

# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

*Celebrating with ex-members of staff*



## Newsletter July 2025



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Front cover: Former members of staff joined us recently for Afternoon Tea and to tour our new school.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This has been a term of celebrations, trips and events: dance festival; talent show; Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; cinema and zoo trips and so many more as you will see in this newsletter.

GCSE examinations have taken place and we were impressed with our students' outstanding attitude and behaviour. We look forward to celebrating their successes on results day, on 21st August.

There have been several transition visits taking place in the last few weeks for those students moving on to college, apprenticeships and internships in September. Our very best wishes go to the Year 11 and our 6th Form students leaving us this week as they embark on the next stage in their academic careers. At the same time, we have welcomed the children joining us in September, who have visited us and some of whom will join us at Summer School.

We've held some incredible events this term, including the whole school Culture and Creativity days, with a 'Respect for our Environment and other Cultures' theme, when children made bug houses, met Reptiles and created stock motion pictures; National Schools Sports Week when all children took part in sports to win points for their house group; and our Year 11 and 6th Form Prom night.

As the school year ends, we say farewell to Teaching Assistant Mrs Beattie, after sever years with us; we wish her well in her retirement.

School will open again to the new Year 7 and 6th Form on Tuesday 2nd September. Year groups 8 to 11 return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. In the meantime, I wish you all a healthy and happy break.

Kim Webster

Headteacher

July 2025



# Sparkle Day



We were delighted recently to present Newlife Charity with a cheque for £385.00 raised by our pupils on Sparkle Day in March.

Our donation will help Newlife in their work with disabled and terminally ill children and the charity has asked us to thank **parents/ carers for their generosity in supporting the 'non-uniform day' event.**

Mrs Neill

# Rowing into Success:

## Year 10 Show Strength and Team Spirit



This year, the Year 10 rowing programme has gone from strength to strength, giving pupils the chance to build fitness, boost confidence, and develop strong teamwork skills along the way.

Rowing isn't just about physical power—it's about working together, staying focused, and pushing through challenges. Whether it was on the rowing machines in winter or out on the water in summer, Year 10 pupils have shown real determination and resilience.

Back in February, students took part in an Indoor Rowing Competition, where they competed in timed challenges and supported each other throughout. It was a great opportunity to see how far they'd come and to test their limits in a fun, energetic environment.

The hard work really paid off in July, when the group took part in a Mini Regatta. For many, it was their first real taste of racing on the water—and they didn't disappoint! The event brought out the best in everyone: strong technique, great teamwork, and lots of encouragement from the sidelines.



Overall, the rowing programme has been a brilliant experience for everyone involved. It's helped build fitness, confidence, and friendships—and we're excited to see even more Year 10s take part next year!

Mr Stanley

# HOUSE WELL-BEING DAY

As a Beacon Well School we organise a Termly Well-Being Day for our pupils. During the Summer Term, as part of our National School Sport Week Celebrations, we organised the well-being day around our House system. The House system is designed to promote belonging and togetherness, with pupils taking part in activities based around being part of A TEAM.

Active

Technological

Employable

Artistic

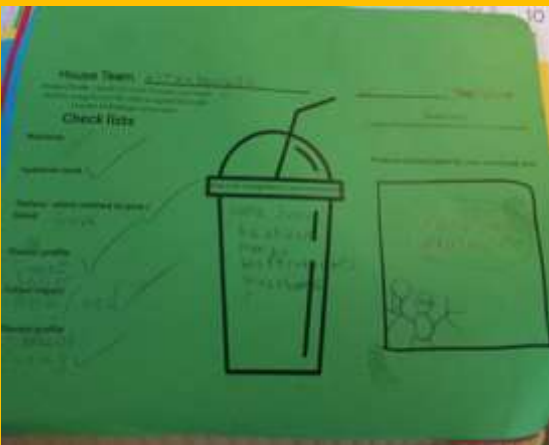
Mindful



For Active, pupils took part in a number of physical challenges using exercises that included some elements of Hyrox. Ali House won this overall.



For the Technological aspect, the Science Department got pupils to consider climate change and challenged pupils to work in teams to make a floating island. Every House won at least one Year group challenge, but the overall winner was Tajiri. For Employable, pupils took part in a debating challenge (won by Ali overall) and an Enterprise challenge (won by Jordan overall).



Whilst for Artistic pupils made their own nutritional shot (won by Attenborough overall) and created a House Haka (won by Tajiri overall), as well as working together to produce mascot designs in Art. Finally, for Mindful, pupils completed an online survey about their attitudes towards social media and also designed planters for the outside area. Each House won at least one of the challenges, however, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall went to Tajiri.

Mr Keefe

# Science Department News

At the start of the summer term a group of year 9 and 10 students took part in a workshop at Liverpool Life Sciences College.

