

# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College



*July 2024*



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*Front cover: 'Clare Mount's Got Talent' winners Jayden,  
Kaci-Marie and Evelyn*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As our first year all together at our Birket Avenue site draws to an end, my thanks go to all our parents/ carers for their continued support as we rose to the challenges of the relocation. In addition my best wishes go to those members of staff retiring this year - Mr Allkins, after 25 years at Clare Mount; Teaching Assistant Mrs Boston, following 15 years with us, Ms Crolla, Deputy Headteacher and Ms Morgan .

This half term has been a term of celebrations, trips and events: sport award winners; Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; theatre 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 22nd August.

There have been several transition visits taking place for those students moving on to college, apprenticeships and internships in September in the last few weeks. 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.

**We've held some incredible events this term, including the whole school Culture and Creativity day, with a 'Road to Paris' Olympic** theme when children had a go at activities such as flag painting and skateboarding; National Schools Sports Week when all children took part in sports to win points for their house group; and our Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Prom night.

School will open again to the new Year 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Year groups 8 to 11 return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, I wish you all a healthy and happy break.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher



Hello, parents' staff and pupils!

I am PC Teresa Doherty, and I would like to introduce myself as your new Safer Schools Officer.

I have been a police officer for over 21 years and have enjoyed a variety of roles.

For the last 6 years I have been working on emergency response. I have enjoyed the fastpaced role, not knowing what job I will be at next, but I've felt it's time for a new challenge.

I will be a regular and approachable face within the school. I want to build bridges, offer advice, and where needed, provide education on crime issues.

My role is not going to be security or punishment. There may be times when I may need to speak to you about something that has happened, but only to prevent things getting worse.

As well as being a police officer, I am also a mum of two teenage girls, so hopefully I can relate to many of you.

If anyone has any questions, please ask the school to forward them to me and I will answer as soon as possible.

In the coming school year, I will drop in at parents' evenings or coffee mornings and hopefully meet some of you there.

Enjoy a safe summer holiday and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Best Wishes Teresa.



# Leasowe Lighthouse Trip



This term, 7PG have studied a series of topics based on the Wirral. The class have explored the history and geography of our beautiful peninsula and looked at local attractions and points of interest along the Wirral coastline. On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, the class took a trip to Leasowe Lighthouse and Moreton Shore to take a closer look at some of the locations we have been studying. The sun was out and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch from the Green Hut café after our long, hot walk along the River Birket. The students demonstrated fantastic confidence when ordering their own food and ice creams and all in all we had a fantastic day!

Miss Grindrod & Mrs Perry





*& Creativity*

**This year's Culture and Creativity days were based on an Olympics.**

We held our annual culture and creativity days on 15th & 16th July. With the Paris 2024 Olympics coming up in the summer, this year's theme was the Olympics and over the two days children had the chance to take part in a fantastic range of sports, including break dancing and skateboarding; crafts, including mug decorating and flag textiles; Food tasting, including a visit to our French Bistro; and attended a Birds of Prey workshops.



# CULTURE

# & Creativity



# CONGRATULATIONS

During the last academic year the NCS have been working with our 6<sup>th</sup> form students. During the fortnightly workshops in school the NCS have sought to offer opportunities to our students which will assist in preparing them for their lives after their time at school is complete. They do this by:

- developing their confidence, independence and skills
- connecting them with people from all walks of life
- empowering them to make a difference in their communities and the wider society

It is clear from the students' feedback that they have enjoyed working with the NCS and they feel the workshops have made them feel more confident about the prospect of leaving school and transitioning to FE and the workplace.

A significant moment in the year was when one of our students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form was awarded the NCS young person of the year. James was recognised for his positive attitude and work ethic during the workshops with the NCS. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Leasowe Castle Hotel James received his award in front of a very proud mum and dad. As his parents stated 'James has come a very long way since joining the school as a very shy and extremely anxious little boy'. We are all proud of James at Clare Mount and we wish him the very best for the future as he takes up a place at College.

# CONGRATULATIONS



*James with his NCS Award*



Clare Mount want to say another HUGE thank you to Wallasey Rotary Club for organising a fantastic visit from The Real Dairy Ice Cream Company during our Culture and Creativity celebrations. Our students and staff were super excited when they heard the chimes of the ice cream van arriving. As always, we thank Mr John Earp for helping to organise this through the Rotary Club.



# Summer Examinations

## 2024

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 22<sup>nd</sup> August, students can collect their results between 9:30am 11:30am.

