

# Childwall School News

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## Best GCSE results at Childwall Sports College

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again I am thrilled to be able to tell all Parents/Carers that we have exceeded our targets for examination success especially at GCSE level. We have exceeded the 5 A-C figure by 8 percentage points. This is a superb achievement. We have also exceeded the Government's target for the vitally important 5 A-C including English and Mathematics. This is a great tribute to the hard work of Year 11 students in 2007-08 and also to the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the teaching staff at Childwall Sports College. You will know that we continue to be highly ambitious for all our students and results at all levels including Key Stage 3 and Sixth Form continue to be extremely pleasing. Our aim is to ensure that every student at Childwall Sports College maximises his/her potential.

Many thanks to all those Parents/Carers who attended our very successful Open Evening which took place on Thursday, 25th September. Parents will know that we currently oversubscribed especially in Year 7 and this allows us to ensure that we can appoint suitably qualified staff to provide the most extensive and flexible curriculum for all youngsters at Childwall Sports College.

Parents/Carers will know that the school closes for the half-term holiday on Friday, 17th October. Half-term therefore takes place between Monday, 20th and Friday, 24th October. School re-opens to all staff

and students on Monday, 27th October.

Year 11 students will be aware that they will be completing the English GCSE final papers on 5th and 10th November. By now all Year 11 students will have completed the trial examinations for English and I fully expect Year 11 to successfully complete GCSE English in November and therefore to provide an excellent start to acquiring GCSE grades throughout the year. I fully expect that the current Year 11 will once again exceed targets and provide Childwall with its best ever GCSE results.

The Parents/Teachers/Friends Association (PTFA) Quiz takes place on Thursday, 16th October. Tickets are available from school at £5 which includes a hot meal. There will be a subsidised bar and entertainment will be provided during the course of the evening by students from Music and Drama. Our Quiz Master will be Mr. D.S. Ball who many Parents/Carers will know retired last summer and is coming back to school to oversee our Quiz. I do hope all Parents/Carers are able to support this important venture.

Parents/Carers will be aware that Childwall Sports College is involved with the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Hope University, John Moores University, Scottish Power Learning and Broadgreen International School to form the first Trust in Liverpool. The Trust was established in April and the school became a Foundation School in September. We are already

well underway in terms of establishing an effective Trust and indeed we have been asked to make a presentation to the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) Schools Commissioner about the effectiveness of our Trust in a meeting to be held later in October 2008. This is a great credit to the work of all staff involved in the Fiveways Trust.

As befits a Specialist Sports College we have a wide range of sporting activities available to all our students and indeed all teams are currently underway and I was delighted to be present at the success of our Year 7 Soccer Squad who defeated Our Lady's School, Skelmersdale in the national cup competition. Further details regarding our extensive sports programme are available from Mr. S. Bird, Head of P.E./Sport.

Year 7 students undertook a residential visit during the weekend of Friday, 19th and Saturday, 20th September to Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury, led by Mr. Lamb and all students returned having had a superb time over a very pleasant and indeed sunny weekend. My thanks go to all the staff and particularly Mr. Lamb for making the arrangements.

Many thanks to all those Parents/Carers who attended our Review Day on 26th September. During the course of the Review Day all students were set challenging but realistic targets for the academic year 2008-09. If Parents/Carers require any further information regarding their child's progress they

should contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader and for your information these are as follows:

- Year 7: Mr. Lamb/Miss Jones
- Year 8: Miss Cassidy/Miss Alecock
- Year 9: Mr. Mullarkey/Mr. O'Leary
- Year 10: Dr. Youssef/Mr. Rietdyk
- Year 11: Mr. Phoenix/Mrs. Thomas
- Years 12/13: Mr. Cooper/Mrs. Gleeson

In October we were visited by the International Performer, Tayo Aluko who performed 'Call Mr. Robeson' for students at Childwall and students within our collaborative. Parents/Carers will be aware that Tayo Aluko also performed at the Unity Theatre at the same time. We were delighted to host such an important performance by Tayo Aluko.

On 8th October Year 8 were involved in a Cultural Day with the arrangements being made by Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Davies. In addition Mrs. Greenberg has made arrangements to accompany a party of students to Liverpool Town Hall as part of Black History Month. On the same day Science staff and students worked with a Science expert to continue to raise the profile of our very successful Science Faculty at Childwall Sports College.

