

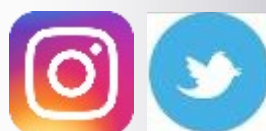
# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

No. 145



## Newsletter February 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

We may only be half way through the school year but we are already planning for September 2020 as pupils our Year 11 and Post 16 pupils progress to 6th Form, College or Employment and our 'Next Steps' event held in January provided the perfect opportunity for pupils Year 9 and up to explore options beyond Clare Mount. The event was a resounding success and our thanks to Miss Magnall for organising it and to all those parents/carers who attended and made it so worthwhile.

We have already held interviews for our Year 11 pupils wishing to join our Sixth Form and all have had the opportunity to participate in a week of work experience this term. All did exceptionally well and as parents / carers you should be very proud of them.

In addition, the Options Evening for parents/carers of Year 9 students took place in January. Further discussions will continue in the Annual Reviews to ensure the right pathway is put in place for your child.

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. There is much for parents/carers to be proud of, so please make every effort to attend your child's Annual Review meeting.

We have welcomed a new Science Teacher, Miss Perry, this term. Miss Perry is covering maternity leave for Mrs Fogarty who has welcomed a new baby daughter into the world a few weeks ago. Our congratulations and best wishes go to the family.

I am delighted to share with you the news that Clare Mount has once again been shortlisted for a Youth Sports Trust Award and also for a National Autistic Society Award. We await the outcome of these awards at the end of the month.

Just a reminder to parents/carers, school is closed to pupils on Monday 24th February 2020. School opens as normal for all pupils on Tuesday 25th February. In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing half term holiday and hope we're all safe from the stormy weather!

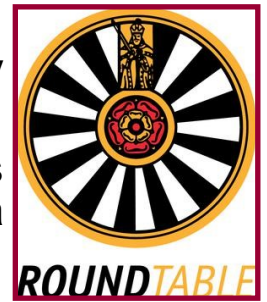
Kim Webster, Headteacher  
February 2020



# THANK YOU

A massive thank you to Heswall Round Table for their very generous donation towards our school funds.

We are fortunate to be able to subsidise many of our trips through donations such as these, making the extra curricular opportunities affordable to all.



Our 6th form have been exploring the work of artist John Stezaker with some funny results.

John Stezaker likes to take portrait photographs of faces and splice them together. Our 6th form decided to explore this method of collage. It ended up being a very amusing morning! There is a Stezaker exhibition on at the Tate in London at the moment. Well done Expressive Arts class.

Miss Vicars

**\*Photograph on front cover: 'The Black Pearl', New Brighton, during this week's storms. Photo courtesy of 'Notorious Norman'—with thanks.**

## AN INSPECTOR CALLS

Last week, GCSE English literature pupils in Years 10, 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form enjoyed an entertaining and informative portrayal of J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*. It was an incredibly enthralling performance, expertly bringing to life a key text from the GCSE English Literature curriculum. The staging, direction and excellent acting ensured that it was a performance which will live long in the memories of all of the students and staff who were in attendance. Mr Lindsay would like to pass on his thanks to all parents/carers for supporting the trip and to all pupils whose behaviour was superb.

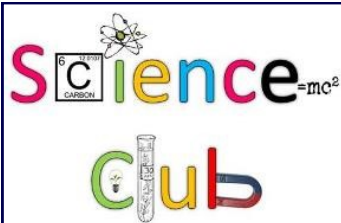
Mr Lindsay



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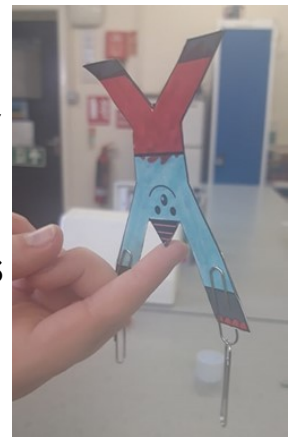
Science club have been busy yet again!

We have had lots of fun making Lava Lamps, experimenting with Forces and even launching rockets!

