

# Childwall Sports College News

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## Childwall Sports College Celebrates More Exam Success!

Dear Parent/Carer

By now all parents and carers will know that school was closed to staff and students between **Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th January** due to the inclement weather. School re-opened on **Monday 11th January**. We were delighted to have received some excellent results from our GCSE English and Maths examinations which took place during the Autumn Term 2009. Further details regarding these results will be made available to parents at the Year 11 Parents Evening taking place on **27th January**. Year 11 Parents are also advised that the Year 11 -12 Options Evening takes place on the **4th February 2010**.

The Year 9 Options Evening is scheduled for **Thursday 21st January** starting at 6.30pm. The Year 8 Parents Evening takes place on **Tuesday 9th February**. I do hope all parents are able to attend the relevant Parents Evenings.

On Thursday 14th January we were delighted to be visited by Mr David Lammy who is the Labour MP for Tottenham and Minister for Higher Education. Mr Lammy spoke to staff and students for what was a very successful and high profile visit.

We were delighted to welcome new colleagues to Childwall Sports College in January 2010. Ms R Sefton joined us as Teacher of Drama to replace Ms Horrocks who has moved to a promoted post in Blackpool.

We were delighted to receive a national and prestigious award for our delivery of "Extended Services" awarded by the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) in January 2010. Parents will be aware of the vast array of opportunities offered to our own students during the course of the day and also at weekends. My thanks go to all staff involved in providing such a superb programme of activities for our youngsters.

Parents will also be aware that we have recently gained two other national awards namely:

- The Artsmark Gold Award
- The National Inclusion Award

These awards are a great tribute to the enthusiasm and commitment of staff at Childwall Sports College.

Parents will be aware that Childwall Sports College is working with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and The Library Service in Liverpool to provide a Level 1 Education/Health/Library Provision on the Childwall Site. The centre is due for completion by September 2011.

The next Parent, Teachers, Friends Association (PTFA) meeting takes place on **1st February 2010**. We were delighted at the success of the most recent PTFA event which was a quiz held in December. Profits from the quiz will be directed towards supporting youngsters at Childwall Sports College.

Parents will be aware that school will be closed on **Friday 12th February** for the purposes of Staff Training. The Half Term Holiday takes place between **Monday 15th and Friday 19th February**. School will re-open to all staff and students on **Monday 22nd February**.

Parents will be aware that Childwall Sports College was inspected by Ofsted in 2009 and it was concluded that 'Childwall Sports College is a good school with a number of outstanding features.' We were delighted at the outcome of the Inspection Report. A summary of the report is available on our website

[www.childwallsc.co.uk](http://www.childwallsc.co.uk)

One of the principal reasons why Childwall Sports College did so well in this last inspection was the excellent relationships between staff and students which have led to examination targets, particularly in Keystage 4 being not only met but exceeded. It is our intention that the current Year 11 again exceeds targets for 5 A-C especially including English and Mathematics. To this end I would urge all parents and particularly those in examination classes to make sure that their children are revising thoroughly for all examinations.

As always if parents wish to discuss their individual son/daughter they should immediately contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader.

I do hope all parents and carers, staff and students enjoy an excellent 2010.

D.W.Phillips. Headteacher

## Visit of David Lammy, MP, Minister of State for Higher Education, Childwall Sports College, 14th January 2010.

Recently David Lammy, MP, Minister with responsibility for Higher Education in the Labour Government visited Childwall Sports College and spoke to a range of staff and students. The programme for David Lammy's visit saw him speak to the Head Teacher with both Deputy Head Teachers followed by discussions with staff involved in the schools 'Aim Higher' programme.

A group of students was then introduced to David Lammy who explained the support given to them by staff at Childwall Sports College and

from Liverpool Local Authority to enable them to apply successfully for places at university. Mr. Lammy also met ex students at Childwall Sports College who have returned to work at Childwall

in a range of settings including teaching and administration. "Mr. Lammy's entry in Childwall Sports College's visitor's book reads as follows...



"Wonderful to meet your articulate pupils. Thank you for all you are doing to encourage entry to Higher Education."

"We were thrilled to be visited by David Lammy. He was most complimentary about the School's work especially with regard to providing opportunities for our students to go on to Higher Education."

## Hieroglyphics at Childwall Sports College!

Recently a group of students visited Egypt as part of Childwall Sports College's extensive residential programme. Students had a fantastic



time and visited Luxor, Cairo and obviously some of the highlights were a visit to the Pyramids and a trip to the River Nile.

## Elvis Appears at Childwall Sports College!

To celebrate what would have been Elvis Presley's 75th birthday, Childwall Sports College held a number of themed activities,



amongst the activities were a karaoke competition where students were encouraged to sing an Elvis song and make a donation to charity. In addition Elvis food stuffs were sold in honour of the King of Rock and Roll. Students also came in Elvis costume again raising money for good causes.