On 9th October we were joined by a professional artist who worked with Sixth Form students throughout the day again to ensure the highest

quality artwork by our very successful Art Department.

On 13th October the well known Storyteller, John Hughes, worked with English students again to highlight the issue of storytelling and obviously Literacy.

Year 7 photographs were taken by our professional photographer on 13th October.

Our Community Sports Development Officer, Ms Natalie Wray, has an extensive programme of P.E./Sport activities throughout the half-term. All activities are now fully booked. Indeed Ms Wray is already planning activities for the February half-term which takes place 16th - 20th February 2009. Further information available from Ms Wray: Tel. 0151 7221561 M: 07792367048; email: [nwray@childwallsc.co.uk](mailto:nwray@childwallsc.co.uk)

I do hope all Parents/Carers enjoy a restful half-term holiday. I would remind Year 11 students of the need to prepare thoroughly for the very important English GCSE exams on 5th and 10th November 2008. Good luck to all our students.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

### Year 8

We are beginning are target setting for the end of Key Stage 3 already! Pupils will have their own progress booklets where there will record their target grades across all subject areas and make notes of their progress and achievements in all aspects of school.

## Robotics come to Childwall

The Design Technology department have now installed robotics in the new, state of the art, Engineering / Computer suite. These will be used by all pupils on the exciting new engineering qualifications, both at Diploma and A Level. Pupils in other technology classes will also be able to gain experience of working with the new technologies in this suite.

J Davies Design Technology

## Raining Girls And Boys At Childwall Sports College

A group of Key Stage 3 Geography students led by Miss Donnamarie McNally, who is Childwall Sports College's KS3 Humanities Co-ordinator, are studying the weather and they are currently collecting data on how different aspects of the weather are measured by setting up their very own weather station. Using various measuring tools including thermometers, barometer, anemometers and rain gauges, students will be collecting their own weather data and illustrating it on graphs and tables for the school weather display. After collection the data will be inputted into our school website: [www.childwallsc.co.uk](http://www.childwallsc.co.uk) where the pupils will also be given the chance to practice their own weather forecasting skills. A daily weather forecast will be available on our school website every day.



"This is a fantastic opportunity for our Key Stage 3 students to understand aspects of the weather in a very practical way. I am looking forward to the daily weather forecast for Childwall Sports College as it appears on our website." Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

## Childwall Sports Centre at Childwall Sports College:

October Half-term sports activities Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th October 2008: ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FULLY BOOKED

Monday, 20th October

Tuesday, 21st October

Wednesday, 22nd October

Thursday, 23rd October

Friday, 24th October

## Gold Medal Winner At Merseyside World Firefighters Games

Leila Blackett, a Year 10 student at Childwall Sports College, is the proud winner of a Gold Medal from the World Firefighters Games which took place on Merseyside recently. To win her Gold Medal Leila had to complete the equivalent for Firefighters of the Decathlon. The ten events comprised aspects of running, jumping



and showed a high degree of fitness to enable Leila to beat all comers in the World Firefighters Games. Leila is an excellent student at Childwall Sports College and in addition to winning her Gold Medal she is also on route for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Leila is a talented all-rounder taking part in a whole range of activities at school and is especially talented in P.E. and Sport. In addition, Childwall Sports College has high hopes that Leila is going to do exceptionally well in her GCSE subjects in Year 11. She is fully committed in school on all occasions and thoroughly enjoys her time at Childwall School.

"Leila Blackett is an excellent student and has done exceptionally well to win the Gold Medal at the World Firefighters Games on Merseyside. This reflects Leila's commitment, talent and enthusiasm to all that she does especially in her activities at Childwall Sports College." Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

## Bear Necessities at Childwall Sports College!

Students at Childwall Sports College studying Performing Arts have to provide evidence of a public performance and some of the students at Childwall Sports College are taking part in a performance at St. Clare's Parish Church, Rutland Avenue. A leading light is Scott Merritt, one of the students in Year 11, who is taking part in a range of arts activities at St. Clare's Parish Church including drumming, singing in conjunction with other students as part of the Childwall Sports College contemporary choir. Scott is also playing a leading role in the organisation of the show. The purpose is not only to provide a public performance for BTEC Performing Arts students at Childwall Sports College but to raise money for worthy causes. The group, and Scott in particular, have decided to raise for The Linda McCartney Breast Screening Unit. The students led by Scott have raised hundreds of pounds by raffling a large six foot bear with a member of staff, Mr. O'Hagan of the Maths Department, being the lucky recipient of the winning prize, the bear.