They used digital scanning microscopes to view various specimens including fossil sand, fungi spores and a butterfly tongues (which is called a proboscis). They also heard about some of the courses offered at post 16 at Liverpool Life Science College.

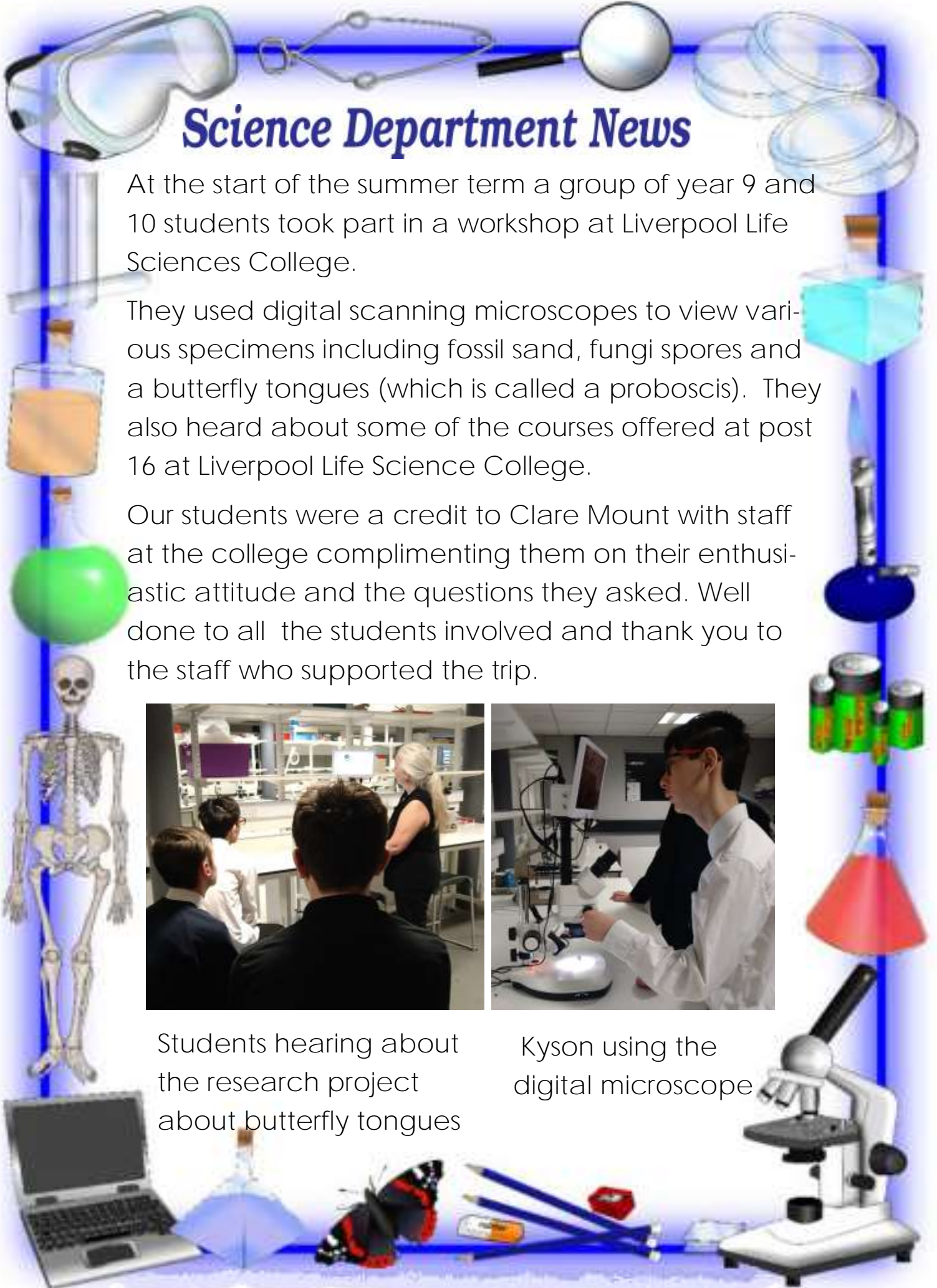
Our students were a credit to Clare Mount with staff at the college complimenting them on their enthusiastic attitude and the questions they asked. Well done to all the students involved and thank you to the staff who supported the trip.

