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Front cover: Duke of Edinburgh outdoor adventure activities at the Conway Centre, Tattenhall.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Students and staff have both demonstrated great resilience as we have faced roof leaks and a lack of electricity in part of the school this term. However, as the days lengthen and the weather improves, we look forward positively to being able to take advantage further of the outdoor spaces we have at our new school site.

We may only be half way through the school year but we are already making plans for September 2024, when our older students transition to 6th Form, College or Employment. With this in mind, our Year 11 students took part in a week of Work Experience this term and I am delighted to say some have even gained Saturday jobs from their time with employers. Meanwhile, we look forward to the Year 9 Options Evening on 29th February 2024 when parents/ carers will have the opportunity to meet with members of staff to discuss subject choices for Key Stage 4.

Student health and wellbeing is always on our agenda and activities during our Children's Mental Health Week provided our student and staff with the opportunity to take part in multiple activities. The overall theme of the week was 'Fit for every lesson' to highlight how important it is that students look after their own physical and mental health in order to be successful learners.

Our term ends today with a disco to raise funds for the upcoming residential trip to the Conway Centre. Three further discos are planned for next half term as you will see advertised in this newsletter, to raise funds for school and charity.

It only remains for me to wish you a healthy and happy half term break and remind you that children return to school on Tuesday 27th February.

Kim Webster, Headteacher
February 2024





Year 7 students have been using puppets in drama lessons to create their own characters and stories. They produced some very funny, creative and successful puppet shows! Well done Year 7!

Mr Gore



Music



Our students were treated to a digital music workshop delivered by Hi-Impact. They learned how to use different digital music software to create their own music and they were able to explore how to use BandLab, Sound Forest, Launchpad, Incredibox and BeastboxDJ. All students composed some fantastic music and have even been using the apps at home!

Mr Gore



March 2024

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Clare Mount's performance of 'The Tempest' at New Brighton Floral Pavilion, 7pm!

Clare Mount

Youth Club Hub



Year 8 to 6th Form
Thursdays 5-7pm



Scan the QR code to sign up!





On Friday 19th January, 4 students from Clare Mount had the opportunity to question three researchers aboard the polar research vessel, the RRS Sir David Attenborough (originally named Boaty McBoatface!) streaming in live to Antarctica.

This event was held at Eureka! Science + Discovery in Seacombe, with students from seven Wirral secondary schools in attendance, all with a shared vision of raising awareness of climate change.

Students were given a virtual tour of the ship first from the ship designer, John Drummond, and then connected into the researchers via a zoom link. One student in Year 10 represented Clare Mount superbly, confidently asking 4 pertinent questions about the observed effects of climate change in Antarctica, and even appeared on Granada reports that evening! Well done, Eco Ambassadors!



Mrs Hargreaves





Save the dates!

**SCHOOL
DISCO**

Friday 16th February

Friday 1st March

Friday 8th March

Friday 15th March

Fundraising for school residential trips and charity

4 upcoming discos! Non-uniform during the day for a £1 contribution & £2 to attend the disco. There will be a tuck shop during the disco too!



The students and staff at Clare Mount marked this year's Children's Mental Health Week with our very own week devoted to Health and Wellbeing.

A host of activities took place throughout the week including workshops with The Brook Advisory Service, Lawn Tennis Association, mental health support, an Olympic themed 'Road to Paris' Festival and the launch of our 'Daily Mile'.



Thank you to all the many staff members who contributed to the organisation of such a fantastic week and to our students for engaging so willingly throughout the week. We really did demonstrate the pillars of being a 'Beacon Well School!'

Mr Byrne

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Our staff wellbeing session was a great success with our team. They loved popping into DT and making their LED lights. First they had to get to grips with Techsoft to create the image for the laser to engrave and cut. They then learnt how to make the wooden base for their light. Just need to add the LEDs and clean everything off.

Mrs McBurney



Clare Mount Crisp Collectors Take Action!



In 2023, a crisp packet from 1977 was found by a dog walker on a Cornish beach. Despite the conditions that can often be seen on the Cornish coastline, the wrapper remained intact, with wording and labelling still clearly legible.

This is sadly not a standalone case, with similar stories cropping up across UK coastlines, serving as a stark reminder of just how long it takes for plastic to decompose.

Kevin Keegan 1977 crisp packet found on Cornish beach

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6 billion packets of crisps are consumed every year in the UK.

This equates to 16 million packets of crisps a day!

