

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

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2019 Newsletter

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Guide Dog Puppy Chester



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I'd like to start by saying how delighted we are with our pupils' excellent summer exam results. The high standards are a reflection of the dedication and effort that the staff and pupils put into their work, but also the support parents and carers give, working in partnership with school. Well done to all our talented students; your hard work has certainly paid off! We send our best wishes to those students who have successfully moved on to their chosen college courses and warmly welcome back those who have returned to our Sixth form.

Pupils returned in September looking smart and ready to begin the new academic year. Thank you for your support with uniform; it is much appreciated. Our new Year 7 cohort have made a great start to the academic and social life at Clare Mount. The transition to secondary school can be difficult but it has been lovely to see so many settle in so quickly and get involved in all the things we have on offer. It has also been great to see so many of our Year 7 Parents and Carers at the Family Welcome sessions.

On the subject of welcomes, September saw several new members of staff commence working with us: Miss Kyvelou has joined the Science

department and Miss Chan, Mr Whyte and Miss Wallis joined Teaching Assistant team. All have settled well into their new roles. We also have a very exciting addition to our school community, Guide dog puppy 'Chester', who is undergoing training by Mrs Nokes. Chester is proving very popular amongst staff and children alike and I'm delighted to say is doing very well with his training!

The school year got off to a busy start with many of our students heading to Birkenhead Park to watch the Tour of Britain cycle race. A large group of students have also headed out on their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. The weather wasn't kind, but our students proved their resilience and commitment by completing the expedition tired but happy.

We have held several parent meetings including Welcome Evenings for Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form and an IEP evening for Years 8, 9 and 10. The turnout for these events was excellent and provided staff and parents/ carers with the opportunity to share information.

I was very proud earlier in the week to attend the fantastic Pearson Awards in London as Clare Mount was awarded the Silver Pearson 'Secondary School of the Year' for making a difference and was one of only

three schools across the country you to spare a little time to to be shortlisted for a Gold complete 'Parent View' which can Award. This event was televised be accessed via the website? by the BBC on Thursday 24th Don't forget to follow the school October when you shortlisted for twitter and Instagram accounts a Gold Award. This event will be to keep up to date with televised by the BBC on everything.

Saturday 26th October at 5:30pm, when you may catch a glimpse of Next term promises to be as members of our staff at the busy as ever with our students glittering event! participating in the Shakespeare Festival in November, Bingo

Our school website is currently night and the Christmas undergoing work and we hope to festivities planned. So in the unveil the new look site in the meantime I wish you a relaxing coming half term. Please take a half term holiday and look look and let us know what you forward to welcoming children. think: www.claremountssc.co.uk/

Mrs Kim Webster
Headteacher
October 2019

We welcome your views and suggestions and please can I ask



Clare Mount Supports Forum Housing

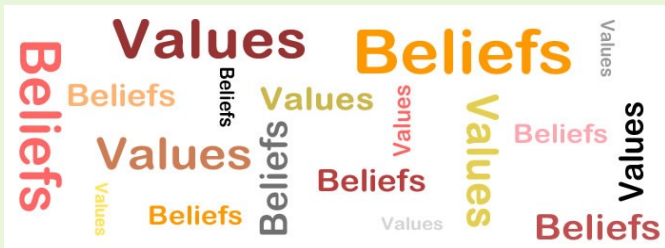
Pupils brought in a fantastic quantity of food for our Harvest Festival Celebration, which was donated to Forum Housing.

to support young people in Wirral who have been effected by homelessness.

Thank you to everyone who brought a donation in!

The Humanities Team





Rev Ron Iveson from St Oswalds Church at Bidston came in today to the Sixth Form group who are looking at " Beliefs and Values". Students asked lots of questions including:

When did you first become a Christian?

What does Jesus mean to you?

How do you feel about other religions?

Do you ever find it difficult to be a vicar?

Do you agree with everything about Christianity?

