

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we end a second challenging year in school I can once again reflect on how amazing our children are. They have accepted and adhered to the Covid routines and procedures in place and have tried to keep themselves and their peers safe and well.

Whilst we have had to cancel our usual end of year trips and visits, we have still managed to have fun on site and our Activities Day including bouncy castles, tie dying tee shirts, bonkers bingo, cake decorating and laser tag fun. It was a pleasure to see so many smiles at the end—not only amongst the children!

This term we have celebrated the successes of many of our students and Celebration Assemblies have gone ahead with certificates galore for progress, endeavour and excellent behaviour to name but a few.

GCSEs have again been very different this year, based on Teacher Assessed Grades. Students still worked hard in their assessments and successfully completed mock examinations. All these marks have been submitted and we look forward to celebrating with our students when they receive their results on 12th August.

Transition work has been challenging this year but Miss Magnall and Mrs Cooper-Shone have ensured students have had the opportunity to visit a variety of colleges to inform their choices for their future. Not all our Year 11 will continue their studies with us in 6th Form, so I would like to wish them and our 6th Form leavers well as they embark on the next stage in their academic careers.

1st September will be an Inset day for staff training and Year 7 only will commence school on 2nd September 2021. All other years will start back on Friday 3rd September.

Unfortunately, the Year 6 pupils who will join us in September **haven't been able to visit. The Year 7 team put together a fun and** informative transition programme to prepare these children for Secondary School and we look forward to welcoming them into our Clare Mount community.

We have managed to keep Covid cases very low in school and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. I trust you will continue to keep yourselves and each other safe over the summer and I wish you a healthy and happy break.

Kim Webster
Headteacher , July 2021

Front cover: Jade being “arrested” by our police visitors



Rights Respecting Schools Award News



We have achieved UNICEF's SILVER Rights Respecting Schools Award !

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College is proud to announce that we have earned our Silver Award from UNICEF. On Friday 2 July we had a virtual accreditation visit from Martin Russell, our UNICEF Regional Professional Advisor. It was an exciting morning with Martin meeting with myself and Mrs Webster, then with our panel of students, many of them from our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador group, as well as with a panel made up of teachers, teaching assistants, a school governor and a parent. At the end of which we were awarded with the Silver Award.

The school would like to thank everyone involved on the day and all members of staff who have worked hard putting into practice the **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)** and Children's Rights within our school, by embedding the values set out within the CRC in daily school life. This helps develop in our students the attitudes, skills and qualities that will help them lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible active citizens.

We are so proud of all our students, however a special shout out to those on the Ambassador Group who have put a lot of effort into helping the school achieve this award and to those on the student panel who answered Martin's questions and really did Clare Mount proud! Well Done to the Clare Mount Community!



Mrs Boyle and Miss Wilson



Pond restored by Clare Mount students

Students and staff have been busy over the past few weeks helping Ms Evans repair the school pond which has not been in use for pond dipping since its liner sprung a leak two years ago.

Thanks to an Eco Grant and the hard work of staff and students the pond is ready to receive new wildlife and hopefully will be able to be used for pond dipping in the Autumn Term.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out – you have been fantastic!
Ms Evans



Clearing out the old pond



Cutting back brambles nearby



Working together to clear old reeds



Removing left over water and soil



Rescuing creatures along the way!





Final brush up of stones and twigs



Moving sand for laying new slabs



New pond liner finally in place!

Water in and plank to let anything that falls in get out!



New pond plants in – a nearly finished pond.



LASER TAG



To celebrate the end of the school year, the hall was transformed into a laser tag arena for Year 10 pupils. There were disco lights, crash mats, music, obstacles and of course, laser guns! A great time was had by all who took part in this futuristic battle with 10N coming out on top in the inter-form competition.



Although they claimed the top prize, every single pupil impressed the staff with their energy and enthusiasm, and a great sense of sportsmanship was displayed by all. A special mention must go to the player of the tournament, Xander, whose gutsy last-man-standing display saw him bravely taking on four opponents in a last-ditch bid for victory. A huge thank you to all staff involved in making it possible and to all of the pupils for their fantastic attitude and behaviour.



