

# Childwall School News

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## Childwall Sports College GCSE Results 2009, commended by the Director of Education for Liverpool.

Dear Parent(s), Carer(s)

By now all parents will know that we achieved some outstanding GCSE and indeed A Level results in 2009. We were delighted once again to exceed targets for the critical 5 A\*-C and 5 A-G in 2009. Year 11 students have currently completed GCSE examinations in English and Mathematics and we are hopeful of some excellent results. The results will be available in January 2010. The Year 11 Parents Evening

### Year 7

The Year 7 Parents Evening took place on the 12th November and was extremely successful. My thanks go to all Year 7 Parents for supporting the school and their children on this particular day.

### Year 9

The Year 9 Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 8th December. Miss Cassidy and Miss Alecock will be making the arrangements. In addition, on the 9th December the Year 9 Humanities Achievement Evening will take place. The arrangements are being made by Miss McNally and the presentations will start at 4pm.

### Year 10

The Year 10 Parents Evening takes place on Wednesday 25th November at 4pm. Arrangements will be made by Mr Mullarkey and Mr O'Leary. I do hope all Year 10 parents are able to attend.

All Year 10 students pursuing Business Studies took part in an 'enterprise' activity on Monday 16th November. Staff were delighted at the response of the students.

The Christmas Production of 'Have you Seen Rudolph?' takes place on the 15th December at 7pm, tickets are priced £3.00. I do hope all parents are able to support this important School Production.

A number of our students are supporting 'World Disabled Day' on the 3rd December. Students from Childwall will be working alongside disadvantaged youngsters at Green Bank Sports Academy.

Merit Ceremonies will take place in the course of the final week of term when students in all year groups will be presented with certificates for achievement and attendance.

takes place on **Wednesday 27th January** and I do hope all the Year 11 parents are able to attend.

In addition to our outstanding GCSE results we were delighted to be informed by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) that we have been identified as the winner of the National Inclusion Award for 2009. This is an outstanding achievement and I send my warmest congratulations to staff and students.

D.W.Phillips Headteacher

### P.E

I am delighted to be able to inform all parents that three of our students are to be awarded the prestigious Liverpool Schools Sports Awards at St George's Hall on the 26th November 2009. Students involved are Adam Taylor for cricket, Leila Blackett for volunteering and Paris Kaye-Minto for basketball.

### Year 11

The Year 11 Trial Examinations begin in the week commencing Monday 14th December. I do hope all the Year 11 students are revising thoroughly for these important examinations.

### End of Term

All parents are advised that the Autumn Term 2009 ends on Friday 18th December at 3.10pm and school re-opens to all staff and students after Christmas on Monday 4th January 2010 8.15am.

The following colleagues are leaving us at the end of the calendar year 2009:

Mr S Cooper	Head of Sixth Form
Mr J Lamb	Pupil Progress Leader
Ms J O'Neil	Head of Mathematics
Miss F Horrocks	Keystage 3 Creative Arts Co-ordinator.

I would like to record my thanks to these colleagues for their superb work and in some cases over many years for the students at Childwall Sports College; we wish all colleagues good fortune in the future.

D.W.Phillips Headteacher

The PTA is holding its Quiz Night on Thursday 3rd December tickets are £5 and are available from the school office. Includes hot meal, subsidised drinks and prizes. I do hope parents are able to join us for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

On Thursday 19th November we were delighted to receive a visit from Ballet Rambert. Students from a number of year groups took part in the workshop. The arrangements were made by Ms S Cook, Dance Teacher. Miss Cook also took a party of youngsters to a dance festival in Manchester on Saturday 21st November.

### Attendance News

Parents will have all received by now our recent 'attendance' mail shot. This outlined new policies now in place at Childwall. Please adhere to the following points to ensure excellent attendance for your child:

- No holidays in term time
- Medical appointments to be made outside of school hours wherever possible
- Ensure your child is in school, on time, everyday

**BE THROUGH THE GATE BY TWENTY PAST EIGHT!**

**MISS SCHOOL, MISS OUT!!**

Everyone should be aiming for 93% attendance or more!

If your individual attendance is less than 90% then it's the equivalent to missing half a day per week, over the year that adds up to four weeks and, over your child's compulsory education, that's half a year of schooling missed. Every absence comes at a price!

Please do not hesitate to contact the attendance office if you have any queries, the number is 0151 722 1561 and choose option one.

### Who's Who!

Pastoral Teams

Year 7 Mr. D. Phoenix, Mrs B. Thomas.