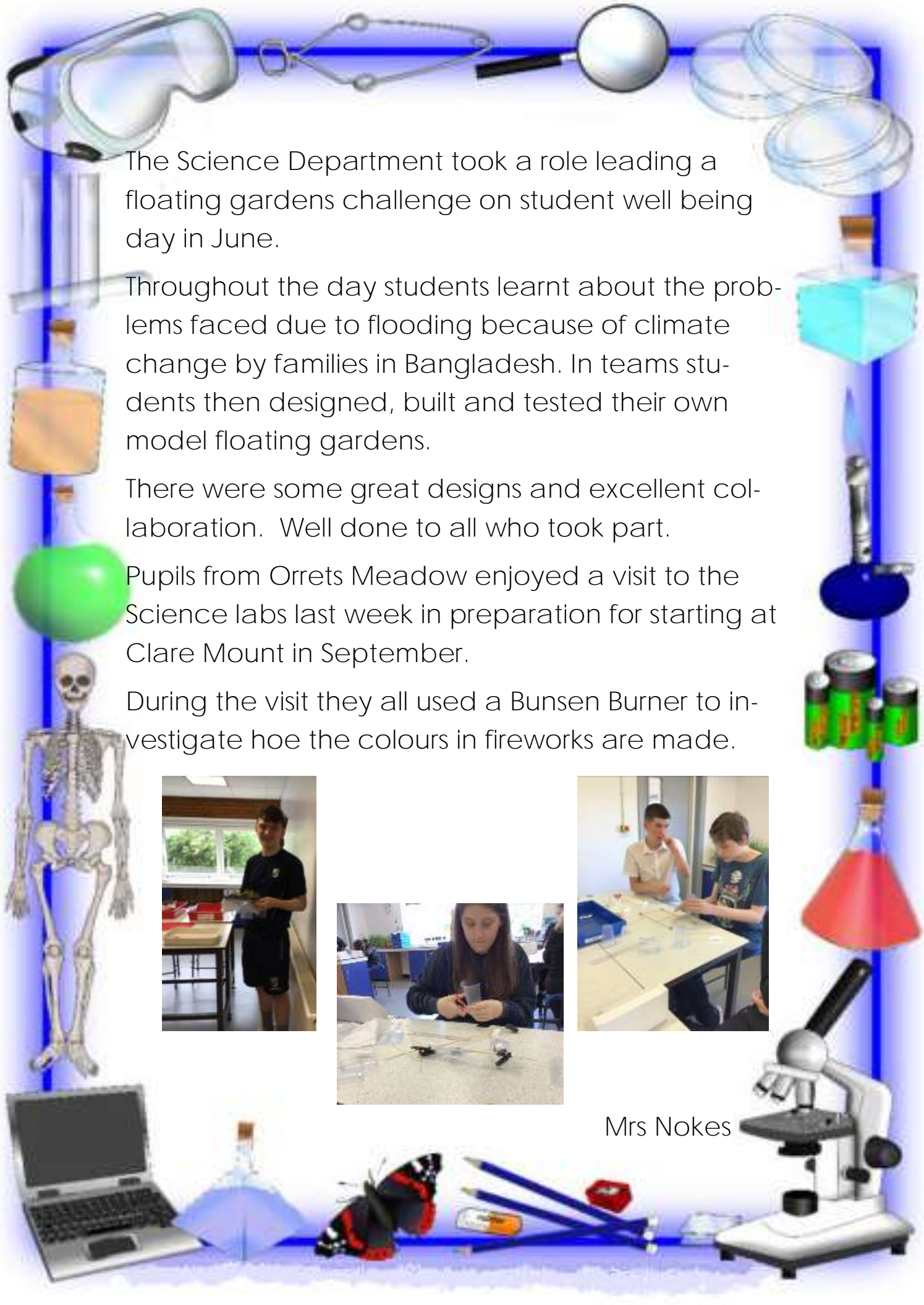


Students hearing about the research project about butterfly tongues



Kyson using the digital microscope





The Science Department took a role leading a floating gardens challenge on student well being day in June.

Throughout the day students learnt about the problems faced due to flooding because of climate change by families in Bangladesh. In teams students then designed, built and tested their own model floating gardens.

There were some great designs and excellent collaboration. Well done to all who took part.

Pupils from Orrets Meadow enjoyed a visit to the Science labs last week in preparation for starting at Clare Mount in September.

During the visit they all used a Bunsen Burner to investigate how the colours in fireworks are made.



Mrs Nokes





# RUNWAY

VISITOR PARK



Year 10 & 11 Travel and Tourism group visited Runway Park to watch the comings and goings of Manchester Airport. We were lucky enough to see a number of aircraft including Emirates, Air Canada, Qatar, Tui, EasyJet and Ryanair.





# RUNWAY VISITOR PARK



Students used a tracker app to find out where the planes had come from, the type of aircraft and registration number. We were also able to see the famous Concorde. It was a lovely day out in the sunshine and a nice way to end our year.

Mrs Spracklen



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

## Year 9 Design Technology

Year 9 have been busy developing their woodworking skills, designing and making tea light candle holders. Pupils have designed their product to use a cross halving joint. They have used a variety of tools including a gent saw, coping saw, bench drill, files and belt sander. Their designs are wonderfully innovative and unique.