Mrs Nokes



# Sports Day Highlights 2024

## Sports Day – Inspire A Generation

Following our Olympic theme on the Path to Paris, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July pupils participated in indoor athletics, volleyball, judo and 7s tag-rugby events, whilst they also took part in a range of other challenges through the day designed to make them think about skills and qualities such as mental toughness, problem solving and planning and preparation which an Olympic athlete might need.

Pupils took part on these events as part of their House. Every House one at least one event, and Sports Day ended up being drawn between Jordan and Attenborough House.

Combining Sports Day results with our National School Sport Week results meant that Ali House won our inaugural House cup. Next year, we will look to expand this programme to ensure everything feels part of A TEAM and participates in activities which are Active. Technological. Employable. Artistic and Mindful.

Mr Keefe



*Pupils showing mental toughness and resilience by doing the Wall Sit and Plank.*

# Sports Day Highlights 2024



Pupils trying to problem solve to create the closest photo finish in a sprint race.



Mascot designs with pupils asked to create ones if Liverpool submitted a bid to host the 2036 Olympics.

 Sports Day Results – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ Clare Mount

Sport	Age group	All	Attenborough	Jordan	Tales
Indoor Athletics	7/8	6	8	4	2
Indoor Athletics	9/10	4	2	6	8
Indoor Athletics	11+	2	8	8	6
Volleyball	7/8	2	8	6	4
Volleyball	9/10	8	4	6	2
Volleyball	11+	6	2	4	8
Judo	7/8	4	8	2	8
Judo	9/10	4	6	8	4
7s Tag-Rugby	7/8	4	8	8	2
7s Tag-Rugby	9/10/11	2	4	6	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>

 Role Models and Catalysts for Change 

**NSSW & Sports Day Final Standings**

House	All	Attenborough	Jordan	Tales
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>518</b>



Role Models and Catalysts for Change 



In April we launched our Clare Mount Interact Club to pupils in Years 8-13. The club is a Junior version of the Rotary club and has been supported by a long term member of Wallasey Rotary club. The aim of the club is to encourage young people to 'interact' with both their local community and the wider world. Activities include learning about other cultures, volunteering for local community projects and raising money for charities.

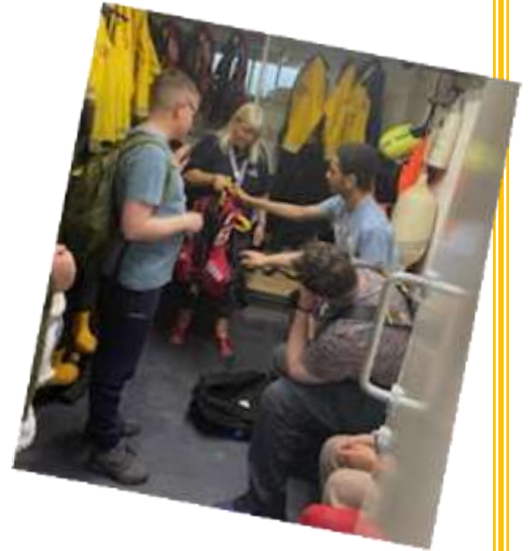
Since April we have had a small but enthusiastic group of pupils who have attended weekly meetings and helped plan activities.

This term, a group of pupils set up a stall at the Floral Pavilion and collected money from visitors to the theatre to donate to a Polio charity. In total they raised £71.91 which will be sent off very soon.



Clare Mount Interact were also lucky enough to receive a private donation for a charity of their choice. Members of the club chose to send £400 to WaterAid. Hopefully this money will help change lives by providing clean water and hygiene facilities for families who live in deprived areas around the world.





This term, the group visited New Brighton Lifeboat station and were treated to a tour of the station by two fantastic volunteers. The group had the chance to learn about the lifeboat, try on life jackets and protective clothing, sit in the crew mess and learn about the history of the RNLI. The highlight of the trip was presenting a cheque for £50 from Clare Mount Interact to the RNLI to help continue their amazing work.

Clare Mount Interact Club are looking forward to continuing their fundraising efforts in September and would welcome any new members.

Mrs Spencer

# The Prom



Prom King Jamie

Prom Queen Neve



# The Prom



# Clare Mount's Got Talent

Well done to all our students (and staff!) who performed in our Talent Show on the last Monday of the School term. We had magic, singing, puppets, dancing, jokes, impressions, music, acting and a whole lot more! Everyone who stepped onto the stage is a real star! It was a fun way to spend the last day of the School Year with everyone!

Mr Gore





# FAREWELL

We say a fond farewell this term to:

Mr Roger Allkins, Teacher of Maths

Ms Crolla, Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Janet Boston, Teaching Assistant

& Ms Jamie Morgan



Community Capacity  
Builders CIC

# FUNDED SEND PARENTAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Tracy Rowland, will be delivering 3 fully funded 2 hour sessions in August at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College, Leasowe for parents/carers of NEURODIVERSE children. Tracy's worked with youngsters with SEND for over 25 years and supported pupils/families to access the support they need and worked with them on strategies to remove barriers to education and life outside school.