Mr Lindsay



A huge thank you to Typhoo for providing our Community Café with 1800 cups and Teabags galore!

Special recognition goes to Debbie McKnight for her support.



Year 11 showing how best to cope with exam stress, with a blast in the gym! Pictured here being put through their paces at Venture Boxing.

Mr Byrne

Buddhist prayer flags

A Tibetan prayer flag is a colourful rectangular cloth, often found hanging from mountain peaks in the Himalayas.

They are used to bless the surrounding countryside.

According to Buddhist legend, the first prayer flags were used by Gautama Buddha, on whose teachings Buddhism is founded.

The mantras printed on the flags are carried on the wind and believed to spread goodwill and positive energy wherever they go.

In R.E this term, as part of their work on Buddhism, students explored the purpose of prayer flags. We then looked at our own lives; to think about the effects that a positive outlook can have upon our well-being. We also talked about the things which had encouraged us to be resilient this past year. Students then created their own flag with a positive message to send out into the world.

It was lovely to see how much our students recognised that at Clare Mount we stand strong together and support one another.

Mrs Spracklen



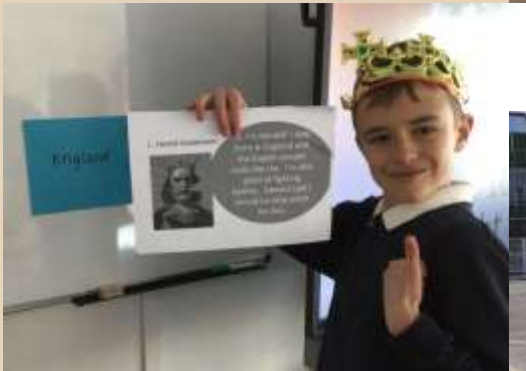
History!

Mrs Perry's Year 7 and 8 History classes have been using role play this year to help them learn about important events in our past. 7P and 7H enjoyed playing the parts of the 3 main rival candidates for the English throne in 1066 - Harold Godwinson, Harald Hardrada and William of Normandy - and deciding which man was going to be victorious. 8G, 8Ga and 8AL re-enacted the Spanish Armada and put in some brilliant dramatic performances as Elizabeth I, King Philip II of Spain and Francis Drake. The absolute highlight, however, was a fabulous Dance/History fusion led by Mrs Poynton, exploring the different ways used to attack and defend a medieval castle. 7H's dance moves were incredible as they pretended to climb siege ladders, use a battering ram and to retreat in the face of boiling oil and a hail of arrows! Many thanks to Mrs Poynton for devising the dance.



Some classes also finished off this year's History learning last week by finding out about life in a Victorian classroom. Mrs Perry did her best to be strict but got a taste of her own medicine as she ended up in the corner wearing the dunce's hat!

Mrs Perry





Year 7

Although it has been another disrupted academic year, we are at the end of the summer term after an extremely successful year for our Year 7 cohort. This has been one of the most amazing and resilient Year 7 groups we have ever had at Clare Mount!

Since the first day of their new secondary school in September, after only virtual transition through another lockdown, this wonderful group of children have shone, regardless.

Things were very different for much of Spring term and, whether the children were working at home and joining in the daily form chats, or working in school, all had to adapt, once again, to a challenging and uncertain time.

Soon after coming back into school in March, we had two new pupils join our cohort - both of whom have settled very well despite difficult circumstances. Less disruption during Summer Term has allowed our pupils to flourish and start looking forward to Year 8. As part of this transition, all of the pupils participated in making a video for the Year 6 pupils who, like them, have only had virtual transition. A huge thank you to the pupils and staff who were a part of this process. I have had wonderful feedback from Year 6 staff, thanking us all.

Well done on all your fabulous achievements this half term and throughout the school year as a Year 7 member of our school. Along with this, a huge thank you to parents who have offered fantastic support.

Have a restful summer break.

Mrs Croucher, Head of Year 7.