All students participated in the lesson and enjoyed being able to ask their own questions to a person of faith.

Your child may be entitled to

Free School Meals!

Apply at www.wirral.gov.uk/free-school-meals or e-mail freeschoolmeals@wirral.gov.uk and include your full contact details, including your national insurance number plus your child's name, date of birth, and the school they attend.

Shakespeare Schools Festival



Clare Mount students worked hard at the workshop led by the Shakespeare Schools Festival. They choreographed a slow motion fight scene between the Montagues and Capulets! They even got to rehearse on stage. Romeo and Juliet will be performed on the Tuesday 12th November at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton.



Miss Vicars



Clare Mount's Performance of "Romeo & Juliet"

12th November 2019



**SHAKESPEARE
SCHOOLS FESTIVAL**

Tickets Now Available!

My first half term at Clare Mount.

When Mum first told me I was going to Clare Mount I was a little bit scared. I didn't know what it would be like. Mum said we would visit in the holiday, when the school was quiet, so I could get used to the building.

That's exactly what we did. I came on about 4 or 5 visits. I walked round the school. I saw where I would spend most of my day. I even met a few children at summer school and some of the staff. On one visit, I saw the Year 11s getting their GCSE results; they looked really proud of what they had achieved.

Since starting school properly in September, I've made lots of friend who I see on the yard at lunchtime. The staff are all really friendly and say hello to me in the corridor.

I haven't always got it right... but people have helped me when things go wrong and I am learning how I should behave. I feel safe and settled at Clare Mount.

You may think this is a report from one of our new Year 7 students. In fact it was written (with a little help from Mrs Nokes) by Chester the Guide Dog Puppy in training and our school dog.



CONGRATULATIONS



Clare Mount were announced as one of the top three Secondary Schools in Britain at the prestigious Pearson National Teaching Awards 2019, for 'making a difference'. Congratulations!!!

Welcome



In September, we welcomed our new cohort of pupils into Year 7 at school. We are extremely proud of how these pupils have begun their transition into life at Clare Mount. They are working on our year group target of following instructions to enable them to feel 'settled and safe'. Transitions of any kind can be quite tricky but all of our Year 7s are doing very well with adapting to their high school environment and I asked some of the pupils what they think of Clare Mount School so far.

Some comments included:

"Clare Mount is great because the staff are so caring and know how to help us when things go wrong" Corey.

"I like the lunchtime clubs because there are lots to choose from" Laura.

"I think Clare Mount is a good school and I'm very proud to be student council rep for my class" Charlie.

Mrs Croucher

Science Club Autumn Update

It has been a busy start to the Science Club year. Not only have we welcomed some new Year 7 members we have also had a new staff member join us... Miss Kyvelou!

What better way to start the year off than with slime and Cartesian divers?!

Lots more exciting experiments coming after half term. All KS3 students welcome!

Mrs Fogarty



**Clare Mount
Christmas Bingo!
Wednesday 11th
December 2019**

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

25th
anniversary

3RD OCTOBER 2019

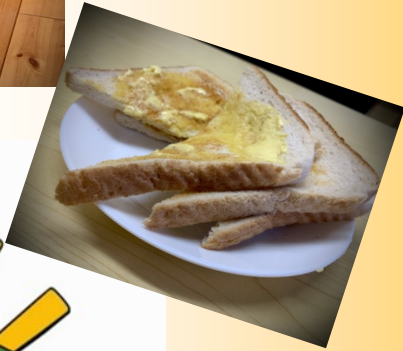


Our poetry collection for MyNPD Poem



The beginning of October saw people, poets and pupils across the country celebrate the wonder of the poetic form in honour of National Poetry Day, and the pupils of Clare Mount were no exception.

In English lessons, teachers shared their favourite poems and pupils had a chance to write their own poems. We saw some fantastic poems written by students across the year groups and their creativity really shone through. Mr Waters would like to thank all the students who submitted a poem into this year's poetry competition; the standard has been exceptionally high, the creativity, astounding. Mr Waters will be judging the entries and announcing winners after half-term.