**Mon 12th August (10-12noon) - AUTISM**

**Tues 13th Aug (10-12 noon) - SENSORY ISSUES**

**Wed 14th Aug (10-12 noon) - ADHD**

All 3 sessions can be attended or just attend those relevant to you.



LOTTERY FUNDED



If you are interested in booking a place  
please contact:

[communitycapacitybuilders19@gmail.com](mailto:communitycapacitybuilders19@gmail.com)



## #EVERYDAYCOUNTS

...every school day counts!

But, if your child is not able to attend school, please call our school office to let us know: 0151 606 9440.

Thank you!





## **Child Bereavement UK Coffee Morning Friday 9 August, 10am-12pm**

Charlotte's Brightside  
1A Hope Street  
New Brighton CH45 2LN

This year marks 30 years of Child Bereavement UK helping families to rebuild their lives, when a child grieves or when a child dies. To mark this occasion, we are inviting you to join us for a slice of cake and a cup of tea.

This is an opportunity to come along and meet us, whether you know us well or are new to us and would like to learn more about the charity. You will be able to find out about the support we offer and our work with families and professionals across Wirral.

**We look forward to seeing you.**

[childbereavementuk.org](http://childbereavementuk.org)



On the 21st June, Miss Hanley, Miss Blessing and 7H 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



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 GCSE

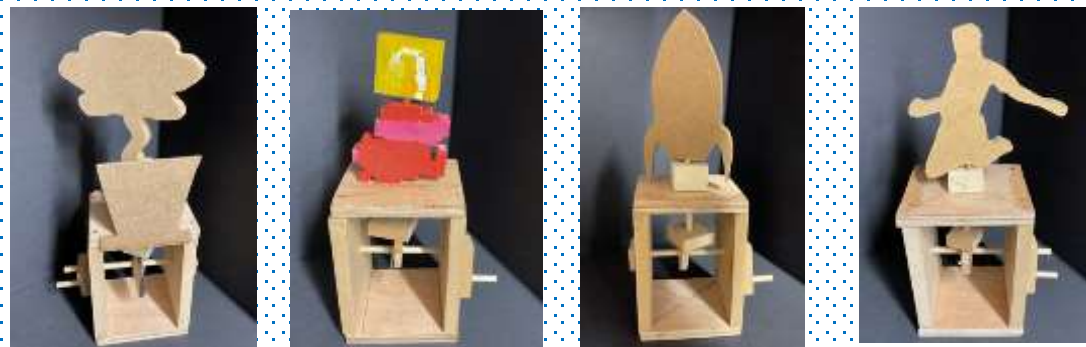
Year 10 have been working really hard model making this term. They have used techsoft and the laser cutter to produce scale models of container homes they have designed. They then spray them white and add the final details. I look forward to seeing the finished models.

Mrs McBurney



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 have been using techsoft to design their own limited edition for Paris 2024 Olympics. They learnt how to manipulate images from the internet, break them down and remove layers using vectorise. Then, they created their own designs for the limited edition drink cans. I think they did a brilliant job producing their ideas making them realistic.



8W smashed it designing and making their automata's this term. They cut and assembled the frame and then decided on what they wanted to make move on the top. They have used a selection of friction wheels and eccentric cams to bring their project to life.

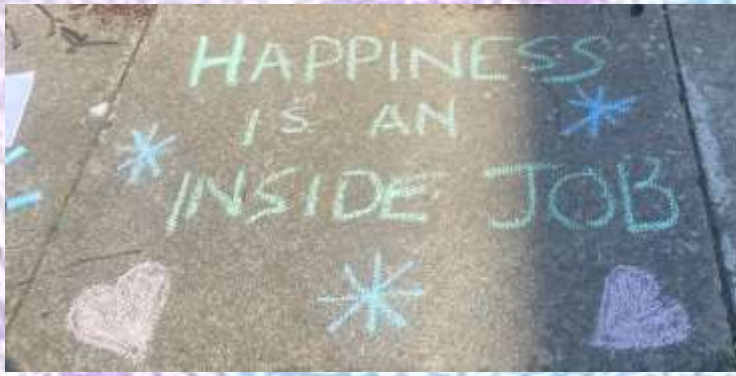




Joint venture for DT and Science

We had the pleasure of visiting the ECO show that was held at Bidston Golf Club. We took part in weaving butterflies from willow, getting up close to honey bees, that was amazing. We loved meeting the owls and giving them a stroke and finding out about them.





