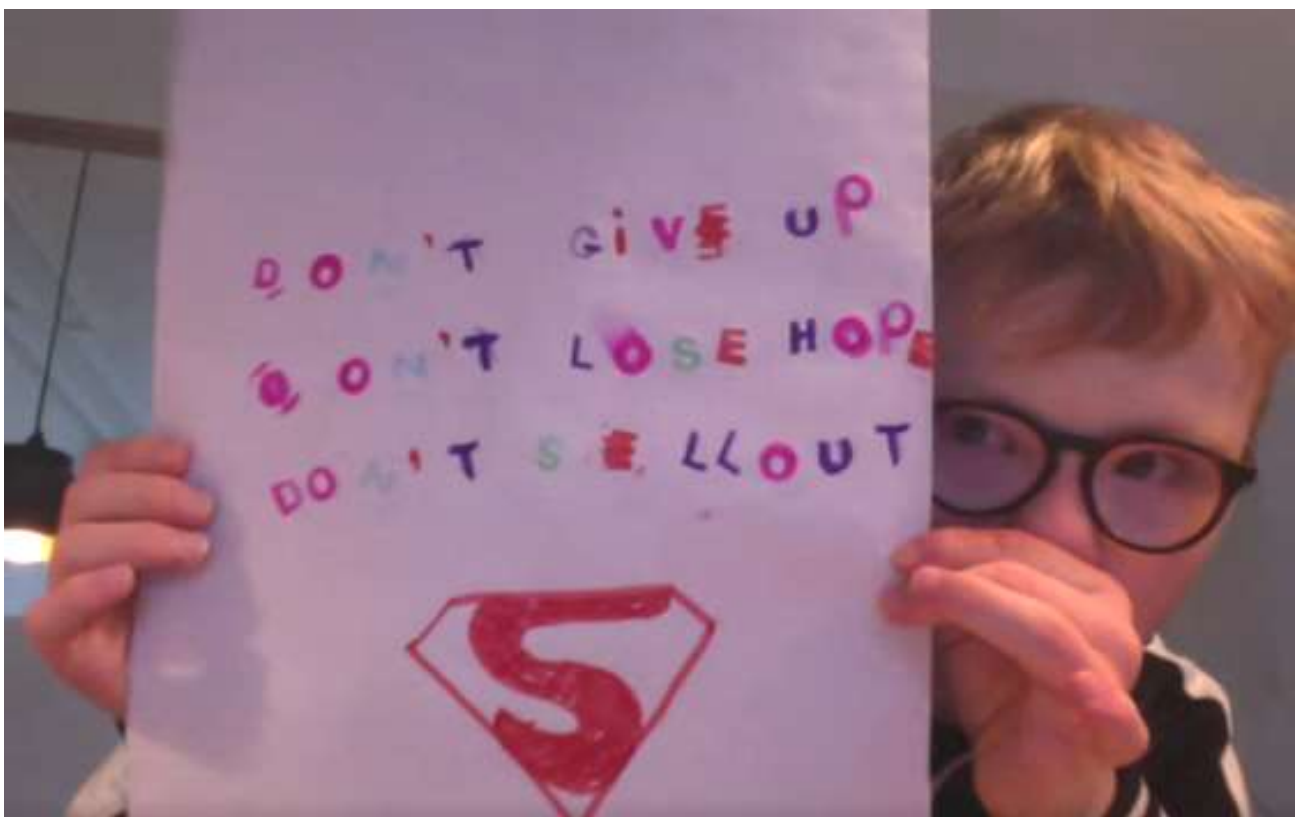


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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start out by taking this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their support during this half term, whether you have been assisting your child's education and well-being at home or whilst they are accessing school. We believe the challenges of this lockdown have galvanised our community and for all at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College, this has been a successful half term.

Once again our pupils have done us proud with their school and home-learning; we have seen some fantastically creative projects and great independence skills being learned and put into practice, as you'll see in some of the photographs later on in this newsletter.

Equally, our talented and dedicated members of staff have risen to the challenge of supporting and teaching their pupils and have had to develop new ways of delivering the curriculum. We feel this will in fact enhance our teaching in the future.

The mental health and well-being of our pupils remains of paramount importance and has been a focus for the curriculum this term. We have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week on Wednesday 3rd February took part in 'Inside Out Day', when we were invited to wear an item of clothing inside out. This was a reminder how someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside. This acknowledges the decline in the mental health of school children and teachers since the pandemic began. With this in mind I would encourage any parents/ carers struggling to support their child or their family at this time to let us know. We are here as a point of contact for support.



There has been much awareness around Free School Meals for children. We are now offering vouchers to families of children entitled to FSM and have this week delivered hampers for these children for next week. If you feel your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office who will be able to advise you.

This term we say farewell to Mr Hughes, Head of DT, and thank him for all his years of service to the Clare Mount Community. We wish him well in his new ventures.

Clare Mount closes for half term break on Friday 12th February 2021 giving staff, children and parents/ carers a well-earned rest, followed by an Inset day on the 22nd. Learning will therefore, recommence for all pupils on Tuesday 23rd February, whether this is via home-learning or in school for our most vulnerable and the children of critical workers.