We have also welcomed some enthusiastic new scientists this half term, including Miss Perry and some more lovely Year 7 students.

Science club is on every Thursday Lunch time, in Lab 2, for all KS3 students.

We look forward to seeing lots more new faces next half term!



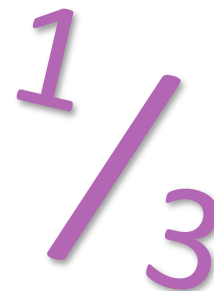
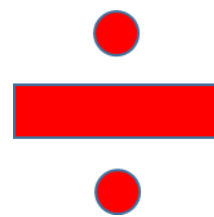
Miss Kyvelou and Miss Perry



# Active Maths

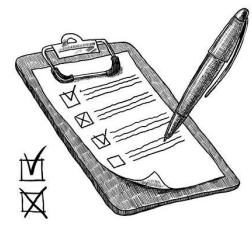
Mrs Hewitt's Year 8 class have been working really hard this year on active maths activities in their lessons. Most lessons, the pupils get their brains going by trying a range of questions on different topics that are stuck around the room. Their first job is to find them all! The questions review topics they have done throughout the year including fractions, percentages, algebra and data. They always have a general knowledge question too, to keep them on their toes! These active maths activities have helped the pupils remember and gain confidence.

Mrs Hewitt



# Travel & Tourism

This term, students have been looking at UK Travel Destinations including Seaside Resorts, places of Historical interest and National Parks. We visited Chester to see what it has to offer visitors as a tourist destination. We identified key tourist sites including the Castle, Amphitheatre, Roman Gardens and Roman Dewa Museum. We also walked the city walls and visited Chester Cathedral and the Storyhouse. Students completed questionnaires to find out why people were visiting Chester. They called at the Chester Visitor Centre to collect leaflets and information to help them to produce a powerpoint on Chester as a tourist resort.



Jess K said "I liked going to the Cathedral because the building was fascinating"

"I liked seeing all the different types of transport which tourists can use – especially the buses" - Ethan

"I liked seeing the lego model of the cathedral" - Max



Mrs K. Spracklen



# *Travel & Tourism*

Here are some of the comments visitors made about our students Customer Service skills.

“Callum presented well, had a positive attitude, asked questions clearly and gave plenty of options”

“Esme was positive and smiling. She listened to what I was saying”

“Molly suggested a holiday location and was able to offer advice on the weather and the beaches”

“Joshua made a good impression. I asked to go to Egypt and he gave me some advice on the temperature and some suggestions on places to visit”

“Sophie was very polite and friendly. She listened carefully to my requests and showed great initiative in suggesting things herself”

“Jamie-Leigh was very well presented and gave me a friendly welcome. She was attentive and professional”

“Jack made me feel relaxed straight away. He listened to all my requests and I was confident that he would find my ideal holiday”

“Michael provided detailed information and advice. He used a brochure and his personal experience to guide me through the booking process”

“Liam’s communication skills were good. He spoke clearly and asked great questions”

“Rachel was very pleasant and organised. She provided me with information on a variety of holidays”

Mrs Spracklen

# A taste of what we've been up to...



Paralympic Festival of Sport  
at Prenton Girls' School

Merseyside Para-  
Netball Development  
Day, Greenbank  
Academy



Greenbank Girls'  
Football Tournament



We like to think that we try our best in school to be mentally healthy every week and February 3rd to 7th was our opportunity to inspire our school community to:

- Learn to look after ourselves, individually and as a community
- Reflect on ways to improve our physical and mental wellbeing
- Grow together in our local and global community

On Friday 7th February children were able to wear a colour that made them feel good about themselves. The money raised on this day will fund an exciting larger event in the summer to celebrate all the good things we do to promote well-being and positive mental health.

Mr Byrne

**Community Sports Night will continue from Wednesday 4th March! New activity forms will be handed out during the first week after half term. CSN will continue to finish at 4.30pm till after the Easter break .**

**Mrs Grayson**



## YST PROGRAMMES

Later this month the Youth Sport Trust; a children's charity working to ensure every child enjoys the life-changing benefits that come from play and sport are hosting their 25th-anniversary annual conference at The Ricoh Arena, Coventry.

