

# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

No. 157



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Dear Parents/Carers

I was delighted earlier this term to share the outcome of our Ofsted inspection last November. To have retained our 'Outstanding' status, having been judged to be outstanding in all areas, is an exceptional achievement, given how rigorous inspections are under the new Ofsted framework., and requires a school to be exemplary in each area. It is testament to our exceptional standards that there were no recommendations for improvement at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College.

Year 11 have had a very busy half term, firstly with mock examinations, when all coped admirably with exam conditions and then having a week of work experience when many were able to take up a placement with a local employer. So successful was this that some have gained work placements for next year and Saturday jobs. The feedback from all employers was excellent and parents and carers should be extremely proud.

Annual Review meetings are in full swing this term providing an ideal opportunity for parents/carers to come in to school so we can share your child's achievements and progress, so please make every effort to attend your child's Annual Review meeting.

The challenges of Covid-19 have remained this term and we have seen the highest number of cases in school since the pandemic began. I would like to thank parents/ carers for their continued support in testing children and for consenting to their child being tested in school. We have picked up many cases through classroom testing and I would like to remind parents/ carers not to send children into school if they are experiencing Covid symptoms. In terms of staff absence, we have been significantly affected, but in all cases we have been able to cover for these members of staff in order to keep school open and ensure children continue to be well taught.

We have tried to ensure extra-curricular activities have continued despite the challenges of the pandemic and it is lovely to see regular clubs such as 1<sup>st</sup> Clare Mount Guides and Community Sports Nights so well attended. In addition, children have been able to take part in sporting events outside the school and, as you will read later on in this newsletter, have been extremely successful.

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 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Kim Webster, Headteacher

February 2022



On Thursday 10th February two teams from Clare Mount took part in the first Panathlon-Merseyside 10-pin bowling Tournament at Hollywood Bowl in Liverpool. Our teams each comprised 3 6th Form students and 3 Year 8 students and it proved to be a very enjoyable (and successful!) afternoon.

Team 'A' amassed a total of 589 points, with Adam, Jack and Seth all making treble figures individually. Team 'B' topped out at 576 points with a colossal score from Mikey of 136 points!!! All of the boys improved their technique throughout and they showed brilliant teamwork; encouraging each other and sharing each other's successful strikes and spares!

Mikey's incredible total proved to be the highest score by ANY individual student in the whole event. Adam won the 'Hot-shot' award for the most strikes / spares by any individual. Team 'A' won the overall competition and Team 'B' finished a highly respectable 3rd!

The students were, as always, outstanding role models and ambassadors for Clare Mount throughout the day.

Mr Byrne





## 1st Clare Mount Guides

This half term the Guides have been busy trying out activities from the Girlguiding UK programme, working on the 'Know Myself' theme award.

They have completed a range of activities, from learning about archaeology to decorating biscuits on Valentine's Day.

If any girls in Years 7, 8 or 9 are interested in joining Guides, please see Mrs Delamere, Miss Smith, Mrs Glover or Mrs Fogarty.



“Doing our biscuits was fun, we had so many sweets to use!”



Year 11 Construction have been working at Cornerstones learning various techniques.



Roofing, setting up the roof trusses, adding the battens, felt and then tiling the roof.



Bathrooms, levelling the bath and fitting it. Assembling the taps and trap for the sink. Fitting the toilet and cistern and plumbing the pipes.



Kitchens, assembling the units, levelling the legs and fitting units together, adding the doors and work tops.



Block drives, levelling the sand placing the blocks into position. They practiced various designs for the block drives.





Year 9 have been busy this half term learning how to use Techsoft and the laser cutter. They downloaded images from the internet and used Techsoft to contour the image which allows the laser cutter to recognise it. The next step was to change line colours enabling the laser to engrave and cut. The last stage was to make the wooden base and assemble the whole LED light and test. They are delighted with their designs. Amazing effort Year 9, well done. Just a small sample of their work.

Mrs McBurney



# CLIMBING

Pupils have been enjoying their climbing lessons and have demonstrated many brilliant skills, including resilience and teamwork. Pupils are pushing themselves to new limits and we are so proud of their hard work!

Mrs Mault



Cricket club has moved back outside now at 12:30 on a Thursday on the "Old" Muga. There is a new initiative at the HIVE in Birkenhead on Mondays 5pm until 6pm which is free and is promoting the new Super 1s cricket initiative. These are all year round in term time.

Please let Mr Kearney know if you want to come to Cricket Club or go to the HIVE.

Mr Kearney



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Mills!

Mills celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

He loved the presents and card he received from school, especially the edible ones! 8Ga also made Mills a birthday hat, which he managed to keep on just long enough for a photo.



Training is coming along well; Mills has recently enjoyed going into classes a bit more and having some walks on the field with some Year 10 students.