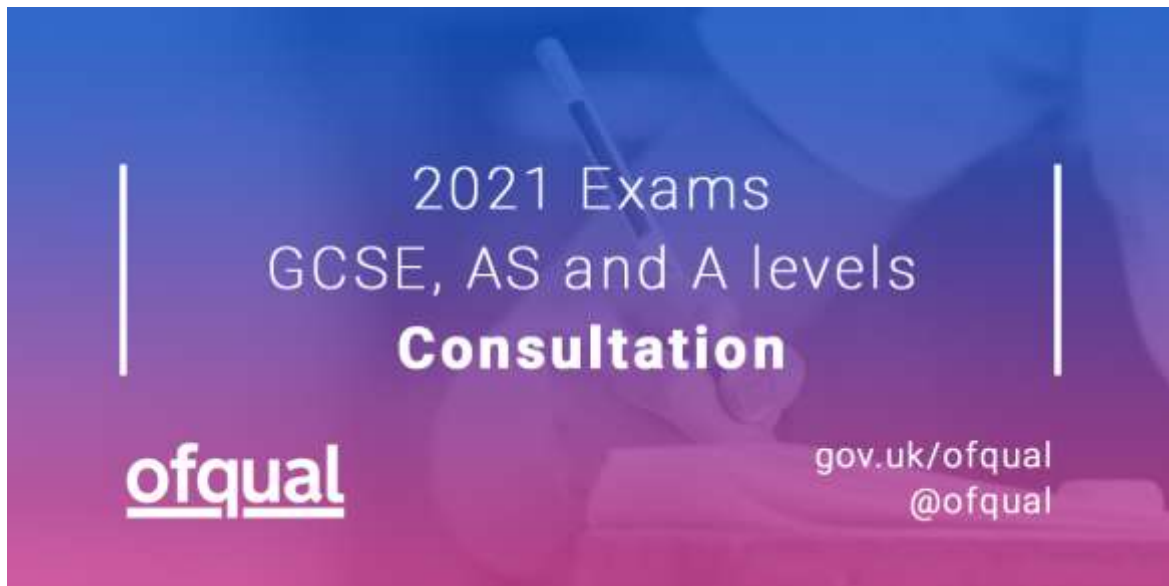
It only remains for me to wish you a healthy and relaxing break and I hope next half term I am able to bring positive news about the return to school.

Kim Webster

Headteacher

February 2021





The consultation on the system for teacher assessment to award grades in the summer, ended on 29th January. It is clear from the consultation that in broad terms, assessment will have in it some key elements:

- The grades will be determined at the last possible date so as to allow students to have the best chance to produce work at the standard they are aiming for
- The grades will be based on a wide range of evidence
- In vocational subjects all internal based units should be completed as normal where possible
- There will be external moderation of the grades so evidence will need to be available, which fits the standard for grades awarded.

The consultation also proposed that:

- external set tasks/tests are provided to schools to help them form their judgements

We expect the details will come out in the next few weeks, but what is clear, is that every piece of work which students are now completing should be done to the very best of their ability. The better the quality of the work, the better the evidence base will be for teachers involved in submitting grades.

Goodbye Chester

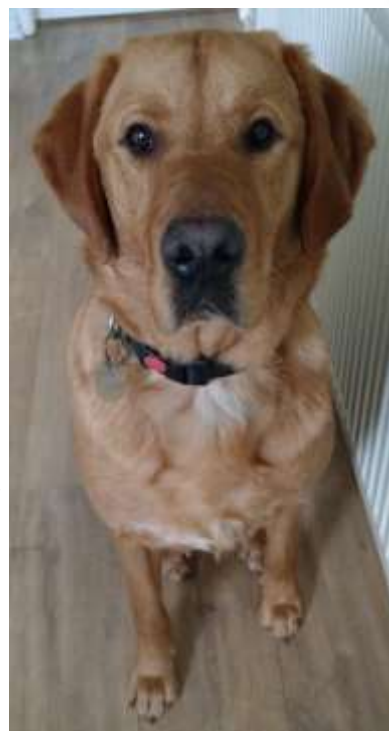


Chester, our Clare Mount dog and Guide Dog Puppy in training has now left us and taken the next step in his training.

As you can see from the photos Chester has grown a lot since he first arrived in school in summer 2019.

His training, in the main, has gone well; however he did struggle with a couple of things, so he has moved onto another 'puppy developer', for some intensive work on these areas, before being assessed to see if he can go into formal training to become a Guide Dog. From the reports Mrs Nokes has received he is now making progress in these areas.

Although we are going to miss him, we know that he is hopefully going to take on a very important role supporting a visually impaired person so we wish him lots of luck.
Mrs Nokes



During the first half of the Spring term, Year 7 have been very busy!

These pictures show some of our fabulously helpful Year 7 pupils working on their life skills and preparation for adulthood.



Ben from 7H made cakes and has done lots of cleaning up at home. He has also been hoovering and washing pots. What a star! Meanwhile, Lucy, also from 7H has helped out with washing the laundry! Well done Lucy!



Similarly, there has been fabulous work from Dylan from 7K, who has washed dishes and the family cars!

Also, Seth from 7P prepares his own breakfast every day, makes a pot of tea for the family, dusts his own room and changes his own bedding every week. Fantastic work Seth!