We were delighted to hear last week that we have been nominated; by the Trust itself for the '**Outstanding School**' award.

Here is a selection of just six work strands (of many) of our Youth Sport Trust programmes this year:

**Find Your Tribe** - a student voice project with LJMU student Tiarna, which aims to support the PE department and our female students with autism.

**Active in Mind** - an inspiring mental health through physical activity programme with Neil Danns from Wheels Extreme.

**Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Programme** - a School Games opportunity for young people from Foxfield, Stanley, Meadowside and Elleray Park schools.

**My Personal Best** - working with Orrets Meadow, we are looking at what character education looks like in a primary special school to ensure life skills necessary for transition to secondary school.

**Healthy Lifestyles Champions 'Combat Club'** - to show how the power of combat sports can help young people with autism and emotional regulation challenges to be able to use sport to help manage themselves.

**Active Across Ages** - an inter-generational and employability project involving post-16 ASDAN students, year 11 DofE students, year 10 sports leaders, Leasowe Primary School, Wirral School Games, Wirral Golf Development and Anchor Care Homes, Wirral to help combat loneliness and poor well-being in older and younger people.

Mr Byrne

*For more information on Clare Mount's work with the Youth Sport Trust please see the school website: [www.claremountssc.co.uk/news](http://www.claremountssc.co.uk/news)*

## 6th Form visit The Hive Youth Zone to Launch 'Round the World' challenge

On Thursday 16th January, our 6th formers took part in a special afternoon of sport and physical activity at The Hive Youth Zone in Birkenhead. We had been given the opportunity due to the launch of a new project, happening across the country and devised by the charity Mencap: The Round The World Challenge (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/about-us/our-projects/mencap-sport/round-world-challenge>)

The students received expert coaching in Kin-Ball, Climbing and Sitting Volleyball and it was clear to see how much the students have improved their skills and confidence over the last 12 months: A brilliant afternoon!

If you would like more information about The Round The World Challenge and/or The 'Hiveability' sessions that take place weekly every Sunday at The Hive, contact Jo Patten on 0151 705 8000 or [jo.patten@thehiveyouthzone.org](mailto:jo.patten@thehiveyouthzone.org)

Mr Byrne



# Clare Mount launches 'Combat Club' with Martial Arts Festival

On 8th and 9th January, our Year 7 and 8 students were introduced to the fantastic sports of Tae Kwon Do, Fencing and Judo. Anne and Chris from 'Judo Education,' Tina from Wirral and Chester Tae Kwon Do and Barry from 'Little Musketeers' Fencing joined us for two amazing afternoons. Our students learned new skills, increased their confidence and took part in fun competitions.

From Tuesday 14th January, martial arts has been part of Clare Mount's extra-curricular after-school provision, initially for a period of 10 weeks leading up to Easter. If you would like to get involved, simply ask the school office for a sign-up form.

Mr Byrne





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# THANK YOU

During our recent fundraising for Tiny Stars and Incubabies we were generously supported by:

- ◇ Riverside Bowl, New Brighton
- ◇ Tranmere Rovers FC
- ◇ J Parry Plumbing, Wirral
- ◇ Scentsations
- ◇ Salon 154, Greasby
- ◇ Lewis's butchers, Greasby
- ◇ Viking Quest 18 Hole Adventure, Moreton
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- ◇ Marino Lounge, New Brighton
- ◇ Noya restaurant, Upton
- ◇ Mecca Bingo, Birkenhead
- ◇ Kerala Kitchen, Upton
- ◇ Europa Pool
- ◇ Bisque-it pottery, Oxton
- ◇ Majestic Wines, West Kirby

**Your generous support helped us raise over £1,300!**



# UNICEF UK

## Rights Respecting School

### Going for Silver!



As you know, Clare Mount is working towards the Rights Respecting School's Silver Award, having earned the Bronze Award Last year. We have a new Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador's group, which includes students who were in the group last year with our new Year 7 members. The group is helping to spread the importance of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, by learning about their rights and how to help get all their rights met. Staff are also bringing the Convention on the Rights of the Child to life in not only Life Skills, PSHE and PSD lessons, but throughout all lessons and assemblies. The Ambassador's group will be presenting a whole school assembly in March to help the school meet the necessary outcomes to achieve the Silver Award. Well done to the Rights Respecting Ambassadors!