Mrs Nokes



# *Year 11 Rowing Challenge*

The rowing challenge has continued since Christmas with the weather only allowing us out open the water twice since the beginning of January. All students have been improving their techniques and fitness on the indoor rowing machines at the Liverpool Victoria Rowing Clubhouse at Wallasey Float. Students have been working in three minute sessions and have all improved since their rowing quest commenced in September. On Thursday 10th February we travelled to Birchwood Leisure Centre in Warrington for the North West Indoor Rowing Championships. We were met by a wall of sound on entering the sports hall as there were up to two hundred young people in attendance. This was something we have been missing for the last two years and once we had come to terms with the environment all the students engaged with their individual and team relay competitions.

I must say how impressed and proud I am of all our pupils for their resilience and teamwork. They supported and encouraged each other, which is what this is all about! Medals were won by all competitors and special mention goes to Alex C, who achieved a Bronze in the individual and Gold in the relay and Faith, who won Gold in the individual and Gold in the relay.

Special mention to all the other pupils of 11P who attended; Lennox, Chris, Leo, Katie, Tori and David. We are looking forward to more days on the water as the weather gets better and the rowing regattas in the summer. Well done and keep going!

Mr Stanley





*Are you a*

*SUPERSTAR ?*

Do you have talents that you may be aware of but others have no idea of? I can think in the past we have had a published author who also designed magazines like he had his own publishing company, our very own game designer, scriptwriters, superstar athletes and many more.

I want to know about your talents. I want to make sure that the world knows just how good you are in your chosen field of expertise. Brilliant Bakers, Superb Historians, Geography Geniuses, Francophones, the next Marie Curie, never mind our sports stars?! You name it and I will do my best to get you the best opportunities that I possibly can to maximise your enjoyment and abilities.

Come along at 12:30 on Tuesdays in the Library with Mr Kearney.

## Spring Term Science Update



We've had lots of new faces this term joining us, which has been fantastic to see!

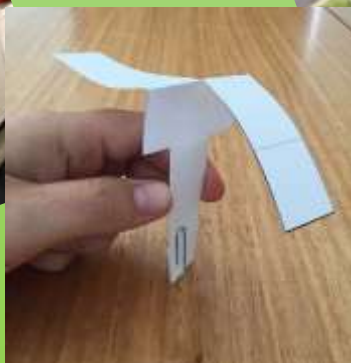


Our two themes this half term have been sweets and paper. We made paper fliers and helicopters and tried to see if small changes to wing size would affect the flight. Magic opening flowers were also a big hit. Our experiments with sweets saw us exploring chromatography with skittles and releasing the energy from a jelly baby (commonly referred to as the Screaming Jelly Baby experiment). The members of Science Club loved seeing the fire produced when the jelly baby burnt and there was a lot of laughter when the next jelly baby escaped the test tube by jumping out!



New members always welcome. Please come along to Lab 2 Friday lunchtimes at 12.25pm.

Mrs Fogarty



# WORK EXPERIENCE

This year was touch and go as to whether work experience was going to happen! But we managed it and what a successful week we had!



Chris – Eastham Nurseries



Katie Bromborough Bowl



Jason- The Light Cinema



Xander – Stanley School



David – New Life



Carter – Bidston Tennis Centre



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

Delamere Fencing *“William has worked very hard and contributed well to the team, it’s been a pleasure having him around.”*

Merseyside Car Hospital *“Lewis has been a keen addition to the workshop.”*

Off the Rocks *“Freddie has shown he is very capable and trustworthy to complete tasks, he has great potential to be a great worker.”*

*“Tommy is really good at following instructions and shows great potential to have a great career in his chosen field.”*

Eastham Nurseries *“Chris has been an amazing help this week. He has completed all tasks asked of him and he is a wonderful young man.”*

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

Miss K Magnall, WRL Coordinator

# 'Friends Club'



# go Ten Pin Bowling





Students have been very creative in drama lessons and have been creating and acting out their own scenes. Watch out for our next whole School Show coming next half term!

Mr Gore





Clare Mount students are now gearing up to start rehearsals for their next big show, opening Summer Term 2022!

Mr Gore

# Music

It has been a busy (and noisy) half term in the music department as you'll see in the photographs on the next page. Year 7 have been learning to read music and playing the keyboards and Year 8 have been studying Musical Theatre and acting, singing and creating their own shows. The Rock Band, led by Mr Waters, have been rocking away during lunchtimes..

Mr Gore

# Music





This term we welcomed different professionals to talk to us about Anti social behaviour, knife crime and cyber crime. Some students from Key Stage 4 and 5 participated in the sessions at the Sixth Form Centre. Thank you to PC Emma for recommending it to us!