Meanwhile, pupils from 7O, Callie, George and Zoe have been helping too! Zoe prepares the bowl and feeds her cat Tiffany; Callie helps with the laundry and George helps care for the family's chickens! What superstars!



Pupils from 7E:

Jack helped to make Spaghetti Bolognese, Harry has been baking and washing up and Lewis has been hoovering. Well done indeed!



Finally, a few pictures of some of the other school work Year 7 have been doing.



Well done Year 7!

Mrs Croucher

YEAR 8 LOCKDOWN STARS

This half term the majority of Year 8 have been adapting to learning at home, and finding their feet with their google classroom. It has been lovely to pop in on form chats each morning and join in some of the wonderful activities that have been taken place. We have had scavenger hunts, card games, quizzes, and show and tell.

I am so proud of all the pupils in Year 8 and the Year 8 team for how quickly they adapted to yet another lockdown. It has been lovely to hear from other teachers in different subject areas how well Year 8 have been doing with their work.

Food Studies highlighted Charlie CB 8Ga, Courtney G 8G, and Lewis F 8We for their fantastic project work.

Miss Webster has nominated Erin 8Ga for her hard work in English & Maths

Miss Grindrod highlighted Lewis F 8We for his outstanding History work.

Mrs Spracklen was over the moon with Josh F 8We, Charlie F 8AL, Steven W 8We, Declan 8Ga, Noah 8AI, & Erin 8Ga and their five pillars of Islam work.

Virtual Stars nominated by Form Teachers for their hard work at either school or home this week:

8AI Jared
8Ga Rhiannon
8G Darrell
8We Alexander
Nelson Teddy
Malala Jamie Leigh

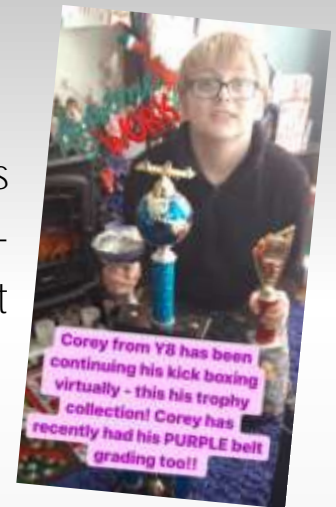
Teddy Nelson

A special mention to Teddy, who has made a Carrot Cake with his brother and sister last week. Teddy watched a "live bake" with Three Sisters bake on Facebook and then followed the instructions to produce his magnificent cake. Well Done Teddy.



Corey

Special mention to Corey B who has had his purple belt grading for Kick Boxing during lockdown we look forward to hearing all about it after half term.



Rhiannon 8Ga

Rhiannon has been on a "Get Active" mission this lockdown and has been staying active every day completing walks, doing the 60 second PE challenges and joining in on Friday Zoom classes. I have loved seeing all your videos.



A huge Thank You to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support, hope everyone has a restful half term.

Love Mrs Grayson

Year 11 have been working hard online this half term, completing their Maths, English and Science every morning. Form tutors have been providing lots of activities to make sure that there is a balance; 11Ba have had a bake off, 11A have had lots of quizzes, music and photo challenges, 11J have been learning about anime with Eire and 11Bl have learned about the importance of remembering victims of the Holocaust. I'm so proud of you all for embracing each new challenge that is put your way, you are all amazing.



Thank you parents / carers for supporting your children to access
[Google Classroom](#).

Please encourage your child to have a go at any activities they have not completed yet or simply read through power points or information with them to keep them learning over the holiday.

Please regularly check that all communication on this site by your child is appropriate.

There is also a lovely free online resource to help your child **develop their reading skills called 'Teach Your Monster To Read'**.

Teach Your Monster to Read: Phonics & Reading Game
Video game



...And also remember to all have a lovely rest over this half term break !

Holocaust Memorial Day—Work completed by Joseph N



Each year, Holocaust Memorial Day has a different theme. This year's theme is **Be the Light in the Darkness**. What do you think this means?

To stand out from others who are being mean.

To not be hating or mean to people.

To be there for other people who may need help.

To go against all the hate .

What can you do to be the light in the darkness?

Stick up for people who are being hated by other mean people

Tell off people who are being mean to others.

Ask if anybody needs help and help them if they need it.

To not be around mean people

Not to listen to mean people

To not join in with others being mean to people

1st—7th February was Children's Mental Health Week



This year's theme was 'Express Yourself'. Organisers, Place2Be, say that this is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself'.

In the true Clare Mount spirit of learning life skills, Ashley of 9Wa has risen to the challenge to gain work experience whilst at home by starting to build a coffee table at home with his dad. Under the watchful eye of his dad, Ashley has been preparing the wood and he will now move on to the next step, measuring and cutting the timber to size. We can't wait to see the finished article - well done, Ashley!

Mr Waters





9Hu Form Time

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This term's assembly theme has been around being thankful, grateful, and fair. We talked in tutor time about ways in which we can show our family that we are grateful and thankful and how we can be fair.

We also talked about our favourite cartoon characters who can be kind at times, but sometimes forget. Elijah suggested Morph so we listened to the theme tune for Morph. Morph is a great character. We cannot hear what he is saying but his expressions and body movements are clear. There is usually a funny story and a little moral to the tale too. Sometimes he is happy and helpful, but sometimes he forgets to be kind. Elijah set about drawing and colouring a poster of Morph, it really wowed everyone! Sarah Mai, said 'That picture is really good. It is amazing Elijah' And it is amazing Elijah, thank you! We hope you like Elijah's picture as much as we do.