Unfortunately, not all were in the day we took the pictures.

Also in the group is our Head Boy Reeve,

Thank you, Mrs Webster, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Wilson



# Year 11

Work  
Experience

Yet another successful year was enjoyed by all of our students on Work Experience:

24 Different companies used with lots of different job roles we had PE Technician, Customer Service Assistant, Hairdresser Assistant, Hotel Assistant, Retail Assistant, Theatre Assistant, Animal Care Assistant, Mechanics, Landscaping, Library Assistant and Classroom Assistant.



# Year 11

Work  
Experience



Adam – Bromborough Bowl



Jack – Woodchurch High School  
PE Department



Alfie – Moreton Library

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

Hair Attitude "Caitlyn has worked amazingly, she got on well with all the staff and clients and picked up the work very quickly"

Merseyside Car Hospital "Liam has been a good help to me in the workshop and has been a pleasure to work with"

Flaybrick Cemetery "Nathan was very keen and had a fantastic week"

Chique Hair Salon "Rachel has worked really well, she has been a great little asset and a helpful little soul"

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

# Next Steps Event 2020

What a Fantastic afternoon and evening we had! 15 different providers and over 200 pupils, parent and carer visitors attended our event, and we had lots of excellent feedback:

*"Really helpful and happy with the support"*

*"Alfie has gathered information from a few colleges and signed up to travel training!"*

*"The students were polite and well informed about their roles and performed it professionally and with confidence. They were a credit to themselves and the school" Maryanne – Coleg Cambria.*

A wide variety of North West colleges, training providers, travel trainers and support services attended, and pupils and their families had the opportunity to explore all the different options available to them for life after school.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and pupils for supporting the event and we would like to thank all the providers who took the time out to show our pupils what they can offer.

**Miss K Magnall, Career Adviser & WRL Coordinator**



# Careers Information at Clare Mount

Miss Katherine Magnall is employed by Wirral Special Schools Collaborative and provides impartial, independent careers advice and guidance to pupils at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. Mrs Linda Evans is the Lead Teacher for Careers and both can be contacted via the school office.

For further information on our careers curriculum please visit the school website.

## College Open Days & Evenings 2020



**Wirral Met College All Four Campuses**

Conway Park, Twelve Quays, The Oval & Wirral Waters Campus

0151 551 7777

Thursday 19th March 2020

**The City of Liverpool College—All City Centre Campuses**



Arts Centre, Clarence Street, Duke St,  
Learning Exchange & Vauxhall Road

Thursday 19th March 2020 6pm to 8pm

0151 252 3000 [www.liv-coll.ac.uk](http://www.liv-coll.ac.uk)

**Coleg Cambria**



Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

0300 30 30 007 [www.cambria.ac.uk](http://www.cambria.ac.uk)

Wednesday 28th March 2020

10.00am to 2.00pm

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WHO  
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CARES?

**WE DO**

# Term Time Schedule 2019 – 2020



Open (Staff only)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> (closed to all students)
<u>*Open (Yr 7 &amp; P16 students only)</u>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (closed to Years 8 to 11)
Open to all students	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Close for half term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Open	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Closed to students	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Close for Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January

Open (Staff only)	Monday 6th January
Open to students	Tuesday 7th January
Close for half term	Friday 14th February
Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Open (staff only)	Monday 24th February
Open (students)	Tuesday 25th February
Close for Spring Break	Friday 3rd April
Spring Break	Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

Open	Monday 20th April
Close for May Bank Holiday (VE Day)	Friday 8th May
Close for half term	Friday 22nd May
Half Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Open	Monday 1st June
Closed to students	Friday 19th June
Close for Summer	Monday 20th July