This term students have been taking part in *Chalk the walk* in their PSHE lessons as part of their Outdoor learning. They have been writing positive affirmations for staff and students along the walkway at the entrance of school.

Mrs Jones





Our cricket team has had a fantastic half term, firstly at the Alder Tournament, where the team were Merseyside Champions for the 3rd year in succession, beating Alt Bridge A and B as well as West Kirby School on the way to the title. This was followed by playing in an exhibition tournament at Cholmondeley Castle with Wirral Grammar School at the Lord's Taverners dinner in late June.

Finally, in early July, the team travelled to Warrington Cricket Club to play in the Cheshire County tournament. Victories against Failibroome, Oaklands and Greenbank by 115, 55 and 29 runs respectively, saw the group crowned as Cheshire Champions!

The cricketers have had a fantastic year, They are unbeaten in all formats of SEND cricket, only beaten in the Mainstream County Finals in the indoor tournament by the best players in the North West. They have the Active Wirral individual of the year in Luke S. Alfie W hit his first Cheshire 50 against Yorkshire in recent weeks and there are several players in and around the county set up. The future is bright. Thanks to Mrs Webster, Mrs Brooks, Mrs McCannon, Mrs Beattie, Mr Freeman, Mr Holsgrove, Mr Basey, Reeve Christall and, last but not least, bowling coach extraordinaire Matthew O'Connell for their support in every aspect of the players' development.

Mr Kearney





# Football



On a gloriously sunny day a group of our Year 7 pupils took part in a football competition at Foxfield School as part of their National Sports Week events. During this event our pupils played some fantastic football and showed great sportsmanship winning the majority of their games. This was a fantastic experience for our pupils and for some it was their first taste of a competitive school football tournament. As always, our pupils were a real credit to our school with their excellent behaviour and attitudes. Well done to all that took part.

Mr Freeman



# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

## LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

## SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

## PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

## TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

## TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

## YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

## WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

## COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

## TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Hatch have made a few changes to their service since moving into their new building. Hatch is for children aged 8-16 years, who are looking for early help and support for emotional wellbeing, worry, generalised low to moderate anxiety, low mood and depression.

Hatch offer three skills-based programmes, including CBT principles, mindfulness and weekly tasks to be completed at home. Their programmes are designed to develop understanding of self, thoughts and emotions, and equip children with the skills and tools they need to make positive changes and build resilience.

A programme will be allocated to each child based on their needs, age and emotional understanding. The programmes Hatch provide are delivered by their team of wellbeing coaches and volunteer mentors who are trained in delivering those very specific and prescriptive programmes only. Children will be paired with a mentor who they will work with weekly throughout the duration of the programme. Typically, children will access between 6-8 weeks of 1-1 support. Although they do their best to make the service as accessible as possible, they're not able to provide specific support for challenges presented in young people with ASD and ADHD, or offer guidance on managing those behaviours as part of the programmes that they deliver.

Service user requirements:

- Families and young people must be willing and able to travel each week to the site in Birkenhead. There are train and bus routes close by - Hamilton Square and Argyle Street.
- Parent/carers must be open to telephone communication and commit to responding to communication from the team.
- Children must be willing to engage with the sessions, work with their mentor and be open to practicing the skills taught throughout the programmes.
- Sessions run for between 6-8 weeks, on the same day and time each week.
- All children and parent/carers are invited to, and must attend, an initial visit. This will be arranged via telephone call.
- Parental consent is required for all children accessing the service.

Please note:

Hatch are not an intervention for aggression or behaviour concerns.

They do not offer counselling/talking therapy and they are not a clinical service. They are unable to provide specialised support for the following areas:

- Eating disorders
- Domestic abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Bereavement

Other information:

- Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 9.15am-6.15pm, Fri 9.15am-3.15pm
- Location: 18 Trinity Chambers, Ivy Street, Birkenhead. CH415EF.
- All sessions are carried out on the first floor, accessible via two flights of stairs.

E: [info@Hatchmerseyside.co.uk](mailto:info@Hatchmerseyside.co.uk)

W: [www.Hatchmerseyside.co.uk](http://www.Hatchmerseyside.co.uk)

# Caritas Picnic in the Park

Bring a picnic and Join us for a chat, fun and games over the summer.

**Wednesday 31st July**

**Eastham Woods**

**10.30am—1pm**

Meet at Eastham Woods car park,

Green Lane, CH62 0BH

**Monday 19th August**

**Tam O'Shanter Farm and**

**Bidston Hill**

**10.30am—1pm**

Meet at the café,

Boundary Road, CH43 7PD

# FORM

## 6th Form Transition Day – July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

We are pleased that many of our Year 11 students are staying on with us in the 6<sup>th</sup> form and in preparation for this we had a transition day at the beginning of July.

