

Childwall School News

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Dear Parent/Carer

By now all parents will know that once again Childwall Sports College exceeded Local and Government Targets for GCSE. This includes the figure for 5 A*-C at GCSE including English and Mathematics. We are delighted to be able to tell all parents that once again we have exceeded our GCSE Targets for the 5th consecutive year. These are marvellous achievements and I send my warmest congratulations to all concerned.

Our Open Evening which took place on the 24th September was an outstanding success

with very large numbers of parents and students visiting us on the day. Parents will be aware that we are oversubscribed in terms of numbers for the current Year 7.

OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS AT CHILDWALL SPORTS COLLEGE AGAIN.

Students studying Food Technology at Childwall are working alongside staff

including Miss Colgan to enter the "Future Chef Competition". The first phase in the finals takes place in October and we expect to have some superb food provided by our students for this competition.

As A Specialist Sport College health is at the forefront of the work that we do. The school will be celebrating in a variety of ways "World Food Day" which takes place on 16th October. There will also be a number of themed lessons on "Healthy Eating" on the 11th November 2009.

All staff will be engaged in, In Service Training on Friday 23rd October. Therefore there will be no school for students on this day. Half Term Holiday takes place between the 26th October and the 30th October. School re-opens to all students on Monday 2nd November. I do hope all students but particularly those in examination classes use this opportunity to revise thoroughly for their examinations.

The next PTFA Meeting takes place on the 2nd November at 6pm. All parents are warmly invited. The PTA is holding a quiz on the 3rd December 2009 at 8.30pm tickets are priced £5 and available from the School Office.

"Kes" Kings at Childwall Sports College!!

Recently a group of Key Stage 3 Drama Students was delighted to be offered roles in the prestigious productions of 'Kes' at the Playhouse Theatre. The students were selected from all Liverpool's Secondary Schools to



join the 'Kes' cast. Students were coached by Ms Faye Horrocks of the Drama Department. Preparation and coaching began in the summer and continued through to the autumn. The production enjoyed a successful run with packed houses on all occasions.

D W Phillips

Artists in Residence at Childwall Sports College

Recently Rachel Howard a Specialist Textile Artist under took a residency at Childwall Sports College. Rachel explored "portraits" with a large group of Art Students, who will take part in a full days screen printing workshop in November and the work produced



will be used specifically to enhance AS Level Portfolios.

Rachel Howard gained her Master's Degree at the Royal College of Art and is currently working towards the Crafts Council's "Origin" Exhibition at Summeret House in London.

D W Phillips

Year 9 Multicultural Day

On Monday 28th of September the whole of Year 9 were involved in a multicultural day. Pupils took part in different cultural activities music/dance/drumming/Textile design and weaving/Brazilian dancing/Storytelling and drama. All artists are provided and funded by the Ghana Association.



At the end of the day there was an assembly for the whole year when our pupils performed in front of their peers. We invited two important

guests of honour - Professor Ayensu Gyaebour, a Historian from Bristol University and Professor Barima Kkyi Professor from Manchester University. Both guests dressed in their original Chief Ghanaian robes to represent their cultural heritage and they addressed our pupils at the beginning of the assembly.



Thanks again for all your support.

Marcelle Greenberg (Bilingual Support)

School closes on Friday 18th December and re-opens on Monday 4th January 2010.

Year 11

The Year 11 Trial Examinations are scheduled to commence in the week 14th December.

As always if parents wish to discuss their children's progress they should in the first instance approach the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader.

At Childwall Sports College we intend that all students maximise their potential. Therefore it is imperative that all students attend on all occasions to ensure that they receive the maximum support from the school in terms of all aspects but especially academic progress.

Parents will be aware that the GCSE Examinations for English and Maths take place immediately after the Half Term Holiday the details are as follows:

GCSE English	9th November
	12th November
GCSE Maths	5th November
	10th November
	13th November

It is imperative that all Year 11 candidates attend and sit these very important final examinations.

Many thanks to all those parents who attended the Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening which took place on the 1st October. This was extremely successful.

A number of Year 11 students will be taking part in a residential to Colomendy on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th October. The purpose of this "English Residential" is to ensure the highest possible grades for students in the very important English GCSE Examinations.

Visit of Lord Mayor and Leader of the council to Childwall Sports College

Recently Childwall Sports College was delighted to be visited by Liverpool's two "First Citizens". The Lord Mayor Councillor Mike Storey and Councillor Warren Bradley Leader of Liverpool City Council visited the Sports College and were interviewed by Childwall Student Council in addition to being quizzed by members of Childwall Newspaper Club.



Both Councillors were asked a number of searching questions particularly about football and salaries of the respective Councillors. Childwall Sports College has an outstanding reputation for its "community cohesion" and the visit of Councillors Bradley and Storey confirms the commitment of the school to its place within the community.