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

## Year 7 Design Technology

Year 7 have been busy developing their woodworking skills, designing and making wooden robots. Pupils have designed, accurately measured, produced and decorated their robots. They have used a variety of tools including a gent saw, fret saw, bench drill and belt sander. Their designs are detail imaginative and colourful.



# Vet Team in a box!

An enthusiastic band of students from all years joined Science Club regulars to take part in a project called Vet Team in a Box. Mrs. Spencer applied for the project, which is run by Loughborough University, to encourage students who are looking to work with animals in the future. Members of the Science department ran the session and we tested samples and collated results. The students then discussed benefits and downsides of vaccinated dairy cows. The whole group were fantastic!

Mrs. Fogarty



# FRENCH



This term, our y7 have been learning about La Francophonie and pupils have enjoyed watching a French language animated film, with English subtitles, called 'Kirikou et la Sorcière'. We explored colonialism and the reasons why so many countries in Africa have French as one of their main languages.



In Year 8 &9, we have been trying new foods, experiencing new flavours and textures, and practising our French! Some foods were more popular than others; *Chèvre* (goat's cheese) was a surprisingly popular choice with *Roquefort* lower down the list! Predictably, however, **croissants** and **Madeleines** were everyone's favourite!



*Les Grandes Vacances* (Summer Holidays) started in France at the beginning of July and French children are currently enjoying their EIGHT week holiday!

Mrs Hoey



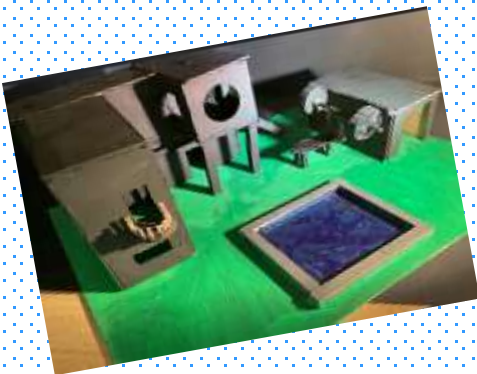
# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



## Year 10

Year 10 pupils are designing innovative container homes, demonstrating their ability to use CAD/CAM tools to bring their architectural ideas to life. Their responses to the design briefs are highly creative, showcasing unique, functional, and imaginative solutions.

Mrs. McBurney



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Year 9 students have transformed **the skills they've learned** into amazing games this year, watching them work independently with creativity and pride has been truly **i n s p i r i n g !**



I am so proud of their imagination, resilience, and collaborative spirit, **it's a joy to see them own their** learning and share their creations!

Mrs McBurney



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



I'm incredibly proud of our Year 11 pupils—a small sample of their work highlights not only their impressive practical skills but also the individuality and creativity they bring to their designs. Their achievements are a true testament to their dedication, growth, and talent in Design Technology.

Mrs McBurney

# Wirral Climate Comeback Event at Wallasey Town Hall



Miss Petticrew had the pleasure of taking a group of our Year 8 and 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend the *Climate Comeback Event* at Wallasey Town Hall – and what a day it was!

The event brought together young people from across the region to explore environmental and humanitarian issues through a series of interactive workshops and debates. Our students threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity, discussing big ideas, asking thoughtful questions, and sharing their own perspectives.



Highlights of the day included a vibrant clothes swap shop promoting sustainable fashion, hands-on plant potting sessions, and a wealth of information stalls that challenged students to think critically about their impact on the world.

It was a truly inspiring experience, and our students left feeling empowered to make a difference – one small change at a time.

The students were an absolute credit to the school and really made an impression throughout the day.

# CLARE MOUNT SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE & WIRRAL SCHOOL GAMES

PRESENTS

## MUSICALS & MOVIES DANCE FESTIVAL



# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

## Annual Dance Festival

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June this year, our dance team performed at the Floral Pavilion for Clare Mount's annual dance festival. This is our fourth year at the Floral Pavilion and the festival continues to grow bigger and better. Each year we invite schools from across Wirral to take part, as part of our School Games programme here at Clare Mount. This year saw more than 30 schools participating, with more than 300 performers in each of the four shows.

The theme this year was 'Musicals & Movies' and in true Clare Mount fashion, our dancers stole the show! We had the honour of opening and closing each show with our spectacular showcase, displaying the incredible talents and skills of our pupils. A total 23 dancers took part, from year 7 to post-16. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work, creativity, and passion. Time and again, our pupils continue to break down barriers and prove what truly extraordinary individuals they are.

A huge thank you to all the staff who support our dance group—whether through leading extracurricular dance clubs or creating so many wonderful opportunities for our pupils to perform and shine.

We're also incredibly grateful to our parents, carers, and families for your ongoing support and for joining us at our showcases. Your encouragement means the world to our dancers and helps make these events truly special.