"Our Performing Arts students are doing exceptionally well not only with 100% record in terms of A-C but also in their desire to help worthy causes. I am thrilled that Scott and colleagues have put so much effort into the performance at St. Clare's Parish Church." Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Football; Cheerleading; Trampolining  
Sports for Girls; trampolining; Multi-sports  
Multi-sports; Dance; Trampolining  
Trampolining; Football; Sports for Girls  
Sports for Girls; Football; Trampolining

## Soccer Success At Childwall Sports College

Recently the new Year 7 Soccer Squad at Childwall Sports College played the first round of the national competition for U12s and were successful in an excellent performance against Our Lady's High School of Skelmersdale. The



squad is trained by Mr. Lamb who is head of Year 7 and the boys played particularly well to record an excellent win against good opposition from Skelmersdale. Childwall Sports College is looking forward to the next match in the national competition and have high hopes of doing well.

"I thought our Year 7 boys played particularly well as they have only just begun their school and soccer careers at Childwall Sports College. The boys' success augurs extremely well for the future."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

## Year 8

Year 8 groups and their tutors are given the opportunity to lead an assembly of their own choice. The dates of these are:

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 81 Mr. Breen      | 16th Jan  |
| 82 Mrs. Bannister | 31st Oct  |
| 83 Mr. O'Hagan    | 30th Jan  |
| 84 Miss. McNally  | 14th Nov  |
| 85 Mr. Porter     | 28th Nov  |
| 86 Mr. Nosiama    | 3rd Oct   |
| 87 Miss. Wilde    | 17th Oct  |
| 88 Mr. Rasmussen  | 12th Dec. |

## PC Jenny

I have been working at Childwall School for over a year now and the one question pupils ask me more than any other is 'why are there police officers in schools?' It is definitely NOT because a school needs a police officer but rather it is because Merseyside Police recognise that bridges need to be built between young people and the image they might have about the Police Force. One of the best ways to overcome negative attitudes is by integrating Police Officers into schools and making the Police more approachable and accessible to young people.

My full job title is, 'A Safer Schools Police Liaison Officer' and as the title states my role is to help to make a school a safer place. So how do I do that? I work with all year groups from year 7 to year 11, I get involved with lessons about all different kinds of topics including, personal safety, crime prevention, anti social behaviour and road safety. I have introduced the S.H.A.R.P System into the school, I hold crime prevention stalls, run a 'Police Service Course' for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and I have 'drop in' sessions. My office door is always open to anyone who needs advice, help or reassurance.

One of the best bits to my job is being able to take pupils out on trips. Over the summer took over 30 pupils to places like Bowling, Ice Skating, Spaceport, Tatton Park, Knowsley Safari Park and to the National Police Horse Show. I will soon be announcing 2 more trips to Deeside Ice Rink at the end of October, Mischief Night and Halloween BUT don't worry I will give you plenty of notice.

If you do have any question you'd like me to answer about my role in the school or about the police, please contact me through either the S.H.A.R.P system [www.thesharpsystem.com/childwall](http://www.thesharpsystem.com/childwall) or pop in and see me in my office.

## The Ski Trip

The following pupils have taken the opportunity to attend Childwall's annual ski trip to Torgon Switzerland.

John Windle  
Deacon Houghton  
Sean Kirk  
Conor Jones  
Joseph Fallows  
Joseph Byrne  
James Hunter Mullet  
Richard Dalziel  
Niall Ellison  
Lewis Taylor  
Jon Paul Calvert  
Carl Oram  
Rachael Tsai  
Andrew Mills  
Billy Newland  
Peter Bresnan  
Olivia Hamilton  
Paris Kaye-Minto  
Karl Scott  
Christopher Roache  
Jack Coulson  
Connor Rowan  
Lewis Peters  
Luke Holden  
Daniel Wilson

Should you require any information regarding the trip see Miss. Cassidy.

