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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you as we come to the end of the Autumn Term 2008. As always school has been exceptionally busy with Year 11 in particular engaged in revision and completion of **trial examinations**. Parents/Carers will be aware that in 2008 Childwall Sports College achieved its best ever GCSE results and in the process exceeded the Government's targets for GCSE including English and Mathematics. We are extremely optimistic that in 2009 we will once again exceed all targets. I have the highest expectations of the current Year 11 who I am certain will have performed admirably during the GCSE final examinations for **English** which took place in November 2008. There were also important GCSE examinations in **Mathematics**.

Year 11 will be revising thoroughly for the trial examinations which begin on **16th December**. The Year 11 Parents Evening will take place on 29th January 2009 and I do hope all Parents/Carers of students in Year 11 are able to attend this very important Parents' meeting.

The **Sixth Form Parents Evening** takes place on **Wednesday, 25th February 2009**.

Year 9. The **Year 9 Parents Evening** takes place on **9th December 2008** with the **Year 9 Options Evening** now taking place

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all who bought a poppy and helped us raise £110.55 for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks also to the Year 9 students who sold the poppies during lunchtimes

on a new date of **22nd January 2009**. There are a number of important option choices which Parents/Carers and students in Year 9 must make in preparation for September 2009 and I do hope all Year 9 Parents/Carers are able to attend both Parents meetings on 9th December and 22nd January.

Students from Years 9 and 10 visited Liverpool University in December to meet the famous American Civil Rights Speaker, The Reverend Jesse Jackson. This will have been a fantastic occasion for our students.

Students studying **Humanities in Key Stage 3** continue to collect **weather data** on a daily basis and I do hope all our Parents/Carers have the opportunity to view our website on www.childwallsc.co.uk to receive weather forecasts which are particular and unique to Childwall Sports College.

Our plans for enhancing further the buildings and resources at Childwall Sports College continue with our leading involvement in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project. We are delighted to be in a range of meetings with the Primary Care Trust as part of our **Fiveways Trust** organisation with a view to providing Health Services at the Childwall site.

We are delighted that our links with **Everton FC** through our 'Everton in the Community' scheme have led to us being offered tickets

80 year 11 pupils accompanied by Miss Colgan, Mrs Emery and Mrs Gleeson visited the Buffet Star in the city centre as part of their GCSE Catering course on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November. The pupils are studying the topic of vegetarianism as part of their coursework and the purpose of the visit was to see what choice

for the Everton .v. Hull on 10th January 2009. Students and staff can purchase tickets at a reduced rate of £5 due to our close liaison with Everton FC. This is a most generous gesture on behalf of the Football Club. The sale of tickets will be arranged through the school office. A letter to this effect has already been sent to all Parents/Carers.

We have arranged a consultation evening for parents and students within our Gifted & Talented cohort. There will be a range of speakers and advice from staff for our **Gifted & Talented** cohort to ensure that these students achieve at the highest levels. The Gifted & Talented evening takes place on **8th December at 6.30 p.m.**

The annual **Christmas Concert** takes place on **Thursday, 11th December at 7.00 p.m. in the Drama Studio**. I do hope all Parents/Carers are able to attend what is always one of the highlights in the school calendar. Tickets are now available.

Year 7. We have made arrangements for the Local Authority's Health Bus to visit Childwall Sports College Monday, 8th and Tuesday, 9th December. Year 7 are sure to have a most enjoyable series of sessions highlighting once again the school's commitment to health.

Student attendance. It is vitally important that each and every

Year 11 Catering

"non meat" eaters have when eating out socially. The attitude and behaviour of the pupils was exemplary and we had a most pleasant afternoon. Let's hope the work the pupils produce help them achieve their target grades this summer! We can all highly recommend the restaurant as it gives great value for money and

student attends school on all occasions. We are committed to ensuring that your son/daughter achieves at the highest possible levels and to this end full attendance is therefore a requirement. I would be grateful if Parents/Carers would ensure that any medical appointments which are not an emergency should be made at the end of the day or indeed during the holiday period. Parents/Carers should not seek to take their children out of school for any reason. There is no substitute for being in full attendance and benefiting from the high quality Learning & Teaching and indeed the wide range of **extra-curricular activities** at Childwall Sports College.

