

## **SEF Summary**

Childwall School, a Specialist Sports College is a good and improving school. It is larger than most schools in Liverpool with 1196 pupils aged 11-19 in October 2009, including 276 in sixth form with a further 74 students from other local schools receiving all or part of their sixth form education with us.

We have recently change status to Foundation School following our withdrawal from a Trust partnership with Broadgreen International School, Liverpool Hope and John Moore's Universities and the local Primary Care Trust under the banner of "The Fiveways Trust".

We take pupils from 53 feeder primary schools each year, being a popular and fully subscribed school. We take students from 33 different wards in Liverpool, 63% of our students come from the highest nationally ranked wards on the index of multiple deprivation, and most of our students use public transport to get to school.

The number of pupils for whom English is an Additional Language (EAL) is 13.3%, higher than in most schools and includes 21 different languages. Our pupils come from diverse ethnic, religious and racial backgrounds.

The free school meals figure for the school is 38.5% (claimed), well above the national average. There are 10 single sex selective schools within a five mile radius of the school, 7 which select girls compared to only 3 which select boys. As a result 60.8% of our students are boys.

The number of students entering the school in Sept 2007 with KS2 scores below and at the lowest margins of level 4 and the number with a reading age significantly below their chronological age is significantly above the national average.

We have 391 on the SEN register (this number fluctuates due to the particular mobility of the most vulnerable students within the Local Authority) 200 on or having been on school action, 184 on school action plus and 7 with statements (Nov '09). We also have 11 students in local authority care. Pupil attendance is a matter for concern across the city, many students enter our school with poor attendance records from primary school yet our school attendance figure has shown improvements following the extensive range of measures we have put in place to address this issue.

We have recently restructured our Key Stage 4 curriculum so that it more closely meets the needs of our learners, this is an ongoing process.

Childwall School has a large and successful Sixth Form. The school is part of a well established and expanding 14-19 Collaborative. Numbers in Childwall School Sixth Form have increased over the past five years and the retention rate of Year 11 -12 students continues to improve. The sixth form curriculum is developing to meet the needs of the learners. Well over 50% of pupils in year 12/13 receive the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

Following a range of measures, our figures for those not entering Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in 2008 has fallen to 4% post 16 and 6.8% for 16 -19yr olds. We see this as a significant success.