D W Phillips

Year 7

All Year 7 Students who went to Colomendy on the 30th September had a marvellous time and I wish to express my thanks to the staff who accompanied the students on this 3 Day Residential. Year 7 parents are reminded that Year 7 Parents Evening takes place on the 12th November. Further details to follow from Mr Phoenix.

Year 10

On the 16th November 2009 all the Year 10 Business Study Students will be taking part in "Make Your Mark". Further details to follow from Miss Maddock.

The Year 10 Parents Evening takes place on the 25th November. Further details to follow from Mr Mullarkey.

Childwall Sports College Student delivers to National Conference

Aron Julius a Year 10 Student was selected from all the students in Liverpool to take part in a National Conference in Education which took place in Liverpool recently. Aron shared the stage with a number of prominent educationalists from across Britain and was also delighted to share the stage with Councillor Warren Bradley Leader of Liverpool City Council. Aron was the youngest student to take part in the Conference the others being Sixth Form Students from schools in Manchester.



At the Conference Aron was asked to deliver a speech on the support given to students in the transition period between Keystage 3 and Keystage 4. Aron specifically spoke about the subjects he had chosen to study at Childwall Sports College and was asked his advice around various websites which are designed to support the process of Option Choices in Keystage 4.

"Aron is a fine student and a talented all rounder, not only is he a proficient speaker but in 2009 was chosen as Childwall Sports College's Diana Princess of Wales Award Winner. "

D W Phillips

Yr 7 had their first Basketball game against St. Margaret's with some great performances from Kurtis, Scott and Donart. Unfortunately we lost by a substantial 30 - 7, but I am certain that with the expert training from the Everton Tigers Coaching sessions on Thursday lunchtimes and Thursday nights we will show a massive improvement in the next game.

S. Bird

Years 12 & 13

We have over 300 students registered at the Sixth Form at Childwall Sports College this includes a number of students from Merseyside and the North West of England who are engaged in our Innovative Academy arrangements with Everton for Soccer and Basketball. Parents will be aware that in 2008/09 Childwall's Sixth Form was identified as being in the top 7% of all Sixth Forms in England. This is a marvellous achievement.

British Food Fortnight

Childwall Sports College prides itself on being a multi-cultural school which offers a diverse learning environment to all of its pupils. The Food Technology Department recognizes and celebrates a variety of cultural events in the Food Calendar and one such event was very close to our own doorstep "British Food Fortnight". Pupils and staff researched a variety of traditional recipes from the countries which make up Great Britain and prepared and cooked delicious food products for parents, staff and



pupils to taste during the Open Evening on Thursday 24th September. The menu consisted of English Cheeses, Mini English Breakfast, Welsh Cakes, Bara Brith, Soda Bread, Leek and Potato Soup, Potato Cakes, Scottish Shortbread and Cherry Scones. The event was a success with everyone enjoying a sample of 'British Foods'. Well done to all of the pupils and staff involved.

M. Colgan

National Children's Book Week Celebrated at Childwall Sports College

Childwall Sports College continues to raise the literacy levels of all its students by a range of activities during "National Children's Book Week" in the first week of October. One of these activities was to invite a nationally known comic artist Richard Woods, into the Learning Resource Centre. The arrangements with



Childwall Sports College were made by the Library Services in Liverpool and are part of Childwall's ongoing commitment to ensuring that the successes of our students continue.

D W Phillips

Year 7 Colomendy

Year 7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Kingswood outdoor centre Colomendy



North Wales. Mr Phoenix was superbly supported by the rest of the year team and 10 members of the sixth form.

B. Thomas

Visit of Spanish Students to Childwall

Childwall takes great pride in its international links. The school has been identified by the DCSF as an "International School" due to the extensive links with countries from across the globe. The most recent of these visits took place when a party of staff and students from Secondary Schools in Northern Spain visited Childwall for a week. A group of Childwall students were assigned to work in lessons and spend time with our visitors from Spain visiting various parts of Liverpool, Merseyside and North Wales. The purpose of the visits is to continue to enhance students understanding of life in other countries and is part of the Sports College's wider Community Plan.



A reciprocal visit to Spain has been arranged for April 2010 which will be led by Mr McAteer of the ICT Department and Miss Lopez of the Modern Foreign Languages Department.

D W Phillips

Health & Social Care and Society, Health and Development Diploma News

The SHD group were invited to attend the Pre-registration Nursing Induction Training on 5 and 6 October. The girls looked immaculate all proudly wearing their SHD uniform. It was an eventful two days packed with interesting information. A great experience for our budding nurses.

The broad nature of the subjects means we rely on the expertise of many school staff. Last week Mr Phillips returned to the classroom to give a wonderful presentation on our Extended Services Partnership. This week Natalie Wray is coming to provide us with the full picture. The girls will then have the information required to write up their case study on Partnership Working. Miss Gall came to give the SHD group a fantastic insight into the Common Assessment Framework, the girls really enjoyed the session and saw Miss Gall in a new light! They were really impressed!