Christmas dinner is to be served in the dining hall on **Friday, 12th December**. This is always a superb meal and extremely well received by all our students particularly when teaching staff are involved in the catering arrangements!

The Autumn Term 2008 ends on **Friday, 19th December at 12.30 p.m.** School re-opens after the Christmas break on **Monday, 5th January 2009 at 8.20 a.m.**

I do hope all Parents/Carers and students enjoy a wonderful Christmas break. I wish all a restful holiday and successful 2009.

D.W. Phillips,
Headteacher.

the food was lovely. Our thanks go to Miss Colgan for making the arrangements and managing the smooth running of the event.

L.M.Gleeson

Soccer Success at Childwall Sports College

Two of Childwall Sports College's brightest young Soccer prospects have done remarkably well during the course of 2008. Niall



Ellison, who is in the Sixth Form at Childwall, has been selected to represent the Merseyside County F.A. and plays as a central defender. Niall is an all round sportsman and

in addition to being an excellent Soccer player is also an Athlete. His specialism is the Javelin and indeed he represents Merseyside in terms of Athletics at a series of regular Athletics meetings.

Aaron Bowen is also in the Sixth Form at Childwall and he has also been selected to play for the Merseyside County F.A. Aaron is a striker and indeed Aaron has now been selected for the England U18 Squad and in his most recent match Aaron scored the winning goal and the school is delighted at the success of both Aaron and Niall.

"As a Specialist Sports College we are delighted at the success of our sportsmen and women. I am delighted at the recognition that Niall and Aaron have received as a result of their Soccer skills."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Geography Olympics at Childwall Sports College

Recently a group of Olympic Athletes visited Childwall Sports College. These Athletes were Beth Tweddle, Olympic Gymnast, Ian Wynne, Olympic Canoeist and Chris Holmes, Paralympic Swimmer. Students were delighted to be visited by these important sportsmen and as a result many groups and students at Childwall Sports College embarked on a series of Olympic teaching modules. One of these took place during Year 8 lessons involving Miss McNally of the school's Humanities Faculty. Students had to research the Olympics and most fittingly Miss McNally made arrangements for the students to



be presented to the Headteacher on the Olympic podium in her classroom. There were winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in a variety of categories and students were delighted to receive their Olympic medals.

"The Olympic values of teamwork, enthusiasm and collaboration are important in all the work that we do at Childwall Sports

College which will continue to ensure the high standards at our school. I am grateful to Miss McNally for some excellent work during the course of the Year 8 Geography lessons."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Childwall Sports College Students Meet the Reverend Jesse Jackson

Recently a group of Years 9 and 10 students from Childwall Sports College were invited to lunch and to hear a lecture by the famous American Civil Rights Speaker, The Reverend Jesse Jackson at Liverpool University. The lecture delivered by The Reverend Jesse Jackson was entitled 'Civil Rights to Equanomics' and focused on relationships between economic justice and race. The speech was particularly timely coming just after the historic American elections which saw Barak Obama chosen as the next American President. During the meeting with students from Childwall Sports College Jesse Jackson discussed themes from racial justice to economic equality as the event marked a number of historic anniversaries including:

- The 90th birthday of Nelson Mandela
- The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.



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Another fantastic year with many of our pupils taking part in all levels of the Award. Including Gold for the first time.

23 Pupils at bronze level completed the award which included taking part in a first aid Qualification and visiting the Police horse section (Many thanks to PC Jenny). They also took part in a variety of Sports which included trampolining, football, netball and even taekwondo.