Crisp wrappers can take up to 80 years to decompose, making them one of the least recyclable packaging materials.

Nearly 200 billion crisp packets will be either sent to landfill or pollute our oceans in the next 30 years.



Students at Clare Mount have been taking positive action in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill by collecting used crisp wrappers at dedicated recycling points.

Once the boxes have been filled, students have then washed out the crisp wrappers and left them to dry out in preparation for a unique project they will be running. Watch this space for the final result!

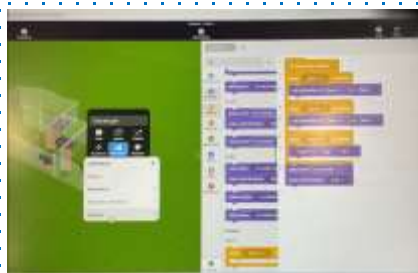


DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Year 10 have been busy learning how to create 3D models using Cospaces this half term. They have been very successful learning how to create their shipping container homes. The challenge involved sizing and making the container, then scaling furniture to build their desired outcome. The next stage was coding various parts ready to use with the VR headsets.

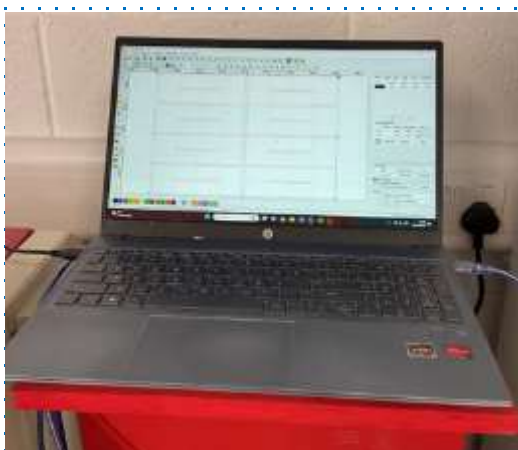
Mrs. McBurney



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

9HA have been busy this half term learning how to manipulate a design enabling the laser to cut it out. They also continued to develop their practical skills cutting the wooden bases for their LED lights. The last part is soldering the LED lights to the USBV cable and testing it.

Mrs. McBurney



STEM activities in Alternative Curriculum

Pupils have been busy learning how to use equipment in the Design Technology room to attach and cut materials. They have also used their design skills and problem solving skills to protect an egg from impact as it fell. Hi-Impact computing workshops have provided lots of exciting opportunities to code using the Indi robot and Microbit, displaying lots of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Mrs Price





We are delighted to announce that Four of our Year 10 pupils - Troy, Jack, Lewis and Seth - have been selected to represent England at the World School Sport Education Games in Greece in April.

This is an amazing opportunity with some unique experiences as we build towards the Olympics, Paris 2024. Our students will be accompanied by two members of staff. However, having only confirmed the event in December, the organisers have only given us a short window of time to raise up to £4500 towards their journey.

If any parents/carers feel they can help with any fundraising, or have any suggestions for sponsorship, please contact me via the school office.

Mr Keefe

#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!



6th Form Work In the Community

This year all 6th Form students are working with the National Citizenship Service (NCS) to achieve their NCS certificate.

The students must follow a detailed plan of activities to ensure they reach the grade and achieve their award.

On Friday 9th February, despite the awful weather, all our 6th Form students led by Mrs Turner, Mrs Beattie and Mr McGinity walked to Leasowe Common in the role of 'Team Eco Warriors'. At the beach the students spent time cleaning an area of the beach where litter had been left. All the students worked diligently as a team to ensure the area was left spotless. Well done to all the students and staff!

Mr Rice





Vauxhall Motors Visit

On Tuesday February 6th the 6th Form Business Studies class visited the Vauxhall Motors Plant in Ellesmere Port. As part of their studies the students have been learning about how products are made, how added value is created and how a business generates profit.



During the visit the students observed the new All Electric Van going through the manufacturing process in Press, Body and General Assembly.

The students also experienced how Quality Control ensure the van leaves the plant with zero defects and were taken for a ride in a van around the testing track.

Mr Rice



FORM



6th Form Art saw the class investigating Optical artist Bridget Riley. We found out about her life and style of work. The class had a go at using crimped card to create lines which give an optical illusion.

Miss Vicars



As part of our 6th Form fundraising, our chosen charity this year is Stick 'N' Step. So far we have made three donations towards the work that the staff at Stick n Step undertake with children and their families with Cerebral Palsy. This is a local charity and we will hopefully raise some more needed funds throughout the year. We are super proud of the efforts made so far.