Mrs Corcoran

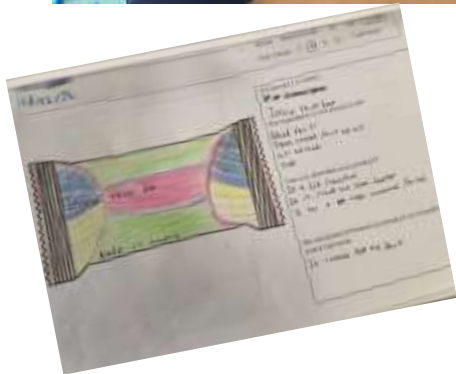


On Thursday 26th June pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in an Enterprise Challenge. The aim of the activity was to work as a team to develop their employability skills and score points in the following categories.



- Creativity ✓
- Teamwork ✓
- Leadership ✓
- Communication ✓

Year 7 and 8 designed a new healthy snack and Year 9 designed their own food truck. Below are some of the fantastic entries we received.



## Family Hubs - Assistant Educational Psychologist Sessions

# DO YOU NEED HELP TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN THE SUMMER BREAK?



Book in with an  
assistant educational  
psychologist for free  
advice and support



### WHAT WE CAN DISCUSS:

- Managing behaviours at home
- Supporting a child who is worried or anxious
- Promoting positive relationships in the family
- Planning the summer break
- Preparing for the transitions back to school

### OPEN TO:

All parents and carers with parental responsibility for their child

### WHAT WE CAN'T DISCUSS:

- Concerns with school
- EHCPs
- Work with other services

Please use the QR codes below for booking and availability



Brassey Gardens  
Family Hub



Seacombe  
Family Hub



Bromborough  
Family Hub



Koala North West

If you require support or have any queries, please contact:  
**familyhubs@wirral.gov.uk**



We want everyone to feel safe, respected, and supported. We take the protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults seriously. If we see or hear something that worries us, we'll need to pass our concerns on to other services.



To book a session at Brassey Gardens Family Hub, [click here](#)

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To book a session at Bromborough Family Hub, [click here](#)

To book a session at Koala North West Hub, [click here](#)

# The Prom



Prom Queen

Prom King

# The Prom



# CULTURE

# & Creativity



Music



Teach Rex



Sea glass



Bike smoothies



Wilding



Art



Fairtrade



# CULTURE

# & Creativity



Henna

Dance



Bug houses

Forest School

Water Challenge



Tasting

Clay



Katumba

Reptiles

## Emergency Services Event

On the 13th June, Miss Hanley, Mr Monks and 7Ha were invited to take part in the Wirral's Emergency Services Day as part of our 'Prep for Adulthood' programme of study. More than 200 year six and seven students from schools and communities across Merseyside were invited to attend the event at the Emergency Services Centre in Seacombe, Wirral. Merseyside Police joined with representatives from other emergency services including Merseyside Fire and Rescue, HM Coastguard and St Johns Ambulance for a variety of live talks and demonstrations. Pupils from the Blind, Deaf and Special Educational Needs (SEN) community, were invited to engage directly with emergency workers around topics such as crime prevention, fire awareness, first aid and open water safety. Constable Laura Currie, who organised the event, said: "It has been great to see all the students here today engaging with their local emergency workers, asking them questions and participating in demonstrations. It is a great event and lots of fun". The students certainly had lots of fun and got to experience what it would be like to work in the different areas of the emergency services.



Miss Hanley



# Viking Adventures with 8Ho!



As part of their history curriculum, 8Ho have been diving into the fascinating world of Viking settlers right here in the Wirral – this month, they brought that history to life with some hands-on creativity.



After learning about the significance of Viking rune stones and their role in Norse culture, students designed and sculpted their very own clay rune stones.

Each design was unique, reflecting the students' understanding of Viking symbols and storytelling.



This immersive activity helped students connect more deeply with the past and appreciate the local impact of Viking settlement in our area. It was a brilliant way to combine history, art, and imagination – well done, 8Ho!

Miss Petticrew

# Sports Day Highlights 2025

Our annual Sports Day at Clare Mount SSC was a fantastic display of teamwork, resilience, and determination! The whole school came together to launch the day with a fun and energetic warm-up on the yard, before pupils split into groups to compete in a range of activities including athletics events, rugby, and sensory circuits. Every single pupil took part, earning valuable points for their house: Ali, Attenborough, Jordan, or Tajiri. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, encouragement, and incredible sportspersonship as all year groups gave their best. The day ended with a celebration assembly, recognising outstanding performances and those who demonstrated *My Personal Best* values. With points tallied, *Team Ali* was announced as the overall winner, with *Team Tajiri* finishing a close second. Well done Team Ali – you smashed it! A huge well done to everyone involved – the day was a great success!

Mrs Kearsley



# Sports Day Highlights 2025





# Talent Show

## Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

Our fantastic students took to the stage last Friday in our annual Talent Show. We had everything from dancing to singing, rock bands to magicians, DJ skills to puppets and football skills to comedians. Over 40 students performed and they are all winners. Clare Mount definitely has a lot of talent!