**Year
7**

At the end of the summer term Y7 enjoyed a fun day instead of their trip. Everyone enjoyed making their bake off entries, making Play-Doh, having a picnic and playing outdoor games in the afternoon. We all had tremendous fun!





Inter-Form Football

Run by 10K

Semi Finals

Semi Final time arrived and 4 ties would dictate the finalists in Key Stages 3 and 4. The first 2 ties were superb and both ended in penalty shootouts with 9BO victorious in sudden death and 11BA also winning their tie after both ended 2-2 after extra time.

The third game saw an emphatic victory for 7E by 6 goals to 1 with Lewis C the star of the show. Finally 10L met 6thCS and this saw a fantastic tussle which looked to be heading for penalties until James R poked home for a famous 5 –4 victory for 6thCS.

Finals

Finals day began with the Key Stage 3 Finals featuring 7E v 9BO. A superb game with Lewis C again grabbing the game and beating a spirited 9BO by 4 goals to 2.

The Key Stage 4 finals saw a fierce battle that went into extra time before 6CS prevailed by 3 goals to 1.

Mr Kearney





CLARE MOUNT DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Mrs Poynton on being awarded a 'Be the Difference' Award from Wirral Council. This was in recognition for going above and beyond during the pandemic, to provide dance classes for our children and our local schools, for keeping everyone going and for creating a Dance Film, which gave pupils across Wirral the opportunity to perform together.



Ben, 6th Form, walking
'The Big One' in Blackpool

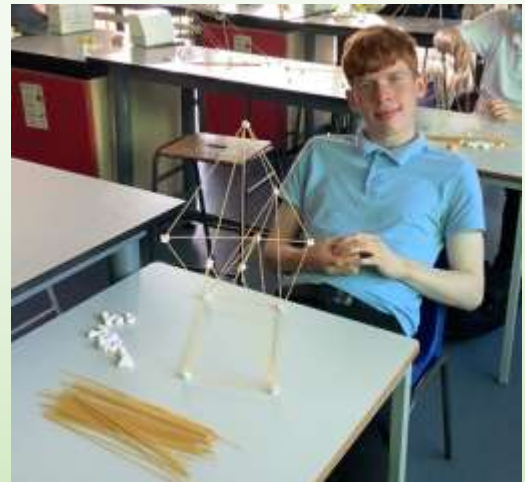


Summer Science



From leaf rubbing to DNA extraction; making sherbet to scavenger hunts, students have enjoyed a wide variety of activities in Science this term. Here are a selection of photos of some of them.

Mrs Nokes



FORM



We are trialling the new careers resources from TALENTINO!! Sixth Form work experience students are trying to work out the difference between a job and a career. The programme will be rolled out to all students across the school in September as part of their Careers Curriculum.

Mrs Cooper-Shone



Results Day 2021

For all Year 11 students and Sixth form leavers, results will be emailed on the morning of 12th August, to **your child's school email address and to the email address we have for you as parents /carers**. A hard copy of these results will also be posted on the day.



Leavers
@ Clare Mount





BBQ @ Clare Mount



FORM

Leavers

@ Clare Mount



FORM



Sixth form have ended the summer term with a fitness club for runners and walkers on a Monday, Tuesday and a Friday morning!



Students have been putting up some plants to brighten up the Sixth Form Centre. We made the most of the sunshine in the last few weeks.

As always, any gardening donations would be gratefully received.



FORM

Team Building

6th Form practising their creativity, resourcefulness and teamwork. A fabulous task with spaghetti and marshmallows just like Taskmasters!! Very funny. Who can build the tallest free standing tower?

Mrs Cooper-Shone



Well done to Leah, Annie, Harry and Ben who won the competition!! The prize was to sit in the staff room and eat cake!



'Open Door' Visit



Mr Taylor & Mrs Stephenson took a group of Yr 11 leavers to the Open Door Centre in Birkenhead.



Workshops and Courses for Parents and Carers

Enjoying Books

Parents/Carers will Look at fun ways to enhance storytelling. They will learn strategies to develop and encourage their child to read.