Year 8 Mr. J. Lamb, Mrs D. Jennings

Year 9 Miss J. Cassidy, Miss C. Alecock

Year 10 Mr. C. Mullarkey, Mr. M. O'Leary

Year 11 Mr. D. Rietdyk, Mr. M. Langley

Sixth Form Mr. S. Cooper/ Mr. O. Crispin,  
Mrs L. Gleeson/ Mrs J. Gambardella

SEN Mr. P. Lewis

EAL Mrs M. Greenberg

Gifted and Talented Miss L. Morgan

Child Protection Miss C. Gall

Mrs L. Gilford/ Mrs L. Gleeson

Attendance M. Ellison/ E. Saxon

If parents/carers have any queries relating to the above please contact the named person on 0151 722 1561.

## Childwall Sports College's Student of the Year!

**K**ieron Harper has been selected by the North West Training Council (NWTC) to receive the award presented annually to a student in recognition of their commitment and progress during the period on



the 'Preparation For Work Programme' with the North West Training Council. Kieron will be presented with his award at a high profile awards evening to take place at Aintree Race Course. The evening will be attended by directors and staff of the North West Training Council in addition to winning students such as Kieron Harper.

D.W.Phillips

## Sixth Form Students supporting Mosspsits Primary School

Sixth Form Students at Childwall Sports College have been spending part of their time at Mosspsits Primary School helping students especially in Year 6. The students Laura Li, Katie Zhao and Jenny Xu have been working at Mosspsits for many weeks as part of their Sixth Form Health



and Social Care Programme. Students have to do practical work in settings such as primary schools and the 3 students have been working every Monday and Wednesday supporting class teachers in a range of activities. Laura, Katie and Jenny have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences which have made them think about careers in the teaching profession.

D.W.Phillips

## U16 Merseyside Cup Quarter Final

Childwall- 0  
Birkdale- 3

The year 11 football team went out of the Merseyside cup in early November, and with that hopes of a major run in the national cup disappeared. The team were on a high after the last outing against Kirkby Sports College ended in a 14-0 victory, however the team were hampered by 4 withdrawals from the team. The lads that took to the field did themselves and the school proud in the awful conditions. The game was deadlocked until 15 minutes in to the second half when a moment's lapse in concentration in the Childwall defence saw the striker score past Andrew Mills in goal. To go a goal down was difficult as Childwall played better than their opposition for most of the game, with Thomas Hackett hitting the post with a thunderous effort just 5 minutes previous. Childwall then won a controversial free kick on the edge of the Birkdale area, rumour has it that Sam Parry has been nominated for an Oscar for his performance! The midfield battle was intense and the tackles were fierce. Jake Conroy got on the wrong side on the ref and using his mouth once too often and was taken off with 10 minutes to go to be replaced by Anton Baker. Birkdale scored their second after a mix up between Andrew Mills and his mind!! Mills lack of conviction coming out to claim the ball cost the team dear and Birkdale rolled the ball into the net in the confusion. Thomas Hackett got his marching orders shortly after the restart and Birkdale scored their 3rd goal with the last kick of the game.

Best for Childwall- Matthew Fleming and John Owen

P Breen

## Childwall Sports College Raises Money for Cancer Research

**W**arm hearted students at Childwall Sports College along with staff decided to raise money for Cancer Research by wearing 'pink' recently. All staff and students were encouraged to either wear a pink item of clothing or to carry a pink item.



In addition there were a number of activities taking place throughout the day involving the school specialist subject Physical Education and other activities including face painting, over £800 was raised in the course of the day with money still coming in.

D.W.Phillips

## Childwall Sports College Aims High!

**D**uring the recent half term holiday a group of Year 11 youngsters from Childwall Sports College took part in a Liverpool University Aim Higher Project and



Residential in the Lake District. The students were delighted at the opportunity to undertake a range of learning experiences in the Lake District of a practical but also academic nature with a view to ensuring success in their GCSE and subsequently in A Level examinations.

D.W.Phillips

## Dance

GCSE DANCE and 6 Year 8 pupils are involved in a dance workshop with Rambert Dance Company on the 19th November and 10 pupils from dance club are going to see Scrooge on 23rd November

S. Cooke

## Children In Need

On Friday the 20th November we will be joining in the celebrations for 'Children In Need'. Staff and students will be encouraged to wear 'yellow'.

D.W.Phillips Headteacher

## Performance Poet

On the 7th December we are to be visited by the well known performance poet Adisa who will be working with students in years 9 and 10.