The pupils also completed an enjoyable

expedition in the Clwydes North Wales walking 15 miles in two days whilst carrying all their equipment and navigating their way through some tough terrain.

The Silver group had 13 pupils in and took part in many activities which included art club and many sporting activities; they also

Girls Football

Year 10 and 11 Girls played in the second round of the English Schools football tournament against Stanley High on Wednesday 19th November. They cruised through to the third round



winning 9-4 the goal scorers were. Hannah Corkhill 4 Jodie E'Von 3 Leigh Neill 1 Leila Blackett 1. The girls will play either Liverpool Academy or Halewood in the 3rd round.

J. Cassidy

Charity Appeals

If you are lucky enough to get a new mobile phone for Christmas please bring your old handset to school for our Royal Society for the Blind appeal. The phones are exchanged for funds which will enable the Liverpool Blind School in Wavertree 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.

LL Bannister.

completed a 30 mile expedition over 3 days and camping for two nights. The walk was very challenging and tested their navigation skills.

The first time in many years we have had pupils from our school entered on to the Gold level which is a fantastic achievement as they have been



doing the award for 3 years showing lots of commitment throughout. The group have also helped the award by training bronze groups and running sessions.

My thanks go out to all who have entered on to the award for this year and wish all the best of luck in completing the award. And to all the staff that have given up lots of their time to make it the success it has been. It can only grow and grow.

Mr Cheetham

Town Hall Visit by Childwall Sports College Students

Recently as part of the Council's plans to ensure that students had access and understanding of the workings of the Council, students from Childwall Sports College were invited to the Town Hall at the request of the Lord Mayor. Students were delighted to receive the invitation and spent a very enjoyable day at the Town Hall in the company of staff, Mrs. Greenberg and Mr. Gibbons. The school will now be using this information to enhance the Citizenship and Personal & Social Education curriculum at Childwall which was extremely favourably commented upon by HMI as recently as July 2008.



"We are always delighted when our students are invited to take part in high profile events and I am thrilled that our students had the opportunity to visit Liverpool Town Hall."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Am I Not a Man and a Brother Theatre Visit



Reveal Theatre Company came into the school as part of the Capital of Culture celebrations to present

their latest play.

The play, Am I Not a Man and a Brother charts the historical and contemporary roots to slavery. The play is based on interviews from African Caribbean groups and other primary source material.



Sixth Form students from the Drama Department with Mr Curtis worked with the actors in a drama workshop and with Mrs Dixon and the Travel and Tourism students who took part in workshops which examined the role of leisure and tourism organisations, such as the Liverpool's International Slavery Museum, in educating people about issues such as slavery. The theatre company praised our students and said that the Childwall audience was their best yet. They were especially impressed by some insightful questioning from our Sixth Form History students!

Year 13 Travel and Tourism students recently organised a trip to Alton Towers with Mr Killip as part of their event management unit of study. The students played



a full part in supporting staff and deserve credit for helping to run a very successful event!

Year 9 Spanish students recently took part in a language awareness workshop. They examined the benefits of studying languages such as Spanish, which help with future career choices. Graduates in modern languages are much sought after by employers. Many



language courses involve working cooperatively in groups and making formal presentations to an audience, just the sort of teamwork and presentational skills which employers tell us they are looking for.

Year 13 and Year 12 Spanish students enjoyed a four day visit to Santiago De Compostela, in Northern Spain, during the half term break with Mrs Hughes, Miss Lopez and Mr Meir. They interviewed local people and took part in a Spanish language "treasure hunt" around the city. They enjoyed a rooftop tour of the cathedral and visited a Spanish school. The visit gave the students the chance to



practice their Spanish and to give them their increased confidence in their forthcoming examinations. Their behaviour and first-class attitude was exemplary!