Stories and Rhymes

Parents/Carers will look at how to use stories and rhymes to develop their child's early language skills.

Fun with Phonics

Parents/Carers will learn about Phonics and create games which reinforce the Phonics their child is learning in school.

Spelling Bee

Parents/Carers will look at spelling strategies used in School. Create activities and games to use with their children.

Reading Together

Parents/Carers will learn how to help their child with reading. Explore books and create themed activities and games.

Support Your Child Maths

Parents/Carers will create games and activities which they will use with their child at home. They will look at a range of everyday activities which can be used at home to support numeracy skills being taught in school.

Food and Mood

The course is for parents/Carers who wish to improve their mental and physical wellbeing. Parents will be encouraged to prepare more nutritious recipes and improve or enhance previous cooking skills.

Eat Well Keep Well At Home

On this course Parents/Carers will learn about healthy eating, portion sizes, healthy snacks, physical activity and relaxation tips. They will prepare family meals which will be tasty, easy, quick and low-cost to make.

Food Safety and Hygiene Level 2

The Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Hygiene is designed to give parents the knowledge and understanding of the principles of keeping food safe.

For more information e-mail junevernon@wirral.gov.uk
To book a course click on the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Siwr9Ue5kspYYcm72B5NFITXKQTIuUmA7ER405C0emA>



Pupils (and members of staff!) enjoyed a great morning courtesy of Merseyside Police Force, who explained their role in keeping us safe in the community.





On Friday 2nd July the whole school took part in a Race for Life supporting the fantastic work that Cancer Research does for people fighting Cancer. All year groups completed 30 minutes of running, jogging or walking around our school field to raise money for the charity with all receiving medals for their efforts.



A group of Year 7 boys jogged for the whole half an hour showing great resilience and determination.



A massive Well Done to Oliver in Year 10 for raising a fantastic £120.00, our current total at time of print is £585.50!

Mrs Grayson





Mrs Stephenson and Mrs McCannon from the Clare Mount Support Team have been working with Jenna Downing, the X-Games inline skating champion, to offer virtual well being and mentoring sessions to 10 female students from year 7 to year 11.

Jenna is an inspirational female role model who works quite often with Clare Mount students in schools and in the wider community.

The students have really enjoyed working with Jenna and really taken on board the mentally healthy and physically healthy messages from Jenna.

The sessions have focussed on building their confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness.

Jenna has been challenging the students to reflect about what they think they are good at and to be proud of their achievements. Jenna has also been getting the Champion Mindset students to think how they can make good decisions which are the best for them.

The Champion Mindset students have become a little 'tribe' and supported each other really well in getting to the sessions and around school.

The pictures are of the celebration that the students planned with Mrs McCannon and Mrs Stephenson with Domino's Pizza all round!



Self-
Confidence



Self-Esteem



Self-
Awareness

The Champion Mindset programme has been funded by the Youth Sport Trust. As we are a Sports College linked to the Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion School network we have access to these programmes and opportunities ahead of other schools. This means we can do really effective interventions with many groups of students within our school. There are over 190 male students at Clare Mount so to be able to offer a targeted intervention to all the female students is an extra benefit of being the Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion School for Merseyside; of which we are very proud!

We have been chosen once again to be funded next year for our supporting girls with autism work and look forward (after a summer break!) to planning our next project!

Mr White



Helpful Handy Hints & Tips for Parents with Children
The sessions will be delivered online and consist of four sessions over the four weeks

Venue – Online via Microsoft Teams

Start Date & Time: Thursday 5th August 2021 at 11am

Week 1

Building Blocks (The Four Constructs – Self Awareness/Appropriate Expectations/Empathy/Positive Discipline)

The Art of Listening

How We Communicate

Giving Praise

Week 2

Starry Skies Kindness Chart

Praise and Criticism

Guiding without Criticising

Time to Play / Child Led Play

Week 3

The Need for Consistency and Boundaries

Time to Calm Down

Stress Brings Distress

Handling Anger

Week 4

Choices and Consequences

Behaviour to Ignore (Active Ignoring)

Nurturing Ourselves

Keeping Children Safe in the Digital World

familymatters@wirral.gov.uk

THIS IS ME



A series of **FREE** summer photography workshops for 11-12 year olds in Birkenhead with Open Eye Gallery.

