

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again our summer term has got off to a flying start with a steady stream of events including drama productions, sports tournaments, residential trips, exams and our grand finale to this half term, the **Jubilee Celebrations! Details of this we'll share in next half term's** newsletter.

The GCSE exams are now underway and pupils and teachers alike are working hard to make sure the results reflect the potential of each and every one of our pupils sitting exams. Exams can be stressful for our students (and their families) so please ensure your child balances their revision and recreation time. We wish all our students the very best of luck!

Many of our Year 7 pupils headed off this term for the annual residential trip to Barnstondale. Once again the children had a fabulous time, enjoying the wide range of activities on offer as you will see later on in this newsletter.

Our Community Café will open for a Friday mornings with Mr Byrne offering parents/ carers the chance to access some great information sessions, with guest speakers, as well as a chance to meet up and have an informal chat and support each other. As always the café is also open Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3.00pm during term time for our school community, so come along and be waited on by our very own Sixth Form students.

Looking forward, next term promises to be a busy but exciting few weeks with our 6th Form and Year 11 leavers visiting colleges and **next year's year 7 visiting us, Culture and Creativity days and further** exciting trips. Our fantastic Summer Fair will be back Saturday 2nd July so please do join us.

I hope you enjoy the half term holiday and I look forward to seeing the pupils come back into school on Tuesday 7th June.

Kim Webster
Headteacher
May 2022



What an amazing effort from 7H this term. They have been learning about packaging and how to design and manufacture successful packaging. The pupils designed their nest using Techsoft and added their own graphics to the packaging. They then printed and assembled them into boxes. The final challenge was to create suitable packaging for a digestive biscuit. Once completed, they posted all the boxes and waited patiently for them to return. The last part was to assess the success of their packaging and happy to report 100% success as everyone's biscuits returned undamaged.

Mrs McBurney



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



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Mrs McBurney





We have had the pleasure of working with Phil at 1st Enable Cheshire East, over the last few weeks. A great team effort helping to manufacture some hedgehog houses. The teams had to cut and join the parts together and then create the roofs. We then took them back to school and placed them around the school grounds.

Mrs McBurney



1st Enable Cheshire East





The team have been busy working on repairing the trolley for 1st Enable. Cole has stripped and cleaned all the metal. Lewis and Ben have been helping manufacture and replace the wooden parts. The next stage is drilling the supports and joining the support bars using a dowel joint.

Mrs McBurney





Iris Flowers 3
Callum Christiansen
Watercolour, 27.5cm x 39.5cm



Iris Flowers 2
Rhiannon Hughes
Watercolour, 25.5cm x 38cm



Iris Flowers 5
Lewis Francom
Oil Pastel, 38cm x 59cm

Congratulations to Lewis, Callum and Rhiannon who finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively from all The Clare Mount entries in the regional Year 9 Dot Art Schools competition. All Clare Mount entries can be viewed here: schools.dot-art.com/schools/clare-mount-specialist-sports-college_201/



Football skills coaching has begun at Clare Mount and the group is growing every week. We have worked on finishing, taking a touch and shooting, crossing and through balls and will continue every Tuesday and Friday in the far set of goals on the grass at 12:30. The students are loving the fact that there is a focus to the session and they are improving their ability whilst having fun.

Mr Kearney



Cricket club continued during this half term and competitions will take place during the final summer half term. It has been heartening to see more younger students attending the sessions and everyone is improving their ability whilst having fun. We have added another session on Mondays at 12:30 focusing on fielding, in addition to Thursdays at 12:30 on the far MUGA .

Mr Kearney



Music



Students have been learning about the 4 sections of the orchestra (Brass, Strings, Woodwind and Percussion) and have been playing different instruments in class. They have tried a variety of brass and woodwind instruments and have also been playing virtual string instruments on the iPad. Maybe we should start a Clare Mount band?!

Mr Gore





28 Clare Mount students took to the streets of New Brighton to take part in a big community event. They have been working with students from LIPA (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts) to devise a piece of drama about the history of New Brighton. The performance included drama, singing, rap and dancing. They performed their piece 4 times throughout the day and then took part in a big parade followed by a community party! A huge well done to everyone who took part!

Mr Gore





50 students took to the stage and entertained the rest of the School with their production of 'The Golden Egg'. This was a story they had devised themselves about a golden egg that had mysterious powers and transported them to strange lands. They met scary pirates, hungry dinosaurs and even got to perform on the Egg-Factor! A huge well done to everyone involved for their dedication in rehearsals and giving a fantastic performance!

Mr Gore



**Clare Mount Specialist
Sports College**

Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale

Saturday 25th June 2022

10:00am—2:00pm

Fender Lane

**(If you're setting up for the Car Boot,
arrive at 9:00am)**

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES

Bouncy Castle, Refreshments, Raffle Prizes & much more!

**If anyone would like a car boot space please
phone the school office to book a place:**

0151 606 9440



Entrance: Adults £1.00

Children 50p

Children under 5 free





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The Year 7 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Chester Zoo and Barnstondale.