Aimhigher Updates

This year we have continued to be involved in several Aimhigher activities. The year nine "Champions" project continues to work with 10 of our year nine pupils, and started with a visit to Liverpool University, where the pupils took part in Lectures, team building as well as thinking about future careers. The pupils will continue with this programme over the course of the year and will culminate in a residential stay at a University campus. Four of last year's group, (now in year 10) continue to take part in the project and will have the opportunity to take part in an overnight visit to Oxford University in January, where they will be able to sample higher education life for two days. This also will be an ongoing project with evening workshops and visits being offered through the year.

We have also taken part in some enjoyable practical Science lectures recently, with Dr Youseff, Ms Naidu and Ms Jones taking groups from years, 7, 10 and 12, to Liverpool Universities, science labs.

The University English/Drama department at Liverpool have also offered us 60 places at a Shakespeare workshop on the 17th December, the pupils and staff will take part in activities then watch a performance of Romeo and Juliet. This promises to be an excellent performance and will hopefully give the pupils an interest in Literature and Drama post 16.

Furthermore, next March a number of student advocates will be coming in, to do two sessions with year eight groups during PSHE. These sessions will be designed to have the pupils thinking about future career options, and educational paths.

Finally some of our year 12 pupils will be taking part in Science master class lectures at Liverpool University later this month, designed for sixth form pupils with an interest in veterinary science.

Thank you to all staff who have made these trips possible and continue to support our Aimhigher activities.

Lee Stackpole,
Learning Support Co-Coordinator
Damien Mier,
Aimhigher Co-Coordinator

Year 7 - The Big Sing 2008

On Thursday 27th November, all of Year 7 took part in a simultaneous sing along in an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people singing the same song at the same time. The



chosen song was "You gotta be" by Des'ree and Des'ree herself led the sing along live from the O2 arena in London. The sound of 200 young voices coming from the drama hall was amazing and we are confident that Childwall Year 7 have sung their way into the record books!



South Central School Partnership Badminton Tournament

Last night at Parklands Fjolla Grajveci, Demi E'Von, Jade Sinklar and Emma Lee all represented the school in the South Central School Partnership Badminton Tournament. The girls were a credit to the school and played fantastically. They came third overall in the competition winning 5 out of 8 matches! The matches that they lost were really close too 21-20!!

If you see these girls around school today can you congratulate them on their achievements!

E Atkinson

Basketball Results

The under 15 basketball team played their first game on the National Cup on Friday 14th November against St. Matthews. The team lost 81-91 but were very unlucky not to get anything from the game. The team had been hampered by the loss of 4 players prior to the game for various reasons and ended up traveling with only 4 year 10 pupils. The boys were up against a very well organised and physically bigger team. Parris Kaye-Minto and Simon Parris were outstanding as the boys battled hard to the end and did themselves and the school proud.

P Breen



Y10 - 11 Soccer Squad

The girls won this game and are playing the final against Archbishop Beck on Wednesday. The score was 2-2 at full time. (scorers Hannah Corkhill and



Leigh Neill) We won it on penalties the following girls scored their penalties Sarah, Leigh and Hannah and Jess Scouler who was the keeper saved two with Childwall winning 3-2.

J. Cassidy

Gold At Childwall Sports College

Students in Years 9, 10,11,12,13 at Childwall Sports College are working towards a variety of Duke of Edinburgh Awards with large numbers working at Bronze and Silver Award level. Childwall Sports College is delighted to announce that a large group of Sixth Form students will be 'going for Gold' during the course of 2008-09. The students involved at this point are: Jade Hall, Stephen Kelly, Daniel Wilinski, Paul Ross, Laura Seddon, Adain Iniabere, Kimberley Wareing, James Dang, and David Musembi.

All these students are in Childwall's Sixth Form which currently numbers over 340. The students are studying a range of subjects and all have ambitions around P.E. and Sport. Jade, Stephen, Daniel, Paul, Laura, Adain and David all have ambitions to become Teachers of Physical Education while Kimberley wants to pursue a course to become a Primary Schoolteacher with James ambitious to become a Business Manager.