Students might like to draw a picture of Morph or make a Morph using plasticine, add miniature items for Morph's bedroom and set into a card box.

Ms Holmes

Jess made a birthday cake for Vega (her favourite street fighter character) and she's pictured here learning new skills in the kitchen, working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



She looks so happy and really enjoyed it. Jess was determined to put the cake into the oven herself but Mum said 'be careful it's hot!', so Jess literally threw the tin in the oven! The cake nearly ended up on the floor but mum was there to rescue it!

Jess's Mum is so proud of her going shopping to buy the ingredients, making and decorating the cake. Jess also completed the baking worksheets sent home.

Mr Stanley

Congratulations

Congratulations to ex-pupil Demi.

Demi works in Devonshire Park Primary School, with Foundation Stage pupils and is proving a huge asset to their team. They report that she works hard and is very dedicated to the school. Demi is pictured here celebrating her 21st birthday, in school.

Well done Demi, Clare Mount is proud of you!



Clare Mount Home Work Experience Project

As part of our learning from home projects during lock down #3, our students were asked to have a break from their screens and learn some life skills by taking part in **Clare Mount's Home Work Experience**.

These Life Skills really help our students on their journey to adulthood. Plus, it's fun to learn something new!

Students were asked to take part in any work experience projects they could do with their families.

This week we have been so impressed with all of our students who took part. From Year 7 to Year 14, students have been cleaning cars, dog walking, hoovering, cleaning, teaching, baking and even driving diggers!!! How fantastic!!! These skills will have helped our students improve and develop their self-confidence.

We are super proud of you all!!!!

Mrs Boyle & Mrs Cooper-Shone



Reduce, Reuse...



Make a desk Organiser!

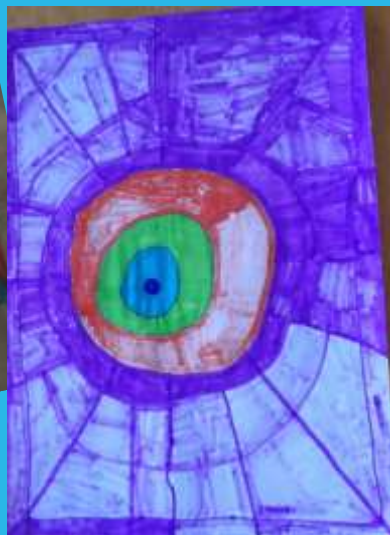
This week, Sixth Form completed their 'Design Technology Project' where they designed and created desk organisers. We discussed the benefits of recycling materials, and collected some boxes and packaging to make the desk organisers. After designing and producing these, students personalised their creations by decorating them - from one desk organiser being in the shape of a dog, to one being designed to fit a flamingo-themed bedroom! Here are some of the desk organisers - well done Sixth Form, you have worked hard on these!



Ms Ryan



Art Project



Art Skills



Year 8 have been practising their Art skills today in school and have created some wonderful coil pots using air dry clay with Mrs Cooper-Shone. The students learned about the properties and clay and how to handle it and then put their knowledge to good use by creating decorative pots. The pots should be ready to take home by the end of the week - ready to be filled with sweets I think!!

Mrs Cooper-Shone

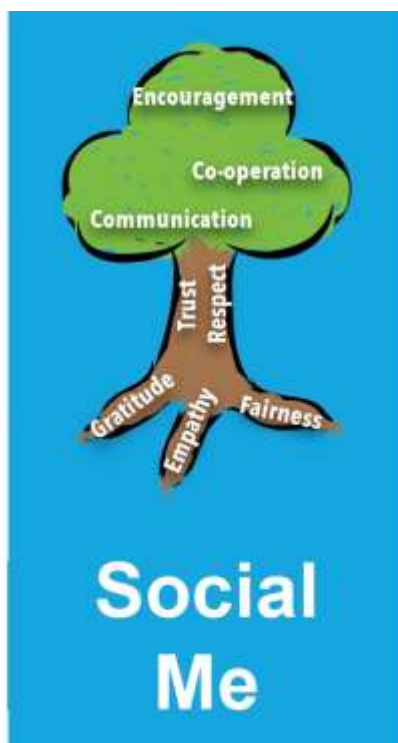
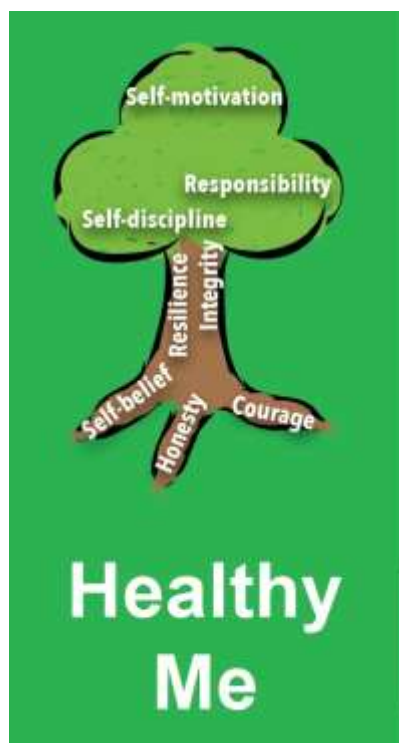


Wellbeing, baking, numeracy all in one hit. These delicious cookies were baked by Joe using his new cookie cutters which he got for excellent work across all subjects last week.