## Rugby Success at Childwall Sports College

The year 10 rugby squad at Childwall Sports College have had a most successful term culminating in winning the 'Emerging Rugby' competition. The squad,



coached by Mr. P Breen, had a recent match against a school in Preston and despite being disadvantaged by playing away from home; the squad was successful with Jamie Lightbody being chosen as 'Man of the Match'.

## Year 10 Ready, Steady, Cook Challenge

Year 10 Catering groups took part in a Ready, Steady, Cook Challenge as part of their assessment. This was a great success with pupils producing 2 dishes from a bag of ingredients. They worked well in their teams and produced some very tasty dishes. Year 10 are currently planning for their first



GCSE practical examination and are busy practising their food presentation skills. Miss Colgan and Mrs Emery would like to congratulate all of their Year 10 pupils for their hard work and effort in the first term. Well done.

M. Colgan

## Year 9 Humanities Achievement Evening a Success at Childwall Sports College!

The Humanities Faculty at Childwall Sports College held a very successful 'Achievement Ceremony' for year 9 students in December 2009. Students were involved in a cross curricular project on India in their humanities subjects. This was to further develop the pupils' knowledge of India and explore India's diverse and multicultural

population and how this diversity is linked to inequality in wealth and quality of life.

Special awards were given to the most successful students in Year 9. The evening also saw students performing Indian dances and ended with a sumptuous Indian meal.

Congratulations to all the pupils who received rewards on the night and took part in the project. On behalf of the Humanities Faculty I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the success of the Year 9 humanities rewards ceremony. More information about this project is available on our school website. [www.childwallsc.co.uk](http://www.childwallsc.co.uk)

D Mc Nally



## Drama Department Thank You

Following the performance of 'Have You Seen Rudolph?' on Tuesday 15th December, I am pleased to report that we sent a cheque for £90 to Crisis, a charity that helps homeless people. This means that 180 Christmas meals were provided by our audience on that night. Many thanks for attending, and we hope to see you at our next production.

M.Curtis – Drama Department  
Childwall Creative Arts

## Budding Journalists Needed

Would you like to write news articles for our award winning newspaper The Childwall Chronicle? Our Newspaper Club meet every Thursday lunchtime and after school to research and report on local, national and international issues. Visit the school website to see previous editions of the Chronicle. If you are interested please come to the LRC.

## Fundraising at Childwall

Many thanks to all who took part in our fundraising activities last term and supported our chosen charities.



It is great to see so many students and staff involved. We have raised £134 for Christian Aid from the Christmas presents raffle; £832.86



for the Breast Cancer Campaign from our Dare to Wear Pink Day and £585.47 for Children in Need.

C. Gall

## Year 9 Badminton

The Year 9 boys team has qualified for the county round of the Merseyside Championships, by virtue of coming in the top 2 in the South Central Championships. The county round will be held at the Kingsway Leisure Centre in Widnes on the 29th Jan 10.00am to 4.00pm. Well done to the team of Dominik Szpetkowski, Anthony Groves, Clinton Hennessy and Tom Pye.

A McLoughlin

## Fair Processing Notice (FPN)

Information about the Fair Processing Notice is available on the school website:

[www.childwallsc.co.uk](http://www.childwallsc.co.uk). I would urge all parents to read this important information.

## Aimhigher National Award Winner Sixth Form/FE Aimhigher Learner Award

Nimca Hassan, who left our school in July to study Pharmacy at Reading University, has won a national award. The judge commented, "Nimca's dedication to seizing and utilising fully the opportunities afforded by Aimhigher



have resulted in her massive achievements of successfully gaining educational qualifications...She is a remarkable young woman and should go far."

Presenting the award to Nimca, the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills

D. Meir

## Childwall Sports College Takes English Out of the Classroom!

Recently a group of Year 11 students studying English at Childwall Sports College was taken to the Colomendy Centre in North Wales. The group was not only involved in preparation for GCSE English but also in a range of outdoor activities. Students were led by Miss Clack



and Miss Brown of the English Department. During the three day residential students written activities were interspersed with physical activities including walking, climbing and using Colomendy Zip Wire.

Examination results at Childwall have continued to exceed targets and expectations are high and that the current Year 11 will continue with this trend.

## Drama Production

South Central Youth Support Project will be starting a new drama project called 'Chill Wall' with the Drama Department. It is open to all young people interested in Drama, Dance, Sound and lighting and production.

This production will be based on ghost stories from the Childwall area. A list for young people to put their names on is available in the LRC.