"Childwall Sports College is delighted at the success of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and at the success of so many youngsters pursuing the award at a variety of levels. The school is looking forward keenly to the batch of Gold Award winners for 2008-09. The students in our Sixth Form going for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award are fantastic ambassadors for Childwall Sports College. They are highly motivated, ambitious, skilled and committed youngsters who will undoubtedly succeed not only in their studies at Childwall Sports College but also in their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Ward. I look forwarding to hearing superb news of the success of this large group of Sixth Form students."

Childwall Sports College Gifted Scientists

Recently a large group of students in Key Stage 3 studying Science at Childwall Sports College undertook a hugely enjoyable and rewarding residential to Pembrokeshire Southwest Wales. The students were led by Science Teachers, Mrs. Naidu, Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Lynam. The students visited a number of beauty spots throughout the Pembrokeshire coastal area and walked the



Pembrokeshire coastal path. In addition to the walking activities the students enjoyed a series of team building activities. Childwall Sports College was delighted to be informed by the Youth Hostel which housed our students, that they were the best students they had ever received during the time the Youth Hostel had been open. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being away from Liverpool and in a more rural environment which developed in the students a range of thinking and independent skills which augurs extremely well not only for the continued success of these particular students but also for the continued success of Science. Science is a specialist subject at Childwall Sports College and examination results at GCSE level have continued to improve in line with the school's improvements at all levels in terms of examination success.

"Our students had a wonderful time in Pembrokeshire and will have learnt a great deal about planning and teamwork which will certainly pay dividends in terms of the students' success in Key Stage 3 and beyond.

I fully expect these students to do exceptionally well at GCSE Science and beyond into 'A' Level."

1936 Time Capsule Discovered At Childwall Sports College

Currently the reception area at Childwall Sports College is being rebuilt and during the renovation work builders discovered a time capsule which had been buried in the wall of the old reception area which dated back to 1936. Amongst the items found in the 1936 capsule were the Prospectus for what was then referred to as The Holt Secondary School with photographs of two Lord Mayors: 1935 Councillor R.J. Hall JP and 1936 Councillor Lawrence Durning Holt JP. There was also a photograph of the then Director of Education, C.F. Mott. The Prospectus for 1936 makes interesting reading with staff at Childwall Sports College delighted to read that the



First Form (Year 7) curriculum comprised Geography, Arithmetic, Instruction for Science for Education and of school uniform

boy is required to wear the school cap and tie and each girl a hat with the school ribbon". Students in 2008 at Childwall Sports College might be surprised to read that in 1936 "a moderate amount of homework is expected from each pupil every evening". The 1936 documentation is now on display at Childwall Sports College's Learning Resource Centre and in discussions with Mr. Stuart Smith, Executive Director for Children's Services, the documentation will be on display in the Town Hall in the New Year.

Plans are now being made for a 2009 time capsule to be arranged with similar documentation to that relating to 1936. Students were delighted to read of the curriculum etc. for 1936 and pictures are the three youngest students in the current Year 7 namely Lee Lowther, Dan Mputu and Liam Lavin, two of the oldest girls in Year 11, Rebecca Gray and Laura Li.

"The 1936 time capsule was a brilliant find for our History Department and for our Learning Resource Centre. Students have shown a keen interest in the information dating back to 1936 and are looking forward eagerly to a 2009 version which will undoubtedly be of great interest to future historians and pupils at Childwall Sports College."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Year 13 Business Studies

On Friday 10th October Year 13 A2 Business Studies group attended a visit to Scottish Power Learning in Hoylake to investigate recruitment and selection practices. The group participated in a range of activities including psychometric testing and were treated as young professionals in the business. The visit has been of great benefit to the pupils as it was informative, up to date and relevant to their studies. I would like to thank Pat Ross from Scottish Power for the excellent programme that was delivered and also thank Jo McKew for her assistance in attending the visit.

L. Baker



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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