My Personal Best

This term's 'My Personal Best' themes have been based on 'Social Me':

Gratitude
Fairness
Trust



A recording of the final rehearsal of 'The Winter's Tale' is on the school website.

Please take a look:

www.claremountssc.co.uk/2020-a-winters-tale/



Humanities Subject Stars



The following students have been selected by the Humanities Department for excelling in their subject area this half term.

<p><u>Joe N (11BA) - History</u> Joe has been a star this term. He has completed all his History work and shown fantastic empathy for our topic on Anne Frank. Well done Joe! Miss Grindrod</p>	<p><u>Jason EC (10N) - History</u> Jason is a brilliant Historian. He has thrived using Google Classroom and completed all tasks to a high standard. Well Done Jason! Miss Grindrod</p>	<p>Oliver C (10Wi) -T&T Oliver produced a fantastic PowerPoint on the different tourist attractions in Chester and explained which tourist types would enjoy them. Mrs Spracklen</p>
<p>Rhiannon H (8GA) - R.E Rhiannon produced an excellent piece of work explaining each of the five pillars of Islam. Mrs Spracklen</p>	<p><u>Alfred Evans (7P) - R.E</u> for his very thoughtful work on the importance of the Bible to Christians in RE. Mrs Perry</p>	<p><u>Erin (8GA) - Geography</u> Erin has done some great work on Desert Ecosystems throughout Lockdown. Well done Erin—fantastic subject knowledge! Mr Jones</p>
<p><u>Katie—Mai (7E) - Geography</u> Katie— Mai always tries her best and never gives up. She has shown great ICT skills, with her use of Google Classroom. Fabulous work Katie! Miss Grindrod</p>	<p>Max B (11BA) - T&T Max has really engaged with his Travel and Tourism work throughout lockdown. His work is always completed to a high standard Mrs Spracklen</p>	<p><u>Xander (10SP) - History</u> Xander has a brilliant passion for History. He always completes his work on time and has demonstrated wonderful independent skills. Miss Grindrod</p>

My dog is called Harris.
He likes to bark when he sees another
dog.
I like to talk to him like this hello Harris
how are today.
He like to wag his tail at the door to see
such fun as me.

He is clever to my little sister Frankie.
He barks for food and walks.
He goes on lots of walks.
He gets into trouble all the time.

Claudia

English home-
learning...

I want to play games

My life has been no ordinary life yet after it all
I want to play games
My life may have been good and I have many
friends
But I still want to play games
My life has had many ups and downs but even
then
I still want to play games
So my English teacher has setup work for me when
I wanted
To play games

James W

Virtual Physical Activity

There has been a physical activity (Inclusive Dance, Zumba, Stretches, Fitness) on offer each morning at 10am during our latest lockdown with over 150 students from Clare Mount, and lots of local primary and secondary schools have come together to get active, stay in touch and keep their minds happy. It has been fantastic to see some of those students who don't usually enjoy dancing, bopping away on screen and having some fun. I am very proud of the way the children at Clare Mount have taken responsibility for their own physical and mental wellbeing and committed themselves to every class, they are inspirational to the other schools joining in. On Wednesday 3rd February, during children's mental health week and Inside Out day, Clare Mount students were accompanied by a school in Lewisham, who chose to join our Zumba Class. It was great to see the students interacting with others from across the country, partaking in a shared active experience. WELL DONE ALL!!

Mrs Poynton and the PE team



Panathlon Challenge

This half term, students at Clare Mount and in our cluster and community have been working with Mrs Poynton and Shadow Dance virtually, in their Pre-season training for the Panathlon Challenge. The Panathlon is a series of different Inclusive sports challenges which work towards a penultimate 'Game Day' where the participants get a chance to compete with other schools and community groups. Nathan Maguire, a Paralympian wheelchair racer is due to join us on February 8th, to motivate and inspire our students further! Training for Sports Leaders is also underway, so that they can lead their own Panathlons! A huge Well done to all pupils taking part weekly, improving their skills and achieving their personal bests in all of the challenges. I can't wait for Game Day!

Mrs Poynton





Project

The Music Project got many students listening to music that they had never heard before! Jamie had a dance to Abba which he found out his Mum loves! Liam enjoyed listening to My Chemical Romance but also tried out some Jazz! Quite a few students love Little Mix and know so many amazing facts about the band that they educated me! Travis loves Queen and his musical journey took him to an album called War of the Worlds. He loved it so much he is buying it and downloading it! Tarran likes Mozart, a great choice to work to and Jamie likes film scores.

Students were also challenged to listen to a different radio station. Some went for 80's radio stations and watched their families spring into all full dance routines and others had a listen to country music, John Denver to be exact and found it a bit too slow and relaxing! No line dancing anywhere!

I hope that you continue to keep on listening to new music.

Miss Vicars



**Safer
Internet
Day 2021** | **Tuesday**
9th February
saferinternetday.org.uk

The theme for this year's internet safety day was 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?