If you want more information don't hesitate to contact me

Thanks

Natalie Denny

## Champions Residential

Before Christmas, three of our Year 11 students, Kathryn White, Lauren Bowles and Holly Wissett took part in an overnight residential at Lakeside YMCA Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District. The aims of the trip were to engage the young people in activities that would challenge them personally, encourage them to take

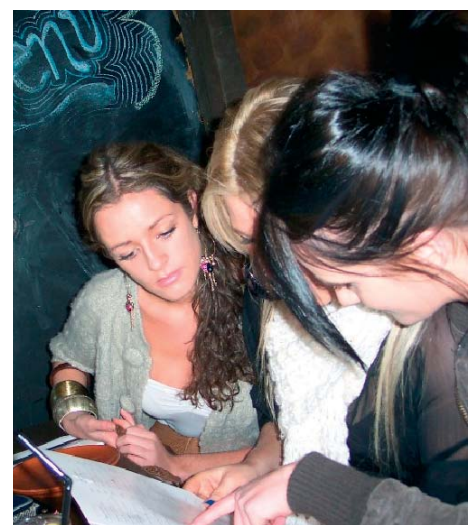


responsibility for themselves and allow them to develop their leadership and decision making skills. It is expected that the young people will transfer these skills into this important GCSE year at school. Activities included Climbing Wall, Abseil Tower, Challenge Course, King Swing and Nightline which were guided and instructed by Lakeside staff, who also set goals with the young people and helped them to evaluate and reflect on their own learning and experiences.

D. Meir

## MFL news

As a reward for their hard work and effort, members of the Year 11 and Year 12 Spanish groups went on a reward trip to a Spanish Tapas restaurant. During the meal, the students tasted



authentic Spanish dishes such as tortilla and abondigas. Such a first class attitude to learning can only serve the pupils well in their Summer examinations!

D. Meir

## Success at the Science Olympics!

Four of our Year 10 students have reached the final of the Merseyside Science Olympics. The team, led by Mrs Lynam, included Ryan Kelly, Adam Manley, Adam Hitchmough and Zack Trivedi. The latest heats of the Aimhigher Science Olympics took place



on 16th January with schools from Liverpool taking part in a day long series of events, competing against each other for the chance to win through to the grand finals later in the year.

The school visited the Department of Physics at the University of Liverpool to take part in a range of events that tested their science knowledge, team working and communication skills as they worked to achieve the highest scores on the day.

D. Meir

## High Achieving Students at Childwall Sports College

Recently Childwall Sports College held achievement award ceremonies for all year groups.

Students were nominated for awards for their academic achievements, punctuality and attendance. In addition individual students received awards such as 'Best Student' in the year group and also for individual subjects.

Examination performance at Childwall Sports College continues to improve and the merit ceremonies are an important part of the process of ensuring the continued success of all students.



## Hip Hop Dancing Comes to Childwall Sports College!

On Wednesday 13th January, Childwall School held a Hip Hop workshop for 40 boys, run by Calvin and Curtis of LJM Freestyle Dance Society. This aim was to get more boys interested in Dance and take part in extra activities within school. All boys really enjoyed the experience



and worked very hard to complete a routine that was challenging and fun. This was a great success and more dance workshops will be run with Calvin and Curtis returning to put a piece together for the Childwall Showcase in April.

In February a break dancing workshop will take place for the boys, a musical theatre and street dance workshops for the girls. Look out for more information.

Miss Cooke

## Playground Development

Both playgrounds (KS3 and KS4) are going to be fitted out with MUGA (Multi Use Games Areas). This will include goal posts with basketball posts above them and short tennis pitches with nets that also act as dividers for the football and basketball pitches.

Work is due to commence on Wednesday 20th January 2010.

AMV are the appointed contractors and they will be working on KS 4 yard in the first instance.

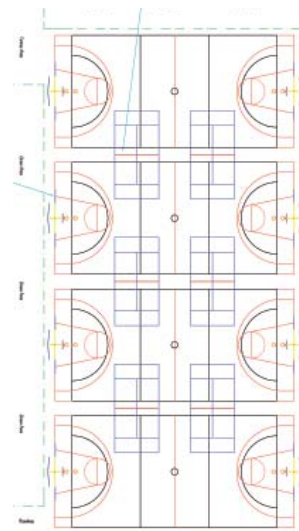
Work on one playground will take approximately 1 week. AMV will work on 2 goal areas at a

time. This area will be fenced off with heras fencing while work is underway.

I do hope this will

cause little disruption.

C. Denmore, Business Manager.



## Sixth Form News

### University Applications

We are delighted to announce that following a more targeted programme, Year 13 university application has increased to 74 from less than 40 in 2009. We also have for the first time in a number of years a student, Egzona Grajcevi, accepted on to a Midwifery course. Congratulations also go to Sean Walsh who has been offered a place at Cambridge University to study Medicine, subject to his achieving 3 grade As at A level.

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

Yours sincerely

D.W. Phillips  
Headteacher

Fiveways, Queens Drive, Liverpool, L15 6XZ.

### Haiti Earthquake Appeal

A huge thanks to Gloria Tolongo, Evans Ratsakatika and Thembi Moyo for organising our Year 12/13 Haiti Earthquake Appeal. They have given up their free time and have raised over £300. This generosity of our students never fails to amaze.

### Visits and Trips

Year 12/13 students enjoyed a cultural Egyptian experience with Mr. Kelly in December. Other educational visits have included English visits to the theatre, English Language cultural visit in Liverpool to act as a stimulus for coursework, and various Art trips to galleries. Hopefully this will encourage even better grades.

J. Gambardella.