Mrs Turner

6th FORM



Our amazing Horticulture group have been making fat cakes for the birds.

It is important to feed our feathered friends during this cold time of year.



6th Form spent the morning picking up litter around Leasowe Common as part of their work with National Citizenship Service.

All students were amazing.

Mrs Turner

W O R K

EXPERIENCE

Year 11s did us so proud with a fantastic week of work experience. It was a successful year enjoyed by all of our students.

25 Different companies were used, with 12 being new companies we had not used before. We had lots of different job roles including PE Technician's Hairdresser Assistants, Media Assistant, Hotel Assistant, Animal Care Assistant's Stable Hand, Accounts Administration Assistant and Classroom Assistant.



Darrell and Jamie Woodchurch High School PE Department



Farm Group Alpaca Farm



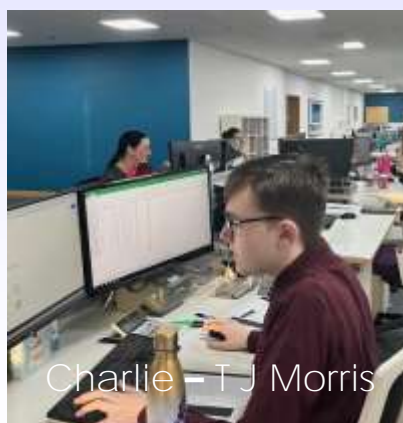
Bobby – Chester Zoo



Kya – Alpaca Farm



Jared & Rhuben – Moreton Carpet Shop



Charlie – T J Morris



Declan – Woodchurch High School



We have had excellent feedback from the employers this year here is an example of some of the comments:

Larton Riding School *“Neve has worked hard all week and has proved herself to be reliable and competent handling the horses’ completing tasks to a good standard”*

Abstract Hair Salon *“Courtney is an amazing worker; she keeps busy and uses her initiative well. She has a great relationship with the team and we love having her working with us.”*

Orrets Meadow Primary School *“It was a pleasure having Rhiannon in school as she was a past pupil. Rhiannon came into school each day well-presented and ready to get stuck in. Rhiannon was helpful in class and full of enthusiasm. Rhiannon helped the TAs and the children in class and every lunchtime helped with a club. Rhiannon was a delight to have and we wish her every success in the future”*

Clare Mount ICT Department *“A brilliant asset to my team, Alexander was a credit to himself and Year 11”*

Heswall Primary School *“It has been an absolute pleasure having Charlie join our school and class this week. He has undertaken lots of group activities such as making telescopes with the children as part of our space topic. In class some children do a daily math’s intervention on the computers and Charlie has been a great asset in helping the children to log on and by supporting them when they have encountered a problem. He has also joined a year 5 PE dance session and a drama workshop from an outside company with the F2 class. Charlie has always displayed a professional and courteous manner and has built great relationships with staff and pupils. We have loved having him in class.”*

Well Done Year 11, you have made me very proud!!!!

Miss K Magnall WRL Coordinator

Good Luck Zebedee



Zebedee, who was our Guide Dog Puppy during the Summer term last year is 1 on 16th February and is moving onto training to become a working Guide Dog during half term. We wish him luck.

Mrs Nokes

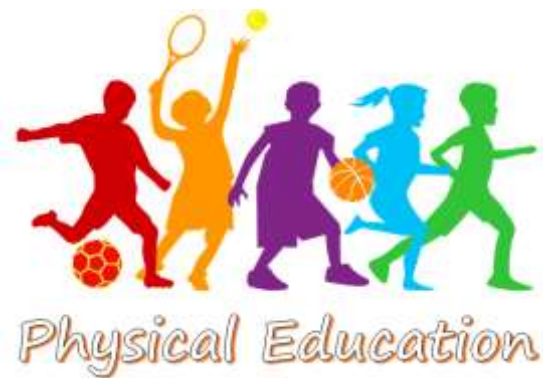
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Library Club

Visit your school library at lunchtime, with a friend, or on your own.

It is a friendly, welcoming area to relax and read from a selection of books, for pleasure, curiosity or information about hobbies and interests.

Why don't you come along and say hello, we welcome suggestions **of** books that you would like to read, if we do not stock them at the moment.