Mrs Cooper- Shone



# Forest School

Pupils have been learning many new and exciting skills in Forest School. Each week pupils have the opportunity to attend a small forest area, on-site, and learn outside of the classroom. Pupils build a fire, cook lovely food and enjoy being in the great outdoors!

Mrs Mault





7M took part in a Judo martial art session recently and really enjoyed learning new skills.

Mrs McNamara



**Preparation for Adulthood**

key messages → Pathways → Prepared for adulthood

**Information evening**

**Thursday 10th March 2022**

**4pm—5:30pm**

**@ Clare Mount**

We are holding an information evening

With guest speakers from ...

Supported living, Adult Social Care, EWP and more

For Parents/ Carers of children Year 9 & above...

More details to follow

Work Experience, Holiday jobs, Saturday job, Employment

Kit, R, Local Offer, Personal Budget

Preparing for Adulthood

# FORM

Sixth Form have started the year with a bang!

As per usual we are super busy and have completed modules on Sikhism, Workright, Health and survival to name a few! On a Friday, we have added extra PSHE lessons about crimes and keeping safe and also a Magical Mystery Activity which has so far included sewing and learning how to use a storyboard.

Work Experience continues to be a challenge with many of our providers having difficulty accommodating our students due to covid BUT that doesn't stop us! We have been to Tam O' Shanters farm, thoroughly scrubbed the Sixth Form Centre, completed some virtual experience for McDonalds and completed lots of admin jobs to help our lovely office staff. We have also had visits from PC Emma on a Wednesday too and The Paul Lavelle Foundation who talked to us about domestic abuse. We hope Work Experience placements will be back up to full capacity soon!

Every week we have 3 Stars of the Week and we share our notes of positivity too - you can see some of our hardworking students in the photos.

Sam V created a fabulous illustrated presentation about his favourite music and we loved it - he is also in the process of joining the NHS Cadets at The Hive. George auditioned for LMA, Michael did some extra Work Experience at Oulton Park, Jess was a TA at Stanley and a newly formed Sixth Form team of 10 pin bowlers took part in a tournament, 2 students started Travel training for the first time and are brilliant and confident, some students have visited their next college placement - the list goes on. I have probably forgotten lots but I can't keep up with our fabulous students' achievements!

What a great half term!

Mrs Cooper-Shone

# FORM



Sixth form helped out our local area by brushing up leaves outside the Kingsway entrance. We did a brilliant job!!



Thanks to Morrisons who donated a bag of old veg for us to take to Tam O' Shanter farm. The pigs were very happy about it! The 6th form fed the 6 pigs and saw Goats, ducks, chickens, sheep, ponies, alpaca, tractors and finished the morning off with a hot chocolate!

Miss Vicars



Well-being with Sally. A lovely yoga and meditation session, enjoyed by our students.

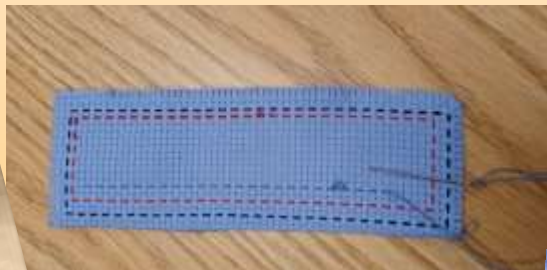
# FORM



Preparation for Adulthood work recently involved students using the pedestrian crossing to safely walk to Aldi. We used wonderful speech and language skills to communicate with each other and staff. We also used functional maths skills to pay for items.

Top Job 6th Form!

Miss Vicars

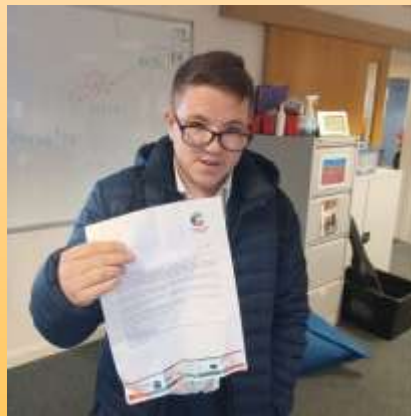
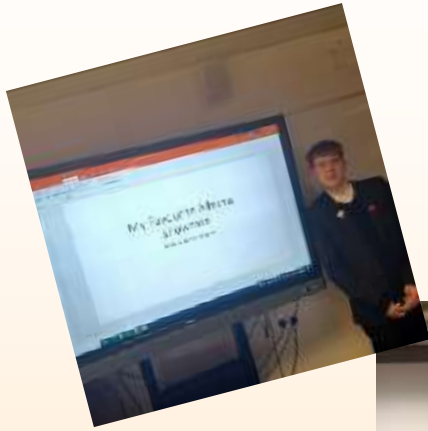


Our 6th form have been learning to sew this term. At first some students felt challenged by the task. With a little determination and concentration, new skills were acquired. Fantastic work from everyone.