Clare Mount Specialist Sports College has become a referral agency for Wirral Foodbank, helping people in need in the local community.

The foodbank has been established to provide short term, emergency food to individuals and families in crisis. These parcels include cereal, milk, fruit juice, soup, pasta, meat, fish, vegetables and pudding. Clients are consulted on their basic dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian, gluten free, baby food etc. and food parcels provide balanced and nutritional meals for a minimum of three days. The quantity of food given is dependent upon the number of adults and children in the family. There is no charge for the food, but it is given on the understanding that it is not resold.

If you feel your family needs emergency food, please contact us to discuss how we can help. Please be assured, all information you provide is held in the strictest of confidence and that you **won't be alone in your need for assistance in these unprecedented times.**

To discuss this further, please contact Mrs McCannon or Mrs Stephenson on 0151 606 9440 or via schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk

YST ACTIVE ACROSS AGES

Students from Clare Mount and St Paul's Catholic Primary School have been dancing with residents from Upton Grange, Charlotte House Nursing home and Marine View Lodge this half term. The intergenerational project, funded and supported by the YST, aims to break down barriers between younger and older people. Each Monday, they have been meeting on Zoom for a chat and a Dance. They have picked music that they all enjoy and their favourites are 'Hit the road Jack' and 'Can't stop the feeling'. After some training from Mrs Poynton, during the first few weeks, it was the turn of St Paul's to take the lead. Two children from year 5 and 6 choreographed a dance-over video call, and taught it to the residents. An amazing achievement, which showed inspirational leadership skills. A huge well done to our Clare Mount students Annie and Morgan for being part of the Active Across Ages Project. We will continue to train our young leaders next half term. I look forward to working with you all again. Mrs Poynton, Shadow Dance.

Mrs Poynton

Free School Meals

We are delighted to announce that since 18th January 2021, we have returned to providing Supermarket Vouchers to those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals.

For any enquiries or concerns about free school meals please email fsmvouchers@claremount.wirral.sch.uk and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Egan

Services that can help you get through lockdown if you need support....

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
<p>YOUNGMINDS Crisis Messenger <small>with shout TEXT</small></p> <p>Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7</p>	<p>mind <small>for better mental health</small></p> <p>Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri</p>	<p>YOUNGMINDS Parents Helpline</p> <p>Call 0800 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri</p>
<p>THE MIX</p> <p>Call 0800 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day</p>	<p>SAMARITANS</p> <p>Call 116 123 Open 24/7</p>	
<p>childline <small>HELPS, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME</small></p> <p>Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day</p>	<p>For more advice and information visit: youngminds.org.uk/find-help</p>	

Physical ACTIVITY AND WELL BEING JOURNALS



"Out of adversity, comes opportunity," Benjamin Franklin once said so we recently decided that lockdown presented the opportunity to encourage some independence amongst our young people. Self-motivation is an extremely important attribute to develop when young and every week we are encouraging all students to complete a wellbeing and physical activity journal. The response has been brilliant with students thinking about how active they're being and what activities they can do each day to improve their physical and mental health.

Class Mount Activity Journal
Week Starting Monday: 18th January 2021

Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Walking							
Cycling							
Swimming							
Other							

Students are required to submit their activity journal each week to their class teacher or available to their class teacher via the following email address: activity@schoolname.co.uk

Supporting notes: Please use the 'log' for activities to see how you are getting on with your activities.

Name	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
John Green							
Emma White							
James Black							
Olivia Brown							
Lucas Grey							
Isabella Blue							
Leo Yellow							
Charlotte Purple							
Benjamin Pink							
Amelia Orange							
William Green							

Mr Byrne



Clare Mount Peninsula Partnership

Secondary teacher training programme

Free training for teachers in every secondary school to help foster a more positive attitude to PE.

Sport England and the Activity Alliance have now officially confirmed that **Clare Mount Specialist Sports College is Wirral's Sport England Teacher Training School for PE and Sport!**

We will be working in partnership with many other Wirral schools and will be looking to:

Develop pupils' mental wellbeing, confidence and resilience through PE, school sport and physical activities that prioritise pupil enjoyment

Create opportunities for all pupils – **including those who don't like PE** – to try new activities (such as non-traditional sports and fitness classes) so they can discover ways to be physically active that work for them

Explore how PE, school sport and physical activity can contribute to, or complement, core curriculum subjects by finding ways to bring activity into other subjects' lessons.

Inclusion of *all* **young people across Wirral's secondary schools** will be at the heart of this partnership with our experience in personal development, inclusion and wellbeing at the heart of **the 'themes' to drive forward the aims above in the next two years.**

We look forward to working with all partners.

Mr White



The Outreach Project is a community organisation supporting the township of Moreton in Wirral (this is where Clare Mount Specialist Sports College is located).

Projects we can take part in 2021:

Moreton in Bloom

Christmas Tree decorating

Moreton Christmas Market

Outreach Project work based placement

Moreton Food Hub project

Walking Alpaca Project

If you live in Moreton and want to get involved, please use the link above to follow The Outreach Project on Facebook and follow what they're up to!