This term our KS3 team took part in the Merseyside Panathlon Football competition at the Greenbank Sports Academy in Liverpool. Our team was made up of pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 and they worked exceptionally well as a team winning all of their matches to finish top of the league and be crowned champions!

Clare Mount managed to score 17 goals in this competition and only conceded one with our team demonstrating some slick attacking football and resolute defending. All pupils involved showed excellent sportsmanship, resilience and a positive attitude throughout this event and were a credit to our school.

Well done.





Girls football at Greenbank.

At the recent Greenbank tournament in Liverpool, the girls football team representing Clare Mount did exceptionally well with a young team. For the first time in a long time we had a number of Key Stage Three girls as part of the team. Without the experience of the older girls, we still performed admirably and were able to finish runners up losing to Bankview in the final.

The girls had a great experience and made some lasting friendship with the girls on the other teams. We are to arrange some friendly fixtures in the coming term.



Sophie receiving her medal for sportsmanship, after helping the other teams on the day.

Boys key stage three football tournament at Greenbank.

Following the girls' successes, the boys' Key Stage Three team took part in the Greenbank tournament just last week. The tournament was a huge success and our boys were the eventual winners. They went the whole tournament without conceding a goal until the final game, which they won, despite conceding their own goal. They returned as victors with an aggregate goal record of 27 to one.

John, in year seven was also named player of the tournament. Well done John.

Mr Weights



Physical Education

Clare Mount basketball Academy.

This Half Term has seen the beginning of our new Basketball Academy on Wednesday evenings during Community

Sports Night with Mr Campbell. Pupils from all years have been invited to take part in our weekly basketball sessions and it has been pleasing to see the progress. They have made in just a Half Term. If there are any students in school who would like to join in and please let us know.

Mr Weights

SEN SESSIONS

FRIDAYS

5-6pm | Ages 5-16

6-7pm |





Duke of Edinburgh outdoor adventurous activities at the Conway Centre Tattenhall.

20 Year 10 pupils have had a fantastic opportunity to experience outdoor adventurous activities as part of their DofE programme. They took part in a range of activities, including climbing, zip wire, low ropes and hammock hanging. To top the day off all the food was provided by the Centre, which kept us all in good spirits. The pupils were a credit to the school and the staff at the centre were very impressed by their motivation and excellent manners.

This is the first step in our journey to experience more adventurous activities in the outdoors over the coming weeks, Pupils will be working with Mr Weights to develop an ongoing outdoor education experience for the remainder of the school year. This will be a co-creation project that involves the pupils working together and making their own decisions as to their preferred choice of activity in the outdoors. We will keep you updated with our progress throughout the journey.

Mr Weights



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HYPE

CENTRAL PARK

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

8th January to
28th March 2024

FREE

EVENING TIMETABLE

DAY	ACTIVITY	AGE	START	END
Monday	Family Fun & Food	ALL	4:00pm	5:30pm
	Family Fun & Food	ALL	6:00pm	7:30pm
Tuesday	Music Club	7yrs - 12yrs	4:00pm	5:00pm
	Glitz and Glam	10yrs - 16yrs	5:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday	The Youthy (Juniors)	7yrs - 11yrs	4:30pm	6:00pm
	Football & FIFA Night	12yrs - 16yrs	6:30pm	8:00pm
Thursday	Creative Canvas	7yrs-11yrs	4:00pm	5:30pm
	NCS Programme	15yrs - 18yrs	6:00pm	8:00pm
Friday	Youth Club Infants	5yrs - 7yrs	4:30pm	6:00pm
	The Youthy (Juniors)	7yrs - 11yrs	6:30pm	8:00pm
Saturday	Birthday Parties - Book Now	ALL	10.00am	1.00pm
	Birthday Parties - Book Now	ALL	3.00pm	6.00pm
Sunday	Birthday Parties - Book Now	ALL	10.00am	1.00pm
	Birthday Parties - Book Now	ALL	3.00pm	6.00pm