The students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form from September 2024 will experience a new curriculum and will follow pathways that we hope will result in them achieving a place at college or a job once they have finished their 6<sup>th</sup> form studies.

During the transition day we also invited parents into the school to learn about life in the 6<sup>th</sup> form and the role they can play in ensuring their child's experience in the 6<sup>th</sup> form is a successful one.

Mr Rice



# FORM

## Chester Zoo 6th Form Trip



As part of the end of school year celebration some 6<sup>th</sup> Form students and staff paid a visit to Chester Zoo. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us and everyone had a great day. In particular the students were thrilled to see the new member of the 'zoo family' – the baby giraffe.

Mr Rice



The sixth form went over to Liverpool and took part in a fantastic music over the years tour at the British Music Experience. They took part in a fun music quiz, a guided tour of music over the years, a Spice Girls exhibition as well watching a hologram of Boy George in concert.



Mrs Courtney



# FORM



Some Sixth Form Creative Media and Sports Leaders had the opportunity to visit the BBC at Media City to take part in the Young Reporters Event. They took part in a series of sports events learning how to create content for social media, how to be a sports commentator on the radio as well as listening to the director and producer of Netflix series Together Treble Winners. This was a fantastic experience for our Sixth Form students finding out about careers within the media industry.

Mrs Courtney

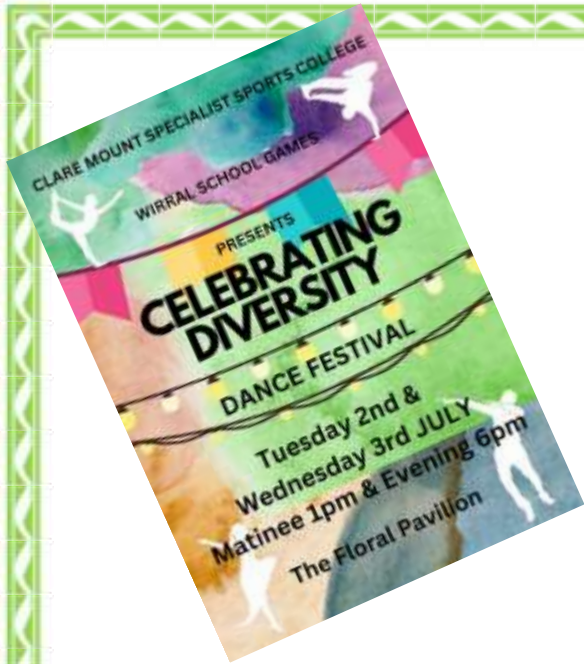


# Colour Fun Run!

Well done to Staff and Students who raised over £1,000 for our chosen charity by taking part in the Colour



27th June 2024



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we hosted our annual Clare Mount Specialist Sports College Dance Festival at the Floral Pavilion. This is our third year and the event has proven so popular that we had to add a second day. We had 30 school groups (primary, secondary and special schools) with more than 700 children and young people performing across both dates. The theme this year was 'Celebrating

Diversity' and the display of talent was absolutely fantastic, particularly from our own dancers here at Clare Mount. We have pupils from year 7 through to Post16 in our dance team and they performed three fantastic dance routines.

Our pupils stole the show and conducted themselves impeccably. They represented our school brilliantly and we are so proud of them.

Mrs Corcoran

Welcome to Moreton Thursday  
Youth Club

For Young People with SEND their  
family and friends

Starts Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
PS5 Pool Crafts and much more

Moreton Youth Space Pasture Road  
Moreton

CH46 8SA Opposite Moreton  
Methodist Church





# Basketball Academy

We have continued to develop a Basketball Academy here at Clare Mount. The emphasis and direction of the programme is to use basketball as a way of developing a sense of achievement whilst expanding the students social skills. This is accomplished through our regular Wednesday clubs, which take place between 3.10 and 4.30 in our sports hall. We are extremely fortunate with our facilities at the new school as they favour basketball, allowing our students multiple opportunities to practice their skills. The club is attended by approximately 15 to 20 students who work diligently on the various skills required to play the games whilst imbuing a sense of 'team'.

Mr Campbell



# Orrets Meadow Transition Day

A huge thank you to Mrs. Corcoran for leading a fabulous transition afternoon for Orrets Meadow. The event involved students participating in a variety of different sports, with the Year 6 Orrets students playing alongside our current Year 7 students who attended Orrets last year. It was heart warming to see them reminiscing about the past, meeting both old and new teachers, and trying out new sports like Drumba and Kinball.