## Of Mice and Men

**O**n Friday, 6th November the Manchester Actors Company came into school and gave an outstanding performance of Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' which is set in 1930's America during the depression. We will be studying this text up to Christmas as it part of the GCSE Literature. The presentation was followed by a workshop which enabled the pupils to question the actors who responded in character. The staff were impressed by the issues raised by the pupils. It was one of the best interpretations of the story we have seen and was an excellent start to the next stage of study for Year 11.

E.J.Score.

## Chef at Childwall Sports College

Large numbers of students opt to study Food Technology in Key stage 4 and in 2009 the school has decided to enter a National Cooking Competition on the lines of 'Hell's Kitchen'. All Year 10 Students entered the Schools Stage of the competition, with the final taking place recently with 8 students preparing a variety of dishes. The winner will represent the school at the North West Finals.



There were some wonderful dishes served up by the youngsters including Mediterranean fish pie. The decision as to which of the students was to go forward to represent the school at the Finals was exceptionally difficult as all the dishes were of the highest quality. Ultimately the panel decided that one of the male students produced the best dish which was a Seafood Pancake with locally sourced vegetables.

D. W Phillips

## Educational Visit to the Maritime Museum

I took Year 8 pupils to the Maritime Museum to learn about the Slave Trade on Tuesday 17th of November. We stopped for lunch and then straight to a guided session at the Museum. We travelled by school mini bus with Damien Quarless (from EMTAS).

Marcelle Greenberg  
(Bilingual Support)

## Recycling

After Christmas I will be collecting Christmas cards and stamps to raise money for local charities. If you get a mobile phone for Christmas please bring in your old handset for recycling to raise money for a blind school in Wavertree.

Many thanks  
LL Bannister

## Year 11 GCSE English Examinations

The English Faculty was most impressed by the serious effort that pupils put into their responses to the two English Papers on Monday, 9th November and Thursday, 12th November. Everyone worked very hard and it was a good sign that pupils were writing through to the very end. Fingers crossed for their GCSE results which come out in early January 2010. Pupils will then be reset according to their results; some to study English Literature, others to revisit coursework and resit English Language.

E.J. Score

## Year 11 English Trip To Colomendy

A group of 26 year 11 students began their half term holiday by getting off to a flying start with English revision. We drove into the centre to be met by stunning views of the Welsh mountains and were welcomed by Nick, who was to be our advisor and counsellor throughout the week-end.



An expedition to explore the caves was our first quest. Shamefully, Miss Clack was first to admit defeat, ducking out of a side door to seek relief, desperate for air, space and the luxury of standing at full stretch.

Challenges were faced with gusto. Many aspired to great heights on Jacob's ladder and the climbing wall; the archery tournament was won by Sandra Edwards. The group initiative test proved the most amusing. Engaging with students as we supported each other, as if life itself depended on the fulfilment of a task, was both heart warming and hilarious. Without alarm we balanced, leapt, swung and dived from one activity to another; Indiana Jones would have looked on and wept. Our own Mr. Phillips dropped in to see and inspire us. To our amazement he proved more than adept at

swinging from a rope, indeed demonstrating suppleness much akin to Tarzan.

Amidst the action, English revision was central to our mission. Being steeped in nature inspired greater depths of observation; original ideas poured forth in writing sessions. The result was a Creative Writing anthology compiled as a lasting testament to Childwall students' imaginative power.

Perhaps the highlight was the Fashion show; a strategy to unite thoughts of presentation devices on Language paper 2 with the ingenuity to design and present pupils' own purpose made outfits, [incidentally made entirely from newspaper.] Creations ranged from a chef's uniform complete with tray of food, to the Schilling hat metamorphosing Aaron Woodford's image from grunge to ultra chic. All were displayed on the catwalk to the applause of the crowd. Most rapturous was for Mr Woodford's transformation: the outright winner!

As confidence noticeably grew during activities and timing and planning issues were mastered in exam sessions, the year 11 students grasped



the realisation that achievement was satisfying. Not exclusively to enjoy academic success, although this goal was nearer, but to encompass the range of challenges and opportunities life offers, with the company and support of good friends.

Ms Clack

## Liverpool School's Parliament

On Monday 9th November three Y9 pupils (Sian Rowlands, Kelly Rowe and Ryan Laidlaw) went to the Liverpool Town Hall to take part in a meeting of the Upper House of the Liverpool School's Parliament (LSP). The meeting allows our pupils the opportunity for engagement in politics and political debate and also illustrated how official meetings are run. These children are Liverpool City Councillors as the LSP is an official committee of the Liverpool City Council.