Learn how to take photographs, make your own solar prints, make collages and many other activities.

Tuesday 3rd-Thursday 5th August 2021
10:30am-2:30pm

Pilgram Street Arts Centre
1 Pilgrim St, Birkenhead, CH41 5EH

BOOK A PLACE NOW

To find out more and book a place email andy@openeye.org.uk
Please note that numbers are limited so early booking is recommended.

**OPEN
EYE
GALLERY**


**CURIOS
minds**


BUBBLE UP
WITH CURIOS MINDS

School Uniform

All Pupils

Navy blue sweatshirt, plain or with school logo

White shirt

White polo shirt

Navy blue skirt or black trousers- skirt not too short or split

Black sensible school shoes - no slippery soles, trainers or high heels

Plain tights or socks in black/blue/white

Optional tie

A warm and waterproof coat

Optional black blazer with school logo

A bag for kit and homework

NOTES

No logos or patterns on clothes, other than the school logo

No make-up or nail polish, extreme haircuts, styles or colours

No jewellery, except for watches and plain ear studs (1 stud in each ear)

Girls do not have a summer dress uniform

School tie is optional

Pupils must not wear their regular uniform for

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College P.E. Kit

FULL ZIP OR ¼ ZIP TOP



PERFORMANCE



SHORTS



LEGGINGS



TRACKPANTS

*All items of clothing, pencil cases etc. must be marked with your
child's name*

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students should be dressed smartly as though they were going to work in an office:

Smart suit or dress in black, navy blue or grey

Trousers or skirt in black, navy blue or grey

Smart shirt, polo shirt or blouse

Smart Shoes (no trainers, high heels or flip flops)

Jumper or cardigan in black, navy blue or grey

Coat as appropriate

Natural hair colour

No jewellery, except for watches and plain ear studs (1 stud in each ear)

(No jeans, leggings, t-shirts, shorts, football tops, hoodies or tracksuits)



The Dress Code is to ensure the safety of our sixth formers and to promote the importance of being role models for our school.

HOLIDAY
Activity
fund

from  Edsential
Community Interest Company

FREE 2021 SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ACROSS WIRRAL

The Edsential Holiday programme provides **free meals and activities** for eligible free school meal children across Wirral during the school holidays.

This summer there are a whole host of activity **in your area** offering a range of energetic physical activities, enriching new experiences, and delicious healthy food too!

All our clubs are run by experienced and welcoming experience where children **have fun, make new friends and create life-long memories** all whilst following COVID-19 guidance.

Hockey

Teddy Bear Picnics

Circus Skills

Hairdressing

BMX

Skateboarding

Healthy Meals

Judo

Archery

organised

Manicure Art

Inflatable Assault Course

HOW TO BOOK

On the back of this flyer you will find **all activities available in your area** this summer.

All activity clubs are free of charge for eligible free school meal children.

Please contact the relevant provider - booking is essential for many clubs so don't miss

Be sure to **keep up with all of the fun** happening over the summer holidays on the Edsential facebook  Ed-

...and much more!

HURRY!
Spaces are limited

Locations



HURRY!
Spaces are limited

Activities

WIRRAL WIDE

- 1** Utopia Project CIC
10-16yrs
0151 647 1307
info@utopiaproject.co.uk
- 2** New Community
SPACES LEFT!
New Community 0151 647 1307
info@utopiaproject.co.uk
- 3** Creating Careers
16-18yrs
- 4** Leisure services
Wirral Borough Council
- 5** Bridging the Wallasey Gap
SPACES LEFT!
Mickie Down 0151 639 7770
mickiedown@gmail.com
- 6** Military Style Education
SPACES LEFT!
07793 219889
haf@edsential.co.uk
- 7** Health Services in Schools
(HSS) Youth Work Team
16-18yrs
- 8** Eastway Primary School
16-18yrs