Mr White

Preparation for
Adulthood
And Careers Update



This half term has already proved that Lockdown won't stop us on our path to adulthood!! We had a fantastic response to our Work Experience at Home project with students from Year 7,8,9 and sixth form taking part. I adored seeing all these photos come in and I know your form tutors were super proud of you too. Fantastic effort indeed. We had dog walkers and feeders, woodwork, decorating, cleaning, cooking, baking, painting, and even teaching!! Well done everyone who took part and I hope you learned a new skill.

This half term for year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form is normally all about thinking about our futures. We would usually have our Careers Event called Next Steps so we have just had to be a bit creative and have meetings with colleges using our screens! Some students have had transition meetings with Greenbank College in Liverpool and others have met tutors from Wirral Met. Three of our students even STARTED college last week and we wish Sophie, Callum and Michael the very best of luck in your next step.

There are still lots of activities you can do to keep you on that path to adulthood and be thinking about your future plans. Like take a personality quiz on could.com/buzz-quiz/ and see which career might suit you or you can log into KUDOS if you have your username and password. Have a look at this too...

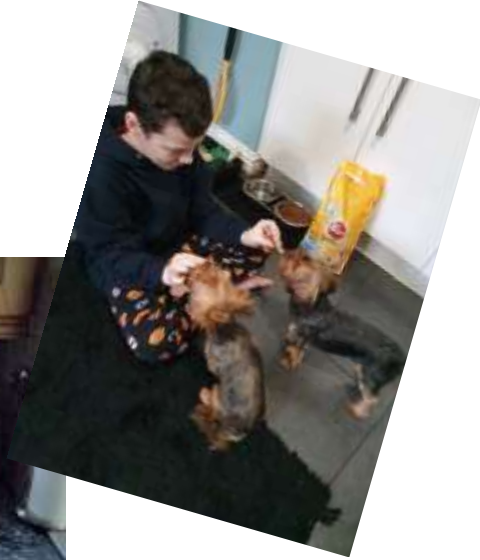
nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

National Apprenticeship Week is this week!!

There are lots of apprenticeships and traineeships available if you are thinking of working and learning at the same time! Find out more learnliveuk.com/be-more-be-an-apprentice-national-apprenticeship-week2021/

Mrs Cooper-Shone

Preparation for
Adulthood
And Life



It's fantastic to see our young people helping out around the home. Preparing a young person for adulthood by having them help around the home makes it more likely that they can have paid work, independent living, friends, relationships, be part of their community life, and be as healthy as possible in the future.

FORM

Some employers offer traineeships or Supported Internships – we will all be learning more about that during National Careers Week. We will think about what sort of skills we need for different jobs, how to make an action plan and even interviewing our staff!



There are lots of job opportunities in our local area too!

<https://careerconnect.org.uk/> Check out their Facebook page by searching Careers Connect Wirral and look out for the jobs bulletin that get sent out from school via email each week!



In January the 6th Form welcomed Kirsty Martin from Veolia recycling plant in Liverpool to chat to students as part of ASDAN Environment studies and World of Work.

Kirsty was keen to work with Clare Mount students again (students visited the centre last year) and gave an excellent presentation to our 6th form in their meeting. Clare Mount pupils got involved by answering questions using the chat box. A fantastic learning experience!



Miss Vicars

Make It Happen.

72 Market Street
Birkenhead
CH41 5TB

**Real
Respectful
Engaging**

Offering Opportunities Project

What We Do

Our Offering Opportunities Project is a employability and personal development programme giving people the opportunity to develop skills for work and life in a supportive retail environment. We'll train participants in various roles across the shop and supplement their growth with personal development sessions focusing on building core life skills, confidence and raising aspirations. The key areas covered are:

- Self Exploration & Identity
- Hope & Aspirations
- Communication, Confidence & Assertiveness
- Conflict Resolution
- Professionalism
- Understanding our Business

Who We Support

We support anyone aged 19 or over, who is unemployed and needs some support to develop the skills and confidence to move forward into work, education or training. We are Disability Confident and can offer individual support for people of any ability.

Who We Are

Make it Happen is a Community Hub, which consists of a community space, social supermarket and pay as you feel shop where customers pay what they can afford for clothes, enabling people to gain the means and ability to improve their quality of life whilst enjoying a unique retail experience.



European Union
European
Social Fund



**Education & Skills
Funding Agency**

WEA

Work Experience Awards for Young Adults



**LIVERPOOL
CITY REGION
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

METHUENAYOR
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION





UNICEF's Silver

You have a right to an Education!

As you know we are on our journey to earning our Silver Award for UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Award.

All children have rights and it is up to the government and all the adults that take care of children to make sure their rights are met.

It has been a tricky time this last year and this third lock down has been the hardest. As always, all staff have been working hard to help ensure that our students Right to an Education is being met during this challenging time.

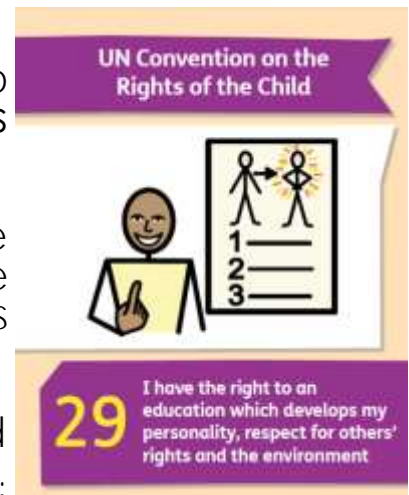
Form Tutors are meeting with their students at home every morning on Google Meet, assignments are being produced and shared on Google Classroom, each week we have had two projects to engage students into developing their awareness of various subjects and topics and we have had students in school being taught in their year group bubbles, often in classrooms they have not been taught in before, sometimes with staff that have not taught them before.