Special thanks to Mr. Freeman and Mr. Kearney for leading the various activities and making the day a memorable success. We look forward to seeing you all

Mrs Kearsley



## Tennis development day: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Seven enthusiastic Year 8 students from Clare Mount School showcased their tennis skills and dedication during a special Tennis Development Morning held at Wallasey Manor Tennis Club. This event aimed to nurture young talent and provide students with the opportunity to develop their abilities under expert guidance. The students demonstrated remarkable effort and determination throughout the morning. Each of the seven participants engaged wholeheartedly in the drills and activities, displaying impressive enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. The coaches at Wallasey Manor Tennis Club were full of praise for the Clare Mount students. "The kids showed incredible potential and a great attitude. It's fantastic to see such young players so dedicated to improving their game," said one of the coaches.

Mrs Kearsley

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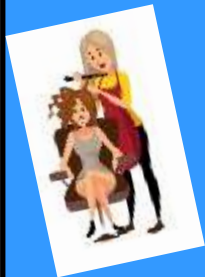
## Youth Club Hub



### Year 8 to 6th Form

#### DESIGN Technology

Scan the QR code to sign up!





# Congratulations Year 11 PE Students!

A big well done to all Year 11 PE students who have worked exceptionally hard to pass their PE Life Skills Award. This achievement showcases their dedication and the demonstration of 'My Personal Best' skills, such as resilience, empathy, and other essential life skills.

Additionally, congratulations to the sports leaders who have exhibited outstanding leadership throughout Years 10 and 11. They have successfully earned their Sports Leaders Level 1 Award, gaining extensive experience and qualifications in refereeing across various sports, including football, table cricket and basketball.

Fingers crossed for our first cohort of GCSE PE students. I'm sure they're going to do really well with the commitment and dedication they have shown over the last 2 years and more recently attending extra revision sessions after school and at lunch time!

Great job to all involved!

Mrs Kearsley

## LGBTQ+ Support Group

Are you a young person who identifies as LGBTQ+?

**Did you know that there is a weekly  
LGBTQ+ Support Group session at The Hive?**

**If you would like to come along please email  
[LGBTQ@thehiveyouthzone.org](mailto:LGBTQ@thehiveyouthzone.org)**



If you are not a Hive member but you are interested, please also email



## Celebrating the Recent Euros and Cricket T20 Tournament

We are thrilled to share how we celebrated the launch of the Euro's in Berlin. All students were encouraged to participate in football-related activities during PE lessons and extracurricular time. These activities included friendly tournaments, football circuits, and Soccercise (football activities set to music). The PE department organized these events with immense help from our superstar football ambassadors, Skye in Year 9 and Courtney in Year 11. The students thoroughly enjoyed these activities.

In addition, we celebrated the Cricket T20 tournament by incorporating cricket-related activities and games into our lessons, leading up to this fantastic event. This allowed all students to engage with and enjoy the excitement surrounding the tournament.

Mrs Kearsley



This term our curling team had the opportunity to represent Merseyside in the North West England Kurling finals in Bolton, after coming runners up in the Merseyside event last term.

The team, led by Sophia our Sports Leader, did amazingly well, losing only

one game on the day and eventually placing 2<sup>nd</sup> across the North West.

The pupils were brilliant ambassadors for the school and displayed great resilience and sportsmanship in order to win the silver medal.

Mr Ritchie



## Sale Sharks Rugby Event

Clare Mount pupils enjoyed an exceptional opportunity at the Sale Sharks rugby event, where they received expert coaching, toured the impressive grounds, and showcased their skills in an unbeaten tag rugby tournament. The experience was further enriched by meeting a professional female rugby player, who inspired the students with her achievements and shared valuable insights into the sport. This event not only enhanced their rugby skills but also provided memorable interactions and inspirations for the future.





## Boccia Final @ Bolton Arena

Achieving a gold medal in the Boccia Regional Finals at Bolton Arena was a remarkable accomplishment for Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. This outstanding success not only demonstrated the exceptional skills and determination of our students but was also greatly received in school. Boccia, as a sport designed to be inclusive, especially for individuals with physical disabilities, aligns perfectly with our school's values. Our triumph in the regional finals underscored our commitment to providing opportunities for all students to participate in competitive sports, thereby promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities within our school. The success of our Boccia team motivated other students to engage in sports and strive for their personal best, creating a culture of ambition and perseverance.



The gold medal victory in the Boccia Regional Finals at Bolton Arena was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students. It not only brought pride to Clare Mount Specialist Sports College but also promoted the values of inclusivity, teamwork, and perseverance. This outstanding achievement is expected to have lasting positive effects on our school community, inspiring students and enhancing the school's reputation. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to support our students in all their future endeavours.