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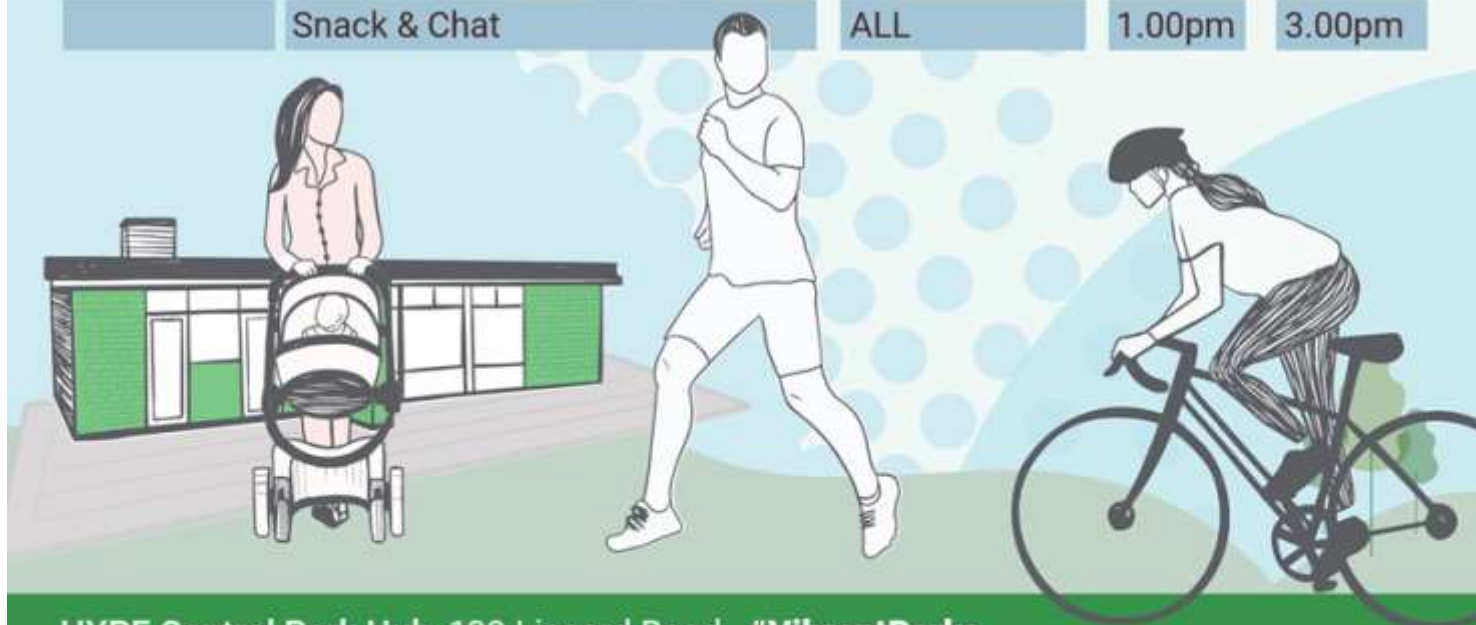
WEEKLY TIMETABLE

8th January to
28th March 2024



DAYTIME TIMETABLE

DAY	ACTIVITY	AGE	START	END
Monday	Breakfast Club	ALL	7:30am	9:00am
	Little Explorers Club	ALL/ Under 4s	1.00pm	3.00pm
Tuesday	Community Space - Enquire Now	ALL	9:00am	12:00pm
Wednesday	Community Space - Enquire Now	ALL	9:00am	4:00pm
Thursday	Community Space - Enquire Now	ALL	9:00am	12:00pm
	Family Home Made Happiness	ALL	1.00pm	3.00pm
Friday	Breakfast Club	ALL	7:30am	9:00am
	Snack & Chat	ALL	1.00pm	3.00pm



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Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023	
Open	Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October 2023 <i>*School closed to students Monday 4th September (Inset day) & Tuesday 5th September (Moving in day). Year 7 & 6th Form commence Wednesday 6th September Years 8 to 11 commence Thursday 7th September Please refer to starting day letters sent to parents/carers</i>
October half-term	Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023
Open	Monday 30th October to Friday 22nd December 2023 <i>*School closed to students Friday 1st December (Inset day)</i>
Christmas holiday	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024
Spring Term 2024	
Open	Monday 8th January to Friday 16th February 2024 <i>*School closed to students Monday 8th January (Inset day)</i>
February half-term	Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024
Open	Monday 26th February to Thursday 28th March 2024 <i>*School closed to students Monday 26th February (Inset day)</i>
Spring Break	Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024 (includes Easter bank holidays)
Summer Term 2024	
Open	Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Half-term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
Open	Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024 <i>*School closed to students Friday 28th June (Inset day)</i>

Inset days (school closed to students):

Monday 4th September 2023 (& exceptional closure Tuesday 5th September 2023)
 Friday 1st December 2023
 Monday 8th January 2024
 Monday 26th February 2024
 Friday 28th June 2024



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