/ Mary McDonald

## “Every Mark Matters”

In the event of unavoidable absence parents are requested to inform school on the day and confirm the reason for absence by letter on the day their child returns to school.

Parents are advised not to take their children on holiday during term time as valuable work towards examinations can be missed.

Remember “Every Mark Matters”

Please do not hesitate to contact school on 722 1561 with any issues regarding attendance.

Year 7 Miss Jones/ Mr Lamb

Year 8 Miss Alecock/ Miss Cassidy

Year 9 Mr O’Leary/ Mr Mullarkey

Year 10 Mr Riedyk/ Dr Youssef

Year 11 Mrs Thomas/ Mr Phoenix

Thank you for your support

CG

## Year 10: Top Class Photography



## Year 10 Health Art at Childwall



## School Uniform

### Girls:

Plain navy blue skirt or black tailored trousers  
Navy blue V-necked pullover with Sports College logo  
Pale blue or white blouse  
School tie  
Black blazer with school badge (Years 7/8/9 compulsory)  
White or navy blue socks. Black tights allowed in winter.  
Black shoe

### Boys:

Dark grey or black trousers  
Navy blue V-neck pullover with Sports College logo  
Pale blue or white shirt  
School tie  
Black blazer with School badge (Years 7/8/9 compulsory)  
Black shoes and socks



### P.E. Kit - Girls:

Navy blue games skirt or shorts  
Pale blue polo shirt with logo  
Training shoes  
Navy blue socks  
Navy blue tracksuit bottoms  
Sports College sweatshirt

### P.E. Kit - Boys:

Navy blue shorts  
Navy blue polo shirt with logo  
Training shoes  
Navy blue socks  
Football boots  
Navy blue tracksuit bottoms  
Sports College sweatshirt

# The School Day 2008-09

7.45 - 8.15	Breakfast 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



## Breakfast Menu 7.45 a.m. to 8.15 a.m.

Toast	30p
Toasted Tea Cake	60p
Bacon	40p
Cereal	70p
Beans	35p
Omelette	70p
Tea	45p
Milk	30p
Coffee	50p
100% Fruit juice	50p - 70p
Small water	30p
Large water	65p



## OPEN DAY

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

4.00 – 6.30 p.m.

Please inform Parents, Brothers, Sisters etc.

- Displays
- Activities
- Sport



D.W. Phillips,  
Headteacher.



## REVIEW DAY: Years 7-13

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008

9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

An appointment will be made for your  
Parents/Carers and you to meet your  
Group Tutor to discuss targets for 2008-09.

Please make sure you are there!

Good luck!



D.W. Phillips,  
Headteacher.



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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