It was then Mr Lewis's turn to give an excellent Power Point Presentation on the causes and effects of diabetes. He gave a really insightful talk and the H&S group are now armed with all of the information they require to achieve success in their coursework.

A VERY BIG thank you to all concerned

P. March

Childwall goes to the Palace

After a fantastic year of the Duke of Edinburgh with many of our students gaining the award at Bronze, Silver and now Gold. This means that the pupils involved Laura Seddon, Stephen Kelly, Kim Wearing and Adain Iniabere, will be going to St James Palace in London to meet the Duke of Edinburgh. It is the first time that Childwall have gained this prestigious award.



The pupils have not only completed a very demanding walk carrying all that they need to survive for the duration of their walk, which includes tents, stoves, food and the skills needed to navigate across difficult terrain. The pupils have had to complete, in some cases 12 months volunteering, helping coach children in many different areas. My thanks go out to all pupils and staff involved who have been working extremely hard in gaining the award, and working towards the next level.

S. Cheetham

Fiveways Trust

Parents will be aware that the school is consulting on withdrawing from the Fiveways Trust and reverting to Foundation Status.

Consultation on this matter continues. The proposals are available on the schools website: www.childwallsc.co.uk

Would Parents and Carers please note that all responses must be sent to the Clerk to the Governors no later than 20th November 2009 3pm to:

Mrs C Densmore
Clerk to the Governing Body
Childwall Sports College
Queens Drive
Liverpool
L15 6XZ

Or email admin@childwallsc.co.uk

Everyman Theatre Trip to See "Billy Wonderful"

Liverpool and Everton had an extra derby this season when Mr Kelly took a group of year 11 boys to the Everyman Theatre to see the acclaimed play "Billy Wonderful".

Tickets for the play were generously provided by the MS Writers group of Kensington. The students are seen pictured with Jackie and Mike Breen from the writers group.

The play, by award winning writer Nick Leather tells the story of Billy Walters whose life ambition is to score the winning goal in the derby. The play addressed many of the issues faced by young people today who have an interest in football and play for their local team – football is important in their lives but it is also important to maintain a balance in life and keep realistic goals.



After the play, students expressed their thanks to Jackie and Mike and were excited about the performance and the message it delivered. For many of the students it was their first time of seeing contemporary theatre and they were clearly excited about any other opportunity to visit the theatre in the future.

I should like to express my thanks to the MS writers group and Rachel from the Everyman Theatre for their support and generosity in providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

E. Kelly

Horrible Science Club

Week two at the Horrible Science Club and pupils are creating their own bullet proof material. This weird and wonderful slime had pupils asking 'Why



does it flow when left alone?' and 'Why does it go hard and solid when a force is applied such as punching or pressing it?' The answers are all revealed at the Childwall Science club, every Tuesday 3:15-4:00pm.

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.

Student Success at Childwall Sports College

Two of Childwall Sports College's new Year 7 intake are proving to be stars in their own right! Bria Routledge and Chenee Nicholls have excelled in the first few weeks at being in Childwall.

Chenee has been working on her poetry anthology with Mrs Gambardella. We were delighted to be informed Chenee had reached the final of the Liverpool Poetry in Place Competition. The Awards Ceremony is to be held on the 24th November hosted by Councillor Warren Bradley, Leader of the Council. Hopes are high at Childwall Sports College that Chenee will walk away with the top prize.



Bria Routledge has been selected from her age group of students across the City of Liverpool to represent the City at A National Conference to be held on the theme of "Law and Order" Bria will be speaking at the Conference on aspects of crime and punishment.

D W Phillips

Year 8 football is on a winning streak, The team beat local rivals Gateacre 2 - 1 with two goals from Shaqour Nze, one being a massive error from their goal keeper. Nze made up for it with a fantastic strike from outside the box. A very good game overall.

S. Cheetham
Hockey

Childwall Yr9 v Liverpool College

The girls put on a great performance against 'the best hockey school in the city'. With only

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 for winter. Black shoe

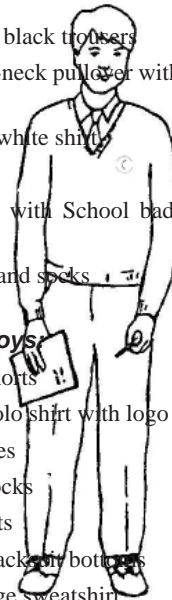


P.E. Kit - Girls:

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

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 - Boys:

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

10 players the girls held out for a 0-0 draw. The defensive play shown by Childwall was nothing less than brilliant, special mention must go to Ashley Ryan and Megan Warrilow for some excellent tackles. Kirsty Bennett was awarded Girl of the Match for her outstanding game in goal, saving at least 20 shots from the College attack. The girls were a credit to the school and themselves and should be very proud of their achievement.

Miss Wilde

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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