It has been challenging for all and we are so very proud of our students who have been working so hard to keep up with their learning, either in school or at home.

Change is never easy but our Clare Mount students have been absolutely brilliant at coping with all the changes it's been necessary to make during the pandemic and through lock down.

Well done to our fabulous Clare Mount Community for supporting each other so wonderfully well!

Mrs Boyle



Orrets Meadow achieves 'ADHD Friendly' Award



Orrets Meadow are focusing on physical activity and movement as an important feature for supporting the learning of children with ADHD.

The school offers a wide range of activities during lunchtime, specialist sports mentoring and through the Youth Sports Trust.

Children are offered Yoga, Mindfulness Walks and Sensory Circuits, to encourage the development of skills in self-regulation and self-calming behaviours. In addition Orrets Meadow provides a calming environment for children with ADHD who may find school an anxious place.

Clare Mount has an outstanding partnership with Orrets Meadow in PE, School Sport and Physical Activity going back a number of years. This involves training and planning for staff on how all students can access PE and use PE to support their work in the classroom. We learn from each other!

This also helps the fantastic transition work which goes on across the federation of Hayfield, Clare Mount and Orrets Meadow every year.

Congratulations to Mrs Duncan, Mr Saul and all the staff at Orrets Meadow who use PE, school sport and physical activity in helping their students to achieve their goals.

Well done Orrets Meadow!

Mr White



Foundation
THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL CHARITY

LFC Foundation and Running Head First help Clare Mount students to stay active at home.

Two fantastic partner organisations are helping to keep the Clare Mount students active during lockdown. Since the very first week in January, Mrs Poynton, Miss Lear and Mrs Corcoran have transmitted their expertise and energy through the screens at our community and not long after, sessions began every afternoon thanks to Elliot and Mathew from the Liverpool Football Club official charity; The LFC Foundation and a new Community Interest Company called Running Head First, led by Chris Redmond and Ash Cox, The sessions are high-energy, expertly delivered and friendly so, each week more and more of our students are getting involved at home and in school. Public Health England state that Young people should be active for a minimum of 60 minutes every day. While the students can't be with us, we will do our best to ensure they have every opportunity to get up and get moving!

Mr White





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

Venue – Online via Microsoft Teams, date to be confirmed

<p>Week 1 Being a Parent of a Teenager</p> <p>The Role of Parents with Teenagers</p> <p>Responding to Difficult Feelings</p>	<p>Week 2 Understanding Your Teenager</p> <p>Parenting Styles</p> <p>Praise & Criticism</p>
<p>Week 3 Communicating with Your Teenager</p> <p>Talking & Listening</p> <p>Communicating Clearly</p> <p>Handling Difficult Issues</p>	<p>Week 4 Managing Conflict</p> <p>Rules & Boundaries</p> <p>Choosing How to Respond</p> <p>Problem Solving</p>

Please contact schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk if you would like a referral to take part in this course.





Clare Mount partners with The Outreach Project, Moreton to bring ASDAN alive!

Post-16 ASDAN students have been finding out for their Community project what a food bank is, why these exist and how different community providers support people with food insecurity and mutual aid.



At home and in school they have been researching this type of community organisation for their ASDAN community module.



Post-16 students (Esme, Jacob, Abigail, Jade, Ben, Morgan and Joe) in school have been able to work with The Outreach Project Moreton to take part in a 'live' food hub and distribution project helping families in Moreton postcodes. This practical experience has really helped with their understanding of this topic. They were really good at packing and organising the delivery with very little time to prepare and even less time to put it together!

Year 11 students Matthew and Ryan also took part with real community spirit and know-how. Ryan, in particular showed real organisational skills and understanding of fairness in terms of the bags going out to families. All students worked in a COVID secure way with pre-handwashing, PPE, disinfectant cleaning and post-handwashing.



These are all important skills at the moment. The students created a brilliant food bank and showed lots of very important world of work practical skills.



Mr White

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020	
Open to staff only	Tuesday 1 st September
Open to Yrs 7 & 8 pupils and staff only	Wednesday 2 nd September
Open to all pupils and staff	Thursday 3 rd September to Friday 23 rd October
Half-term	Monday 26 th October to 30 th October
Open	Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December
School closed to pupils	Friday 27 th November 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January
Spring Term 2021	
Open to staff only	Monday 4 th January
Open to pupils and staff	Tuesday 5 th January to Friday 12 th February
Half-term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February
Open to staff only	Monday 22 nd February
Open to pupils and staff	Tuesday 23 rd February to Friday 26 th March
Spring Break	Monday 29 th March to Friday 9 th April
Summer Term 2021	
Open	Monday 12 th April to Friday 28 th May
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Open	Monday 7 th June to Tuesday 20 th July
School possibly closed to pupils*	Friday 18 th June *There may a GCSE examination on this day
School closes for summer break	Tuesday 20th July