The Youth Parliament discusses a number of issues covering a wide range of topics. Monday's main agenda was to discuss a resolution aimed at improving people's health and happiness by encouraging healthy living. The House discussed three big health issues which were identified at the last LSP meeting; these were drinking smoking and obesity. The House decided to pass the resolution and the minutes of the meeting will be passed to the City Council which must discuss and respond to them.

The next meeting of the LSP will take place on 25th January and there is also a regular LSP column (every other Tuesday) in the education section of the Liverpool Echo.

Emma Saxon

## National Award for Childwall Sports College

I am delighted to be able to inform all parents and carers that Childwall Sports College is the winner of the National Inclusion Award. Childwall is the only school in England to be awarded this highly prestigious award. The award will be made at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Annual Conference in Birmingham which takes place between the 25th and 27th November 2009. This is a wonderful achievement and I send my warmest congratulations to all staff involved in yet another significant success for Childwall Sports College.

D.W.Phillips, Headteacher

## Healthy Lifestyles

Childwall has recently published a 'Healthy Lifestyles' collection of fitness routines and recipe, provided by staff, parents and students. The 'Healthy Lifestyles Book' contains recipes



including baked salmon, minestrone soup, vegetable crumble and low fat strawberry dream pudding. In addition contributors have included a range of fitness regimes around skiing, Pilates, hill walking, tennis, hockey, dance and yoga. All of these activities are ones which are pursued by staff and students at Childwall Sports College.

D.W.Phillips

## Lost Property

Since September there have been lots of items left in school such as coats, bags and PE kits. If you have lost any of your belongings please see Miss Gall as she has lost property in her office. Could parents/ carers please label all items of clothing including bags to help us return them to your child.

## Shanghai Here We Come

Two Year 10 students are delighted to have been selected by the school to represent Childwall Sports College and Liverpool in the Cities twinning arrangements with Shanghai for 2010. Connor Rowan and Emma Lee will be



part of the Liverpool contingent which will visit Shanghai during the course of 2010 to cement further relations with Shanghai and also to aid trade and enterprise between the two cities.

## Knitting Club

If anyone has any leftover balls of wool suitable for making baby clothes and blankets to donate to our club we would be very grateful, along with any knitting needles that are suitable for children and beginners to use.

Many thanks

P. Urquhart

## Booked Up Author Event

Childwall School was invited to bring a group of Year 7 students to the "Booked Up" author event at Liverpool City Library. Students had an opportunity to meet Liverpool author Frank Cottrell Boyce and hear him read an extract from his latest book "Desirable", this was followed by a question and answer session. All students enjoyed the event and were a credit to the school.

G. Hamilton

## Sixth Form News

### National Holocaust Trust

Faye Marsh and Callum Strode Year 13 students took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project on the 14th October. This is a National Government backed project to heighten awareness of the horrors of the Holocaust. We were part of a 350 strong delegation from the North West. The students felt it was more important than ever that people remember what can happen when discrimination is allowed to prosper.

### Remembrance Sunday

John England a year 12 student represented Childwall Sports College in the very moving Service of Remembrance at St George's Hall. He, together with representatives from other schools laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The message read:

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

### Scholars Scheme

Childwall School was very successful with the University Scholars Scheme 2008. Out of 56 Merseyside students only 6 from the Scholars Scheme actually achieved their place at the University of Liverpool, two of whom were Childwall students; Barry Neilson reading English and Holly Dorrian reading Criminology and Sociology. Nimca Hassan also a participant received a National Aim Higher Award.

Well done to all.

J. Gambardella

## Bonfire Night Seminar

Every year group at Childwall was visited by the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to give advice regarding safety on Bonfire Night and also on Mischief Night. Students were addressed by Officers from the Liverpool Fire and Rescue Service who gave advice regarding the needs for safety when handling fireworks and also when being in attendance at bonfires. Students in all year groups were advised strongly to desist from involvement in 'mischief night'. Students were also advised to only visit properly organised bonfires on the night of the 5th November.



The talks given by colleagues from the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service were extremely well received by all students and all were suitably impressed with the need for good behaviour at all times.

D.W.Phillips

## Badminton

The following year 9 boys took part in a Liverpool Schools Badminton tournament yesterday at Greenbank Sports Academy. Dominic Spetzkowski, Anthony Groves, Clinton Hennessey, Tom Pye. The boys finished in joint 1st place.

Congratulations to them.

A. McLoughlin

## Monitoring Attendance and Behaviour

In line with DCSF guidelines we now have available secure access via the internet to your child's current data held on our management information system. If you wish to monitor your child's attendance, behaviour and assessment details at school then please contact Grahame Clark on 0151 722 1561 for further details.

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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