END OF THE SUMMER TERM



# Summer Examinations 2025

Congratulations to all Year 11 and Sixth form students who sat exams this summer; you all rose to the challenge, behaving in an exemplary manner and coping with the stress exams can cause.

Thank you also to the teaching assistants and teaching staff who supported students with access arrangements.

Results day is Thursday 21st August, students can collect their results between 9:30am 11:30am.

Mrs Nokes



# CRICKET

A bumper 1/2 term for the cricketers. Our tournament at Alder was rained off so our first outing was to Warrington CC for the Cheshire Dynamos Cricket Tournament. We looked in good shape and with 4 big wins we were Champions of Cheshire again. Then, on the 26th June was the first of our invitational tournaments at Upton Cricket Club against IMPACT School and St Mary's in Wallasey. We won 1 out of 2 of these against IMPACT and played well as we transitioned to a higher level of competition. 10th July we travelled again to Upton CC to play Weatherhead and were victors by 50 and 56 runs respectively. The Weatherhead students and our students mixed well and both groups were a credit to their school.

Thanks to Jeremy Lamb at Upton Cricket Club, Richard Bourne at Sportsville and Julie Mason who has bought the squad their own caps for future games. With 6 players representing the school at County level we are in a great position at the Cricket Academy.

Mr Kearney



# CRICKET



# Girlguiding

This term has been an exciting time as we have been getting to know our new starters. We have done lots of work on what it means to be Guide and learning our promise.

We had lots of fun earning our Confectionary badge and collaborating to earn our Team Work and Environment badges.

On Monday 7th July we had our end of year Promise & Badge Ceremony. The new Guides made their promises and we had a lovely time sharing what we have been up to with staff and family. Miss. Smith received her 3 Year Service Award and Miss. Blessing received her 1 Year Service award. A huge thank you to all the people who make our Clare Mount Guide unit possible.

Mrs Fogarty



# NEW BRIGHTON BOWLING TRIP

A group of pupils who work closely with our learning mentors Mrs McCannon and Mrs Stephenson enjoyed an afternoon at New Brighton bowling alley this half term. Special thanks to Oliver Terry from the Virtual School for supporting the afternoon and all his help through the academic year.

The pupils enjoyed two games of bowling putting in some really impressive performances with special mentions for Aaron, Alfie, Harvey and Callum.

Aaron plays for Wallasey Youth Bowling Club outside school and was a brilliant help to the other pupils giving them coaching tips and advice on technique. He was recently awarded 6 trophies at their annual awards including the Presidents Cup for his attitude and commitment.

Mrs Stephenson had clearly been practising and was a real talent.



Mr Keefe



# Strength & Conditioning Masterclass



A group of pupils, during a Year 9 PE lesson, enjoyed a strength and conditioning masterclass from Paul Reed from Vortex Performance in Chester. Paul is a prominent figure in the world of combat sports performance. He is a martial artist and successful businessman who turned to performance coaching working with the likes of the UFC's Paddy Pimblett, Molly McCann and Veronica Hardy. He also coaches top level boxers and other elite athletes. Paul is currently serving as a board member for the English Mixed Martial Arts Association.



Paul put the pupils through a plyometrics session to start, emphasising the importance of leaping and bounding to develop power. He then put them through a strength and conditioning session in the gym using explosive movements with medicines balls and jump boxes, alongside more cardio work using rowing machines, ski ergs and assault bikes.



Paul finished with a Q&A giving them advice on how often to train, nutrition and some of the athletes he has worked with. Paul said 'it really was a pleasure, always happy to support'. We hope to do more work with Paul during the next academic year.



# Staff Wellbeing at Clare Mount

## Team Spirit On and Off the Court!

At Clare Mount, staff wellbeing continues to shine through teamwork, energy, and a positive mindset! From beach yoga and sea dipping to taking on the Hyrox challenge, staff have embraced a variety of fun and active ways to stay healthy and connected. A huge highlight has been our incredible women's staff netball team, who have been training hard for their first ever charity tournament, held at Wirral Grammar School on Saturday 21st June. Facing off against some very experienced and high-performing teams didn't stop them—they battled hard, showed great determination, and managed to score in every game! Training resumes in September under the expert guidance of Miss Talbot, our brilliant Maths & PE teacher and top-level coach at Ellesmere Port Netball Club. A big thank you to Miss Talbot for all her efforts, and also to Mrs Webster and the other members of staff who came along to cheer us on from the side-lines—your support meant the world!