On the Wednesday, Year 7 had a very successful visit to Chester Zoo. Despite the wet weather, there were smiley faces all around! The penguins were out in all their glory and were very playful with the Year 7 students!

They stayed at Barnstondale Activity Centre and enjoyed a great range of activities including target range shooting, orienteering, den building, climbing, abseiling and a wild wood fire building (and lighting!) experience! All of this activity was fuelled by a suitably hearty menu of cooked breakfasts, tasty lunches and delicious evening meals including a brilliant barbeque on the Thursday.

As well as the day activities, we all kept busy in the evenings too, with a campfire on Wednesday night, complete with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate; then on Thursday, our Year 7s donned their best gear and their dancing shoes for Miss Smith's Disco - wow, did we see some moves that night! For those who prefer to do the dancing on the sports field, football was on offer too.

Our Year 7s showed real bravery and resilience by attempting new and challenging things and, in many cases, overcoming their fears, whether that be sleeping away from home or climbing a 30ft wall. As well as resilience, the Year 7s showed what great team players they are, working together to solve problems, support each other and have fun! Staff were blown away by the strength of character our young people showed and we are very proud of them all - we hope you are too!

Mr Waters



FORM



6th Form returned to Woodchurch Farm this morning and were met by four beautiful lambs. The four were born over the Easter break and are doing well. We did some horticulture today, lots of weeding. Miss Vicars sat on a huge nettle! Ouch!

Miss Vicars



Our wonderful, work-ready 6th-form students are looking for a couple of hours a week voluntary work placements from September 2023, please get in touch by DM if you can support your local young adults.

We are super proud of Adam and Mikey from sixth form who were part of the Clare Mount team who **WON** the Bowling Competition!!!!

Mrs Cooper –Shone



FORM



We are super-proud of Matthew in 6th form who began work experience recently with J & K Travel. He can be seen here cleaning 'Big Teg', as well as shopping for cleaning and PPE products and replenishing all vehicles.



FORM

6th Form visit to 1st Enable

6th Form attended '1st Enable' this term and demonstrated their amazing practical skills building hedge hog houses.



Admin task for the School Office!





Andy Warhol Project

6CS have completed an Expressive Arts project this half term as part of our ASDAN Programme. We studied the work of Andy Warhol and the Pop Art genre including music influenced by the era.

Everyone attempted to design their own soup can then progressed to designing their own Marilyn Monroe prints! How good are they!!!! I'm so proud of the commitment, concentration and creativity shown by our class.

Well done team!

I Think I might sell these?!

Mrs Cooper-Shone

FORM



Andy Warhol Project



FORM



A day of big achievements! Huge well done to Brandon and Bailey who went into the goat paddock to clean for the first time today. Georgia looked after Walter the tortoise, Joe walked Oscar the tortoise! One group cleaned out the sheep paddock. At Tam O'Shanter's students cleaned out the ponie stable, brushed up and fed the pigs while Mia put suncream on the pigs!

Miss Vicars

Preparing for Adulthood



Here's our Joe helping us out at Sixth Form. It's so busy here during week we need all the help we can get. Thank you Joe for sorting our kitchen.

Thank you Summer.
What a great hairdresser!



Our lovely students Esme and Summer decided to pamper staff this afternoon as part of Mental Health week and our Health and Wellbeing lesson.

We feel verrrry relaxed!!!! Thank you girls. Our hair and beauty salon next year is going to be fantastic.

Goodbye and Good Luck....

On 10th June, Mills, our Guide Dog Puppy will be leaving to move onto the next stage in his training.

Over the past 13 months Mills has grown a lot; he has enjoyed coming into school each day and meeting people. Mills has also been on buses, trains, to the shops, theatre and airport. He even went to the museum with Year 11.

Mills is moving to live with a family near the training centre and will go to the centre each day. Mills will need to work hard learning how to lead a blind person safely. Although we will miss him, we wish him the best of luck with the next stage in this important training.

Mrs Nokes



April 2021



May 2022

Exam season is well and truly upon us! This can be a stressful time in a student's life; try and balance your revision time with "chill" time. Listen to music, go for a walk, play on your consoles - whatever you need to do to de stress, do it. You will then be in a much better position to tackle your revision and your exams.



The whole school is behind you all and wishing you the best of luck!

Mrs Neill

'Back Where We Belong'

Wirral School's



Wednesday June 22nd Matinee
1.30 pm, Evening 6pm

Term Dates 2021-2022

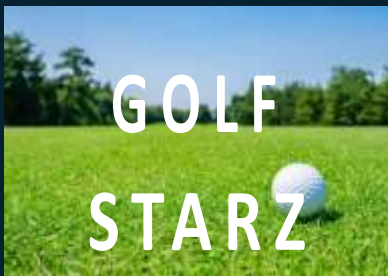
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 th June-Thursday 21 st July 2022
School closed to pupils*	*Monday 6 th June 2022 & Monday 27 th June 2022
School closes	Thursday 21 st July 2022

*Please note the additional inset day on Monday 6th June 2022
to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHT

SUMMER TERM 2022



WEDNESDAY 3.15PM - 4.30PM

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