Thanks to Mrs McLeod for the sewing equipment.

Miss Vicars

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Two of our 6th form were accompanied to the new Tesco to pick up supplies recently. Beautiful manners, excellent money handling skills and great conversation! Well done ladies.

Miss Vicars



Congratulations to the brilliant Girls Football Team, who are Merseyside Champions once again, after a day of football development at Greenbank Sports Academy. 5 games, 5 wins and appearances for some girls who were representing school for the very first time. Every girl was an amazing ambassador for the school throughout the day and it was incredible to watch the girls grow in confidence and show such teamwork and cohesion.

Mrs Corcoran will be helping set up an FA Girls Football Partnership here at Clare Mount so we look forward to many more opportunities to play and grow in future.

Mr Byrne



We recognise that girls' needs differ and change as they mature and that girls themselves are uniquely positioned to 'sell' PE, sport and physical activity to other girls.



Our Girls Active leaders are being trained by Alex Hurst. Alex is a student at Liverpool John Moores University studying Sport Development. Alex is a fantastic young female role model to our students.

The programme is designed to give our female students the confidence and skills to lead activities for all our female students.



In March the girls will be trained in the Your Time Sports Leaders programme and will be offering some new sports and activities.

Mr White



As part of our Supporting Girls with Autism project from the Youth Sport Trust, Jenna Downing is working with 14 of our female students to boost self-esteem and self-confidence. On the 8<sup>th</sup> March at lunchtime they will be offering Panathlon activities and an Easter Egg Hunt – more details to follow next half term!



Mr White



## Celebrating our students

Katie J did such a fantastic job during the Year 11 Work Experience week that she has now secured a holiday job!



Jason does a great job delivering laptops around school for lessons.

Shout out to Jake J, who has had a positive return to school after a recent foot injury.



Well done to Freddie L for his positive attitude to his exams and his recent mock examinations.

# Research Assistants Needed!



**Is your child aged between 11 and 19 years old?**

We would love for them to take part in a new upcoming research study!

**Sign Up  
Here**

Contact **Hannah Cordy** on **19008145@hope.ac.uk** using the reference '**COVID-19 Study**' to receive more information and a consent form or scan the barcode above

## What's Involved?

- ✓ Your child will complete a short questionnaire to explore how they have adapted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ Following this, your child may be asked to take part in a focus group. This will involve them discussing in a small group their responses to the questionnaire and to provide a more in depth explanation regarding how they felt during the COVID - 19 pandemic



# Benefits to Employment

**Free event with lunch for People with a Learning Disability, Families, Carers and Supporters!**

**Confused about getting training, work and organising welfare benefits?**

- Our keynote speakers will explain what you need to know about pathways to employment and benefits
- Our marketplace of providers of training, work and benefits advice will showcase local advice and support

**When:** Thursday 3rd March 2022

**Where:** Wirral Multicultural Centre,  
111 Conway Street, Birkenhead CH41 4AF

**What time:** 10.00am - 2.30pm

**Booking essential:**

phone: 0151 666 1829

email: [info@mencapwirral.org.uk](mailto:info@mencapwirral.org.uk)





e-Consent...it's so easy!

Working in partnership with Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, we're delighted to introduce a new way for our parents and carers to consent to their school aged children's vaccinations.

[You can now provide e-Consent for all your child's vaccinations with the click of a button, using your mobile phone, computer, laptop or tablet.](#)

The new e-Consent process is:

- safe and secure
- easy to use
- convenient and saves time
- friendly to the environment - saves paper

How it works:

- you'll receive an email or text from ourselves with a link to the e-Consent form
- the form is simple and easy to complete
- once you've completed the e-Consent form, click 'submit'
- you'll receive an email to confirm the form has been received securely
- the Trust's Immunisation Team will receive your child's form via a secure portal
- if you've consented, your child will have their vaccine here in school

Remember, the new e-Consent process is easy, secure and convenient!

For information of ALL school age vaccinations please visit [wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/](http://wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/)

Each school has a unique code to access the consent, please see your child's school code below.

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College CODE: : WC105129

If you have any queries about the new e-Consent process, please call the Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

# Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn 1	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
School closed to pupils	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
School open for Year 7	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
School open to all	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
½ Term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Autumn 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November-Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
School closed to pupils*	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Christmas	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December -Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Spring 1	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School closed to pupils*	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
½ Term	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School closed to pupils*	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring Break	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
Summer 1	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May (Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday)
½ term	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Summer 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June-Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
School closed to pupils*	*Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 & Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School closes	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022

\*Please note the additional inset day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to  
**celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