Mr Weights

The recent Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Expedition was an exciting and challenging adventure for our pupils, providing opportunities for personal growth, teamwork, and outdoor skills development. Here's an overview of their achievements during the Silver Expedition and Practice in Chirk and Oswestry.

**Purpose:** The Silver Expedition aimed to develop participants' skills in navigation, teamwork, and outdoor survival through a self-sufficient journey in the countryside.

**Expedition Activities:**

**Navigation and Route Planning:** Participants learned to read maps, use a compass, and plan routes. They navigated through different terrains, ensuring they could find their way using map and compass skills.

**Campcraft and Survival Skills:** Pupils set up tents, cooked meals on portable stoves, and practiced Leave No Trace principles. They learned how to pitch tents properly, cook nutritious meals, and maintain a clean campsite.





**Teamwork and Leadership:** Working together to overcome challenges, distribute tasks, and support one another, participants took turns leading their group, ensuring everyone had a chance to develop leadership skills.

**Physical Endurance and Resilience:** Hiking long distances with backpacks, navigating varied terrain, and coping with weather conditions helped build stamina and resilience. Participants walked several kilometres each day and managed personal and group welfare.

**Personal Growth:** The expedition-built confidence, independence, and self-reliance among the pupils.

**Skill Development:** Participants enhanced their navigation, outdoor survival, and leadership skills.

**Teamwork:** The activities promoted cooperation, communication, and mutual support.

**Connection with Nature:** Pupils developed an appreciation and respect for the natural environment.

The success of our pupils in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition is a testament to their hard work, determination, and resilience. This achievement has not only provided them with invaluable life skills but also brought pride to our school community. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to supporting them in their future endeavours.



Mr Weights

## Tatten Hall OAA Experience YST Co-creation workshop

Participating in the Outdoor and Adventurous Experience (OAA) at The Conway Centre as part of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme and LOtC had a huge impact on our students. The day's activities included morning sessions of climbing, ropes courses, and zipwire, followed by afternoon sessions on shelter building and fire lighting skills. These activities significantly enhanced students' physical fitness, coordination, and agility while promoting practical survival skills and self-sufficiency. The challenges of the ropes course and zipwire not only provided a thrilling experience but also fostered teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. By taking turns leading activities, students honed their leadership abilities, boosting their confidence and self-esteem. The hands-on engagement with nature during the shelter building and fire lighting activities also heightened their appreciation for the environment and reinforced sustainable practices.

The YST Co-creation Workshop further enriched the OAA experience by involving students in the planning process, allowing them to contribute their preferences and perspectives. This empowerment fostered a sense of ownership over their learning and personal development, enhancing their engagement and motivation. The workshop also provided a platform for students to practice leadership and collaborative skills in a real-world context. By integrating their input into the activities, the school ensured that the experience was not only more meaningful and enjoyable but also aligned with the students' interests and goals. The combined impact of the Tatten Hall OAA Experience and the YST Co-creation Workshop was evident in the students' increased confidence, resilience, and a deeper appreciation for outdoor adventures and environmental stewardship. This holistic approach to experiential learning significantly contributed to their overall growth and development, making the programme an invaluable component of their educational journey. As a result, the Co-Creation continued back in school and pupils developed their own OAA plans for the summer term in the form of water sports at Wirral Water Sports Centre at West kirby marina.

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## Volunteering at Birkenhead Park: A Valuable Initiative



Volunteering at Birkenhead Park has proven to be an excellent initiative that offers significant benefits to both the community and the students involved. Students engaged in activities such as clearing paths, picking up litter, and feeding ducks and pigeons. These tasks not only ensured that the park remained clean, safe, and accessible for all visitors but also supported local wildlife and provided educational experiences about animal care and ecosystem balance. By participating in these hands-on activities, students gained a deeper understanding of environmental conservation and stewardship, while also developing various skills such as teamwork, leadership, and responsibility.

The benefits of this volunteering effort extend beyond environmental awareness. Students experienced personal growth, enhanced their physical well-being through active participation, and learned valuable lessons in civic responsibility and community service. The initiative also offered educational opportunities, allowing students to acquire practical knowledge about wildlife and environmental management. Organizing and celebrating these volunteering efforts helped to foster a culture of service and environmental stewardship within the school, enriching the students' educational experience and personal development. This initiative not only improved the park and its surroundings but also left a lasting positive impact on the students and the broader community.