- 9** The Postbox
SPACES LEFT!
The Postbox 0151 702534
info@postboxwirral.co.uk
- 10** Wirral Sports Development Unit
16-18yrs
- 11** Gateway Church Wirral
16-18yrs
- 12** Christ Church C of E Primary School
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Mrs A Weston 0151 652 1071
school@christchurchwirral.cofe.uk
- 13** Equilibrium North West CIC
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07731478094
equilibriumnw@gmail.com
- 14** Wirral Change Limited
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0151 649 8177
admin@wirralchange.org.uk
- 15** Birkenhead Youth Club
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0151 647 4484
Haf@birkenheadyouthclub.co.uk
- 16** Wirral Youth Zone
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Tina O'Brien 0151 725 8000
moyce@wirralyouthzone.org

- 17** The Priory Park C of E Primary School
16-18yrs
- 18** North Birkenhead Development Trust
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Ricky Banks 07752 23181
info@nbdtr.co.uk
- 19** Country Road Play, Youth & Community Centre
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Menna Fitz 0151 632 26 65
menna@countryroad.co.uk
- 20** WLB Merseyside
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Leah Greenway 0151 632 26 65
leah@wlbmerseyside.co.uk
- 21** Building Bridges Wirral CIC
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Michelle Lodge 0151 634 8450
hubb@buildingbridgeswirral.co.uk
- 22** Cure Project Birkenhead CIC
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Dor Shemuel 0151 632 2320
Cure@birkenheadcure.co.uk
- 23** Bedford Drive Primary School
16-18yrs
- 24** Shaftesbury Youth Club
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Michelle Naylor 0763110064
m.naylor@shaftesbury.org.uk

- 25** MW Sports CIC
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0151 632 0655
www.mwsciclub.co.uk
- 26** St Paul's Catholic Primary School
16-18yrs
- 27** The Little Centre Boothwood Ltd
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Rosa Morgan 0151 629 9329
info@thelittlecentre.co.uk
- 28** St Peter's Catholic Primary School
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Stee Gibson 0151 677 8833
school@st-peters-roc.org.uk
- 29** Meadowside School
16-18yrs
- 30** Everton in the Community
16-18yrs
- 31** Cambridge Centre Ltd
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Rogee Khan 0151 672 7252
cambridgecentre@poptopgame.com
- 32** Back in The Game CIC
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Adey Edmond 02922 02640
- 33** Youth & Play Service Hubs and Clubs
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Use My Backyard@hubs.co.uk

- 34** Amber Burton Community CIC
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Aneath Cook 07727102956
jane@amberburton.co.uk
- 35** HYPE Merseyside
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Haf Downes 0151 631 2024
haf@hype-merseyside.co.uk
- 36** Break The Mould Organisation CIC
16-18yrs
- 37** Ecard Primary School
16-18yrs
- 38** Wirral Development Trust
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Marti Scott 0151 639 9200
marts@wdr.co.uk
- 39** Castleway Primary School
16-18yrs
- 40** Clare Mount Specialist Sports College
8-16yrs
- 41** Christ Church Moreton Primary School
5-11yrs

- 42** Hall Star Holiday Club
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Hall Star Holiday Club 07539 843 391
Hall.Star@hallstarholidayclub.co.uk
- 43** Ovedchurch Junior School
16-18yrs
- 44** S4YC Ltd
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Paula Wright 0208 025254
p.wright@s4yc.co.uk
- 45** Co-op Academy Woodsee
5-11yrs
- 46** Eastham Community Church Centre
16-18yrs
- 47** St John Plessington Catholic College
8-16yrs
- 48** Tranmere Rovers in the Community
5-10yrs
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Steve Williams 07711 880144
community@tranmererovers.co.uk



To find out more about any of the holiday activities available this summer, please visit www.edsential.com/holidayactivityfund2021 or contact Edsential directly on haf@edsential.co.uk





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Look at the benefits:

- * A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.**
- * Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.**
- * Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium.**

If you want further information or any help, we can complete the form for you! Everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please contact the school office or email

Schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk

Term Dates 2021-2022

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

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