BREAKFAST CLUB



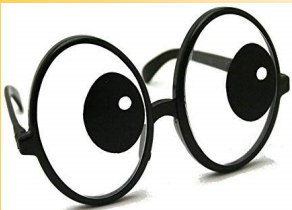
Clare Mount Breakfast club is available for all our pupils each morning to provide them with the best possible start to the day. Free breakfast cereal and toast is available in the Clare Mount Bungalow along with a selection of hot breakfasts for a small charge. Hot chocolate, tea and bottled water is also for sale. All pupils are welcome- even if it's just to come in for a chat and a cup of tea !

Mr Jones

Cooking Club



Cookery club is on every Friday lunchtime in the Bungalow with Mrs Boston. It's open to everyone and pupils can make a different recipe every Friday and eat the results! Last week we had omelettes, Xander was a big help preparing refreshments.



The school office has over twenty pairs of spectacles which have been handed in. Please call in if your child has lost theirs.



Free Information Workshops for Carers at Wirral Evolutions

Wirral Mencap and Wirral Evolutions are pleased to invite carers to a free information workshop in November.

The workshops are for parents and carers of people with a learning disability who want to find out more about planning for the future.

Workshops will cover:

1. Wills and trusts – how do I plan for the future?
2. Independent living – what are the options? Who can help?
3. Welfare benefits – where can I get help with these?
4. Being a carer – where can I get information and support?

Let us know what you would like included – we want to make sure we

Venue	Date	Time
Oakenholt	12 th November 2019	9.30am – 12.30pm
Cambridge Road	12 th November 2019	10am – 1pm
Heswall	21st November 2019	1pm – 3pm
Highcroft	22nd November 2019	10am – 1pm

cover what you want to know!

Places are limited for the workshops so to secure your place please call Wirral Mencap on 0151 666 1829.



Welcome to our: Next Steps Event

Thursday 30th January 2020

The event opens at 2pm and finishes at 6pm

No appointment needed just drop in between the above times

We are holding an Information Fair for you to attend.

You will have the opportunity to chat to a variety of Colleges, Support Providers and other services who can provide you with information on education, training and learning opportunities available to your child after Year 11 or Post 16.

The event will be held at:

**Clare Mount Specialist Sports College,
Fender Lane, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 9PA**

0151 606 9440

k.magnall@claremount.wirral.sch.uk

Miss Magnall

College Open Days & Evenings 2019 & 2020



Wirral Met College All Four Campuses

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

0151 551 7777 www.wmc.ac.uk

Thursday 16th January 2020

4.00pm to 7.00pm



Cheshire College

Ellesmere Port & Chester Campus

01244 656555 www.ccs.ac.uk

Monday 18th Nov 2019 5.30pm to 8pm



Birkenhead 6th Form College

Park Road West, Claughton Village, Wirral,
CH43 8SQ

0151 652 5575 www.bsfc.ac.uk

Thursday 28th November 2019, 6pm to 8pm



The City of Liverpool College—All City Centre Campuses

Arts Centre, Clarence Street, Duke St,

Learning Exchange & Vauxhall Road

Wednesday 20th November 6pm to 8pm

0151 252 3000 www.liv-coll.ac.uk



Coleg Cambria

Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

0300 30 30 007 www.cambria.ac.uk

Saturday 16th November 2019

10.00am to 1.00pm

Wirral Ranger Visit



Clare Mount 6th Form invited Cathy Oldfield to discuss her job as a Wirral Ranger. Cathy's visit supported pupils studying ASDAN Environment studies, Expressive Arts, Workright, John Muir award, Culture and World studies and Gardening!