# Inclusive Attendance

**Everyone is responsible for school attendance.**

The majority of our pupils have positive attitudes towards attending school. However, our overall attendance figure this year has been disappointing and is as low as 88% overall. This is far below our aspirational target of 95%. Although our average figure is above the national average for similar school it is simply not good enough. We **MUST** work together to address this come the 2025-26 academic year. As teaching staff we will celebrate excellent attendance and remind pupils of the impact that regular attendance has on academic performance as well as their physical, social and mental health. We want your child to achieve their full potential. To do that they must come to school regularly and we need the help of parents/carers and pupils themselves to make this happen.

The new Ofsted framework will have a focus on attendance and to help us improve our overall attendance next year we are working with Wayne Harris and Inclusive Attendance to ensure our school culture continues to be inclusive and promotes belonging. As a Beacon Well school we will continue to engage with a range of agencies to promote and support mental health having offered blocks of counselling to over 130 pupils during the last academic year supported by Caritas, Community Capacity Builders, Health Services in Schools, and University of Chester Art Therapy.



Outside school time, we encourage parents/carers to reach out for support using Branch <https://branch-wirral.co.uk/>

Wirral Family Toolbox <https://familytoolbox.co.uk/> <https://www.wirralinfobank.co.uk/Services/3899> and / or SENDLO Wirral <https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk/>

Should your child be facing Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA) then please arrange a meeting with school so we can work together to put in place an action plan to help address this and put in place a graduated approach to improving attendance.

Last Summer we sent you the latest guidance from the Local Authority regarding attendance and we reiterate the following:

We cannot authorise holidays in term time. This may result in fines from the Local Authority and legal action against repeat offenders. Exceptional circumstances are typically considered a family emergency or a situation where the well-being of a child is at risk.

Please try to book dental and medical appointments outside school hours if possible and notify us in advance of any appointments that cannot be re-arranged.

Ensure we have copies of any medical notes in relation to anything that may be affecting your child's regular attendance.

Frequent or prolonged absences from school can negatively impact a child's learning and overall academic progress.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Mr Keefe



We have been delighted to have the expertise of Nic Smith and ex pupil Peter Millar from Wallasey Manor Tennis Club providing Tennis coaching on a weekly basis this term within our Year 8 and Year 9 PE lessons. In 2024 Nic was recognised by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) as Development Coach of the Year. Peter, in addition to being an ex pupil of Clare Mount is also a GB Tennis player having represented Team GB in 2015. So we were delighted when they approached us to offer our young people the opportunity to be inspired through Tennis.

Each week we have attended the club in Wallasey, giving the pupils the opportunity to play on full size courts and receive professional coaching from both Nic, and her assistant coach Peter. Both the Year 8 and Year 9 groups have loved the experience and it is evident we definitely have some talented tennis players within Clare Mount SSc. We hope further funding will be secured for the 25/26 academic year.

Mrs Grayson





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TACKLE  
TOGETHER



## Clare Mount Students Shine at Sale Sharks' 'Tackle Together' Rugby Festival

A group of enthusiastic Year 9 and 10 students from Clare Mount Specialist Sports College enjoyed a day to remember as they took part in the Sale Sharks Tackle Together Festival, hosted by the Premiership rugby club.

The event offered an action-packed day of rugby activities designed to promote teamwork, inclusion, and the development of key skills. The morning featured skills workshops delivered by expert Sale Sharks coaches, focusing on passing, movement, support play, and game awareness — all tailored to the tag rugby format.

In the afternoon, the Clare Mount team put their new skills into action in a series of friendly matches against schools from across the region. The boys performed brilliantly, winning three out of their four matches and demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout.

PE staff praised the group's attitude and effort, with all students playing in high spirits and representing the school with pride.

"It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to experience professional coaching and competitive rugby in a fun and supportive environment," said one of the teachers. "They gave their all, and it was brilliant to see them enjoying the game and supporting each other."

The trip was part of Clare Mount's ongoing commitment to inclusive sport and enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Judging by the smiles, it's safe to say the day was a huge success.

Mr Ritchie



## Clare Mount SSC Houses Shine During National School Sports Week!

This term saw Clare Mount burst into colour, energy, and team spirit as we celebrated National School Sports Week (NSSW)—a full week of fun, fitness, and friendly competition.

Our four school houses – Jordan (Red), Tajiri (Blue), Attenborough (Green), and Ali (Yellow) – went head-to-head across a wide variety of sporting challenges, including rounders, football, boccia, team obstacle relays, and more. Each activity encouraged teamwork, resilience, and fair play, with all students showing fantastic effort and determination.

Throughout the week, points were awarded not only for winning events but also for sportsmanship, attitude, and effort. It was brilliant to see students of all abilities supporting one another and engaging so enthusiastically with every opportunity.

After all the events, points were tallied and the final results were revealed in a celebratory assembly on Friday afternoon.

🏆 1st Place: Tajiri (Blue) – For consistent effort, multiple event wins, and outstanding teamwork.

🏆 2nd Place: : Attenborough (Green) – Spirited performances and brilliant energy all week.