## Childwall Drama Department Celebrating Black History Month

Some of our students had a real treat this term. All Drama students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 together with an invited group from year 9 were able to see the play 'Call Mr. Tibbs' performed in our Drama Studio. Also present in the audience were students from our sixth form collaborative school, King David High. This play, financed by UNISON, was written and performed by a Nigerian architect in Liverpool. His first performance received rave reviews at the Fringe Festival, and he took it to America in April 2008. The play, about the extraordinary life of Paul Robeson, was well-received by all concerned at the two performances in school, part of the celebrations for Black History Month. The school was presented with a framed photograph of Paul Robeson by UNISON to commemorate our hosting of this event. On the Saturday evening following his appearance in Childwall Sports College, Tayo Aluko was appearing in St. George's Hall - we know quality when we see it here in Childwall Drama Department.

M.A.Curtis

## Shokk Under 18 Fitness Suite Membership £10.00 a Month 6 - 17 Years

Cycle Bikes, Running Machines, Cross Trainers, Rowing Machines, Childrens Weights and Benches, Leg Curl, Leg Extension, Lat Pull Down, Shoulder Press and Leg Press. Disco lights and Music.

Natalie Wray

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## Goodison Link at Childwall Sports College

Recently Childwall Sports College has been heavily involved in discussion with Everton FC and particularly their Community Programme. Everton FC and Childwall Sports College have worked closely for many years on a range of community programmes including summer schools and we were delighted to be able to attend a recent match at Goodison involving Everton and Newcastle with very large numbers of youngsters from Childwall attending as guests of Everton FC. There was great excitement at Childwall on the occasion of the visit to Goodison by hundreds of youngsters from Childwall Sports College.



"I am grateful to Everton FC for providing opportunities for our youngsters and also the occasion of the match versus Newcastle when our students were guests of Everton FC. This was a wonderful gesture by officials of Everton FC."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

## Leisure & Tourism and Modern Foreign Languages

Year 12 and 13 Spanish A Level students are to go on a four day visit to Santiago De Compostela, in Northern Spain, during the half term break. They are to interview local people and take part



in a Spanish language "treasure hunt" around the city and even visit a local school. Hopefully, this school will be involved in a future student exchange with our school. The visit will give the students the chance to practice their Spanish and to give them increased confidence in their forthcoming examinations. The students raised money to support the trip by washing staff cars. We now have Spanish Sixth Form students who are supporting classes in Key Stage 3.

Congratulations to the Year 10 Travel and Tourism group who have just taken the first part of a Spanish-Travel and Tourism language qualification.



The Travel and Tourism Department are to take over 90 students to Alton Towers as part of their A Level courses. There will also be City Centre visits for Year 11 students to support them in their GCSE course.

D. Meir

## Mobile Phones for Charity.

We have been collecting old/broken/unused mobile phones for some time but our collection is not going very well. We would like to ask all parents and friends of the school to bring any phones into school for the Royal Society for the Blind - Liverpool Blind School in Wavertree. The phones are exchanged for funds which will enable the Blind School to buy guide dogs for the children. This collection will continue throughout the year so please keep them coming!! You can pass any phones to Mrs. LL Bannister in school. Thank you for your help. I wait to hear from you.

LL Bannister.

## Design Technology has strong links with the Ghanaian Society

A group of our year 7 pupils, visited Liverpool Anglican Cathedral this to perform, African Drumming, at the end of the closing ceremony of International Youth Conference.



Lots of the international delegates came over to praise the pupils for their performance. The pupils all came back from the trip buzzing, excited and proud.

JL Davies Design Technology

## Year 8 Rugby at Childwall Sports College

The Year 8 Rugby Squad at Childwall Sports College has started its season exceptionally well winning all three games in the Liverpool Schools Rugby Cup. The Year 8 squad coached by Mr. Breen of the school's P.E. Department defeated Cardinal Heenan, West Derby and SFX scoring a total of 8 tries and conceding only one in the three games. Their next round of fixtures is on Thursday 9th October.

The school and the P.E. Department have high hopes of the Year 8 Rugby Squad for the coming season.



"Congratulations to our Year 8 Rugby Squad. They have done exceptionally well to defeat a number of Rugby playing schools. This augurs extremely well for the success of the Year 8 Rugby Squad as they proceed through their fixture list for the year. My thanks go to Mr. Breen."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

# Childwall Sports Centre

## October Half Term Sports Activities

### Monday 20th October-friday 24th October 2008

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**DATES AND TIMES:**

Activities run from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October. Early morning drop off is available from 8am and late pick up, up to 5.30pm. All of the activities are FREE!