Cathy explained the variety of tasks that her job entailed and talked pupils through some real life scenarios in which they had to choose the correct course of action. This included someone falling in bushes, a rider thrown off her horse and breaking her leg when it was scared by the noise of a crisp packet rustling in bushes and a cliff top full of bulls that had escaped!

Cathy allowed students to try on some of the special protective clothing necessary for her job. Pupils asked her lots of great questions and thanked her for the beautiful posters that she has allowed 6th Form to keep. Well done to 6th Form.

Miss Vicars



6th Form



The Sixth Form visited Cheshire College recently and the Oval Campus. The aim is for students to make an informed choice about their next step.

Mrs Cooper-Shone



The ASDAN Environment Studies group had a great morning exploring Leasowe coast. They discussed the wind turbines and the ship currently out at sea checking that they work. We looked at maps and notices explaining how long it takes for things to decompose. The group were wonderful.



Pupils were out and about in their community recently. They walked to Aldi as part of the ASDAN Health and Survival module. Students had to collect the prices of personal hygiene products. They did a great job.

Miss Vicars



Phenomenal start to our work experience programme this year. All our 34 students are out and about learning skills every Wednesday every single week. Some students have been offered two days!!!



ASDAN Environment Studies are creating posters as one of their challenges. The group have discovered the 6 R's—rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, replace.



They have also discovered that discarded apple skins are puréed and dehydrated to form a flexible leathery sheet. Another pupil read that one clothing company is using pineapple fibres to make clothes!



One student asked what happens at a recycling plant, so in the new year we hope to go and visit one to find out for ourselves. Well done 6th Form!

Miss Vicars

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition September 2019



Seventeen students and four staff attended the Silver Expedition in late September. Pupils walked from West Kirby to Neston before catching the minibus to the campsite in Wales. Day two saw students walk to Chirk Castle for the day. On their return the weather thwarted the planned barbecue but the sausages and burgers were eaten anyway! An

early start on day three saw heavy rain but spirits were not dampened as pupils managed to pack away in super quick time. On our return to the Wirral the weather brightened up enough to be able let students and staff walk without too many waterproofs!



Many thanks to Mr Atkins, Mrs Kearsley and Miss Webster for their support during the trip.
Mr Stanley

Age UK work with Year 10 Volunteers

A new project started on Friday 18th October between Age UK and Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. Six senior citizens came to school to meet some of our youth volunteers. Tea and biscuits were provided for all those taking part as well as being able to play some cards. This helped develop the opportunities to increase the social skills for all concerned. Next time they will play seated volleyball and Boccia to further improve their mental and physical well being.



Mr Stanley



Clare Mount Community Cafe Host

The cafe is open every Wednesday during term time.



From 09.45- 10:55am there is an opportunity for parents and carers to come and have a coffee and a chat with Mr Vasey who will offer advice and support about behaviour, autism and growing up.



Then from 11am until 12noon is our HOST session when we will be inviting guest speakers to share with us what they do and what they can offer you as parents/carers and also us as a school. This half term we have hosted Sharna and Abbi from Tomorrow's Women who told us about what they have on offer to the women of Wirral. We have also been visited by Andy from Caritas.



Finally from 1:30pm until 2:55pm the cafe is open to the public when our sixth form students will serve refreshments. So invite your friends and family.



Keep an eye on our website for upcoming events and speakers!

Mrs Stephenson



**To all families of
Sixth Form students**

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College
invites you to a celebration of
our students' fantastic achievements

Our Celebration Evening
will take place at Clare Mount

On:

Thursday 5th December 2019
starting at 5pm with drinks & nibbles

You will receive a personal invitation in the post.
Just remember to save the date!

Term Time Schedule 2019 – 2020



Autumn Term 2019

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

Spring Term 2020

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

Coming soon...

To a Science Lab near you

FIREWORK WEEK!

SAFETY!!



Sparklers



Fireworks in
other cultures



History and traditions
of bonfire night

Monday 4th November 2019

to

Friday 8th November 2019



Flame