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## Sailing at Wirral Water Sports Centre (LOtC)

Learning to sail at Wirral Water Sports Centre offers students a unique blend of adventure and skill development. This program fosters a sense of achievement and confidence, providing opportunities for personal growth through hands-on learning. Students gain valuable skills in navigation, teamwork, and environmental appreciation while enjoying recreational activities on the waters of the Wirral coastline. The supportive and safe environment ensures that students not only have fun but also build lasting memories and a deeper connection with the natural world. Overall, the experience enhances their personal development and cultivates a lifelong appreciation for sailing and outdoor activities.



National School Sports Week (NSSW) at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College was a resounding success, providing students with an enriching and diverse range of sporting experiences. Throughout the week, students engaged in both Olympic and non-traditional activities, such as volleyball, archery, handball, boccia, kin ball, and yoga. These activities introduced students to new sports, promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and overall well-being. The inclusivity of sports like boccia ensured that all students, regardless of ability, could participate and feel valued. Furthermore, activities such as archery and yoga helped students develop focus, discipline, and mental well-being, showcasing the holistic benefits of diverse physical activities. This variety allowed students to discover new interests and talents, fostering a lasting love for sports and physical activity.

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The introduction of a house system during NSSW further enhanced the school community's spirit and engagement. Grouping students into houses fostered a strong sense of belonging and healthy competition, encouraging greater participation in sporting events. The students' enthusiasm was palpable as they worked together to earn points for their houses, building friendships and camaraderie across different year groups. Leadership roles within the house system, such as house captains, provided valuable opportunities for personal development and teamwork. The week culminated in a celebratory event where final standings were announced, highlighting the competitive yet supportive atmosphere that NSSW brought to the school. Overall, NSSW not only promoted physical health and fitness but also strengthened the school's vibrant and cohesive environment, leaving a lasting positive impact on students and staff alike.

Final Standings					Year Groups	Al i	Attenborough	Jor- dan	Ta- jiri
Year 7	1	136	134	136					
	4								
	3								
Year 8	9	95	83	96					
	6								
Year 9 & 10	2	231	217	232		4			
	3								
	9								
<b>Total</b>						<b>7</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>464</b>

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# Forest School

Forest school has provided Year 9 students at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College with numerous benefits, blending outdoor learning with practical skills development. This immersive experience has significantly enhanced students' physical health through active participation in outdoor activities. Improved mental well-being is another notable benefit, as the natural environment reduces stress and anxiety, promoting relaxation and mindfulness. Additionally, the forest school setting has fostered the development of social skills, encouraging teamwork and communication among students. The creative and imaginative aspects of building dens and engaging in role-playing activities have further enriched their learning experience, allowing students to explore their creativity in a natural setting. These activities have also improved students' focus and academic performance, as the hands-on learning approach helps them retain information and stay engaged.



The forest school experience has also cultivated a deeper connection with nature among Year 9 students. By working in the natural environment, students have developed practical skills such as plant identification and wildlife observation. Activities like cooking food on an open fire, including roasting marshmallows and preparing simple snacks, have boosted their confidence and self-esteem, while teaching them essential life skills. The creation of art projects using natural materials has enhanced their problem-solving abilities and encouraged risk management in a safe and supportive environment. The recent development of the school forest, featuring a new fence and a sheltering sail, has further enriched the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) experiences, providing a versatile and engaging space for students to explore and learn. This enhanced environment supports a wide range of activities, ensuring that students continue to benefit from the forest school's multifaceted approach to education.

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# ACTIVE ALLSPORTS DISABILITY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SUMMER2024

Our Summer disability activity programme is available for children and young people with a disability or additional need to stay healthy and active through the holidays.  
Parents, carers and siblings are welcome to all sessions.  
Our Summer Holiday programme runs between

**Monday 22nd July – Thursday 15th August**

View our full timetable below and the information provided per activity before calling to confirm your booking.

**Pre booking and payment is required for most activities, bookings can be made via the central Leisure telephone team on**

**0151 606 2010**

If you have any further questions please contact the programme co-ordinator by email [catherinedunn@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:catherinedunn@wirral.gov.uk) or mobile **07554778378**

We look forward to seeing you this Summer.

## Proposed Term Dates 2024-2025



Autumn Term 2024	
Open	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 <i>*School closed to students Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Inset day). Year 7 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Form commence Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Years 8 to 11 commence Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
October Half-term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Open	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 <i>*School closed to students Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Inset day)</i>
Christmas break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Spring Term 2025	
Open	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
February half-term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Open	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 <i>*School closed to students Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Inset day)</i>
Spring Break	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Summer Term 2025	
Open	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
May Bank Holiday and half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Open	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025* <i>*School closed to students Monday 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (Inset days)</i>

*Inset Days (School closed to students):*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025*