🏆 3rd Place: Jordan (Red)– Steady, committed, and quietly racking up points.

🏆 4th Place: Ali (Yellow)– Champions of fair play and encouragement throughout.

#TeamClareMount #NSSW2025 #HouseChampion



A big thank you to Enrich Education for delivering a high-quality, engaging day of activities, and to all the staff who supported the pupils throughout. Events like this are a reminder of the power of outdoor learning to inspire, motivate, and build confidence.

Well done to everyone involved – you made the day a real success!

<b>Final Standings</b>				
<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Ali</b>	<b>Attenborough</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Tajiri</b>
Year 7	162	165	162	163
Year 8	261	247	238	245
Year 9	155	180	192	156
Orienteering	240	340	250	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>1044</b>

Mr Weights



We are proud to announce that we have achieved Beacon status from the National Autistic Society. This award is part of The Autism Accreditation Programme and recognises that we carry out exceptional work as specialist providers in the education sector.

Mrs Croucher



**MEAL**

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*School Meals will be*

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*a day.*

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Make a Difference.

Did you know that Wirral Council now has a dedicated team specifically to support children and carers who have a Special Guardianship order?

What services can we offer?

- Monthly SGO meeting, with dedicated Whatsapp group.
- Frequent newsletters and updates.
- Applications to the ASGSF - providing up to £3000 in therapeutic support for children.
- Access to free training courses.
- Support with family time issues and family mediation.



For more information contact the SGO support team at:  
[Specialguardianship@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:Specialguardianship@wirral.gov.uk)



## Clare Mount DofE Silver Expedition: Success on the Wirral Peninsula!

Our recent Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition was a true test of resilience, determination, and teamwork—and our young people rose to the challenge with pride!

Over three hot and sticky days, our group tackled a demanding route across the Wirral Peninsula. We set out from school on Day One, heading west to set up camp near Royden Park. Spirits were high as pupils worked together to carry equipment, navigate the route, and establish a brilliant campsite.

Day Two took us deep into the heart of Thurstaston Common and Royden Park. From sun-dappled woodland trails to panoramic views across the Dee Estuary, pupils embraced every challenge the landscape presented. By the evening, we had reached Neston along the scenic Wirral Way, where a well-earned rest awaited.

The final day was a coastal journey north through Parkgate, finishing triumphantly at Wirral Country Park. There were definitely some tired legs by the end—but also plenty of happy, smiling faces.

Throughout the expedition, pupils showed fantastic independence. They cooked their own meals, looked after their gear, and kept the camp running smoothly. The BBQ and bonfire were highlights of the evenings, giving everyone time to relax, laugh, and enjoy each other's company after a long day's trek.

It was a privilege to witness how well our students supported one another and demonstrated the true spirit of the DofE programme. They should be incredibly proud of what they've achieved.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Weights

# Term Dates 2025-2026



Autumn Term 2025	
Open	Monday 1st September to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 <i>*School closed to students Monday 1st September (INSET day).                      Year 7 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Form commence Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September                      Years 8 to 11 commence Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</i>
October Half-term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
Open	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <i>*School closed to students Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (INSET)</i>
Christmas break	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Spring Term 2026	
Open	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <i>*School closed to students Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January (INSET)</i>
February half-term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Open	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Spring Break	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Open	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Whit Bank Holiday and half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Open	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026* <i>*School closed to students Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 (INSET)</i>

## Celebrating Sport, Spirit, and Success: Inter-House Competition Highlights

National School Sports Week was a huge success this year, packed with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of healthy competition. Our annual Inter-House Sports Competition brought the whole school together in a fantastic celebration of sport, teamwork, and inclusion.

Throughout the week, students took part in a wide variety of inclusive and competitive sports, from traditional track and field events to team challenges and skill-based games. The aim was to get everyone moving, participating, and enjoying sport—regardless of experience or ability.

The atmosphere was buzzing all week, with pupils showing outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship, and house pride. The week culminated in our much-anticipated School Sports Day, where each house gave their all in a final push for victory. Every race and event was closely contested, with students encouraging one another right to the finish line.

After a thrilling day of competition, we were delighted to announce Ali House as the overall Inter-House Champions for 2025! A huge well done and congratulations to Ali House, and to *all students who took part and gave it their best*.

Thank you to the PE department and all the staff who helped make the week such a positive, active, and memorable experience for everyone involved.

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We care about  
**UNIFORM** because:

We care about **EQUALITY**

We care about **PREVENTING BULLYING**

We care about **STANDARDS OF PRESENTATION**  
(and so do employers)

We care about **BELONGING**

We care about **PRACTICALITY**

We care about **BETTER BEHAVIOUR**

We care about **RULES**

We care about **DOING THINGS RIGHT**

We care about **STANDARDS OF WORK**

We care about **IDENTITY**

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**WE DO**