**BOOKING:**

To book your child's place please contact Childwall Sports Centre on 0151 7221561/07792367048. Early booking is essential to avoid disappointment. The October Holiday Programme will be a smaller programme than previous holidays due to anticipated poor weather conditions and a lack of indoor facilities. All parents are required to complete a parental/carer consent form (Child's name, Address, Date of Birth, Emergency Contact Details) before any child can take part in activities.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Children will be split into age and ability groups on the day by the coaches for activities where large age brackets are advertised. The sports centre adheres to 1:16 coach to participant ratios. Furthermore every sport has an assistant coach to support water and toilet breaks. All coaches have undertaken CRB clearance and hold national governing body qualifications relevant to the activity they are leading. All activities are suitable for 5-16 year olds, except trampolining which is for 8-16 year olds.

**LUNCH:**

Supervised lunch takes place between 12.15-12.45 in the school canteen. All children need a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for throughout the day.

**CLOTHING:**

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed and wearing the correct footwear.

| MONDAY 20TH OCT | TUESDAY 21ST OCT   | WEDNESDAY 22ND OCT   | THURSDAY 23RD OCT  | FRIDAY 24TH OCT  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| FOOTBALL        | SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR GIRLS: DANCE, CHEERLEADING, GAMES, AEROBICS, FITNESS     | MULTI-SPORTS: 5-A-SIDE, HANDBALL, BASKETBALL, DODGEBALL, KWICK CRICKET, HOCKEY | TRAMPOLINING   | SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR GIRLS: DANCE, CHEERLEADING, GAMES, AEROBICS, FITNESS |
| CHEERLEADING    | TRAMPOLINING   | DANCE  | FOOTBALL   | FOOTBALL   |
| TRAMPOLINING    | MULTI-SPORTS: 5-A-SIDE, HANDBALL, BASKETBALL, DODGEBALL, KWICK CRICKET, HOCKEY | TRAMPOLINING   | SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR GIRLS: DANCE, CHEERLEADING, GAMES, AEROBICS, FITNESS | TRAMPOLINING   |

### Year 11 English GCSE Examinations

**Paper 1: Wednesday 5th November 9.00am - 11.00am**

**Paper 2: Monday 10th November 9.00am - 11.00am**

Year 11 pupils have been working towards their GCSE for the last year. Pupils must focus, revise and remain dedicated to achieving high grades this November. It is essential that pupils are attending all lessons and completing the necessary work at home. Can I remind all pupils of the after school revision classes taking place on Thursday after school (please see the timetable below). There are also two days of revision taking place during half term on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October.

| Date       | Area to be covered |                             |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10/9/2008  | KBR                | Paper 1 Section B           |
|            |                    | Writing to describe         |
|            |                    | Narrative writing           |
| 10/16/2008 | KCH                | Paper 1 Section A           |
|            |                    | Prose Reading               |
| 10/30/2008 | HCO/JST            | Paper 2 Section B           |
|            |                    | Transactional Writing       |
| 11/6/2008  | HCO/EJS            | Paper 2 Section A           |
|            |                    | Media and Non-fiction Texts |

Miss H Conway

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

Yours sincerely



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### 6th Form Football

As you may be aware, myself, Mr. Tyrer, and Mr. Sullivan have been running the sixth form football team for over a year and we are now in a Merseyside League competition and National Cup competition.

The first fixture was last week on our school field and we beat Helsby High 3-1 after Michael McDonough scored in the first half and Nathan O'Connell and Nick Coward scored in the second after Helsby had equalised.

The second fixture was Wednesday 8th away to Mosslands in Wallasey. we also beat them 2-1 after Aaron Bowen and Sandile Nene scored in either half to complete a terrific performance by our lads despite a few hard tackles, a biased ref and a few physical battles from the opposition!! They were an absolute credit to the school. All of that now means that Childwall Sports College Sixth Form Football team is now sitting pretty at the top of the league after just two games which is a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to the team on a terrific start to the season and if you want to show your support, please come over and watch them against COLCC on our school field.

M. Langley