

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

2018

Summer Half Term Newsletter



Clare Mount Specialist
Sports College

Summer Fair

Saturday 30th June 2018

11:00am—1:00pm

Fender Lane

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES

Bouncy Castle

Refreshments

Raffle Prizes

& much more!



Entrance: Adults £1.00

Children 50p

Children under 5 free

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again our summer term has got off to a flying start with a steady stream of events: fundraising activities, sports tournaments and inter school competitions, residential trips, exams and British Values Week .



April saw an international trip for four of our pupils, Kaitlyn, Sarah, Paige and Louise, accompanied by Mrs Cooper-Shone and Miss Green, who all flew out to Special Olympics in Greece. This was an opportunity of a lifetime and the girls were incredibly proud to represent England and of course Clare Mount Specialist Sports College.

GCSE exams are underway and pupils and teachers alike are working hard to make sure the results realise the potential of each and every candidate. Good luck to all pupils sitting exams! Just try your best!

Many of our Year 7 pupils headed off this term for the annual residential trip to Barnstondale, whilst a group pupils participated in the Calvert Trust residential trip in the Lake District. Once again the children had a fabulous time, enjoying the wide range of activities on offer.

Just a reminder our Community Café is open for a Friday morning 'Coffee and Catch-Up' with Mr Vasey, offering parents/ carers a chance to meet up and have an informal chat, support each other and share advice and strategies. The café is also open on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3.00pm for our school community, so come along and be waited on by our very own Sixth Form students.

I am delighted to report that Clare Mount Specialist Sports College has been shortlisted in the TES Awards, within 'The best alternative provision' category, for the third year running. The ceremony is being held at the Grosvenor Hotel in London on 22nd June 2018. It is a real honour to be nominated once again and a huge achievement to be shortlisted down to the final four schools. Fingers crossed this proves to be third time lucky!

Lastly, this term we say goodbye to Mrs Robinson, Learning Mentor, who retires after years supporting pupils and families at Clare Mount and whose Bingo Nights are legendary! We wish her a healthy and happy retirement.

Hope you enjoy the half term holiday and I look forward to seeing the pupils come back into school on Monday 4th June for what already promises to be a busy but exciting 7 weeks.

Kim Webster
Headteacher



CROSS-CURRICULAR NUMERACY WEEK

23RD—27TH APRIL 2018



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the cross-curricular numeracy opportunities on offer during numeracy week.

Well done to Matthew in 8AI who correctly guessed the correct amount of sweets in the jar to be 250.

We had guesses ranging from 40 to 100000!

Is Mr Allkins hoping for a share of the prize?



We also had a numeracy week quiz and received lots of good entries.



Congratulations to Jamie-Leigh in Mrs Hewitt's form as she answered the most questions correctly and won a prize for her fantastic effort. She actually managed to answer 5 out of the 6 questions correctly!

We will also have a draw for the other entries for an extra little prize as it's the taking part that counts.

Summer Term 2018

Open

Monday 4th June 2018

Close to students

Friday 22nd June 2018

Close for Summer

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Summer Term 2018

Open to students

Tuesday 4th September

Year 7 Fundraiser - Go Orange for Orangutans 27th April 2018

For the fourth time, Year 7 led Clare Mount in raising over £300 for the Act for Wildlife Go Orange for Orangutans campaign.



As a school, we raised £310 which means that our funds will ensure 31 trees will be planted in the Bornean rainforest.

Year 7 staff and pupils planned orange-themed fundraising events, including wearing anything orange. Once again, the competition was high, with some truly fantastic cake designs in the 'bake-off' competition.

At break time, 'Act for Wildlife' orange wristbands were on sale, along with cakes and wrapped sweet cups, which were all made by Year 7 pupils, parents and staff. There was also 'Beat the Goalie' run by 7Wa and 7M, Orangutan and Rainforest themed crafts to buy and fruit cocktail drinks made by 7P. The day was, once again, a huge success, due to the enthusiasm of all involved.

Well done to Ruben B and Alex from Y7, Charlie from Y9 and Matthew A from Y11 for the winning cake entries.



We were able to see the Bornean and the Sumatran Orangutans at Chester Zoo when we went on May 3rd. We also learnt about palm oil and how important it is for the rainforests of Borneo that we choose products which do not contain palm oil or which contain palm oil from a sustainable source.



Year 7 were proud to lead the day and extremely grateful to everyone who donated. We would also like to thank Card Craft Club and all staff, pupils and parents who gave their time and effort to help.

Mrs
Croucher



Chester Zoo & Barnstondale

On Thursday 3rd May, 28 members of our Year 7 team arrived at Clare Mount with a heavy bag, a light-hearted attitude and a smile! There was an air of great excitement as everyone boarded the coach to Chester Zoo for Part One of the trip.



The sun shone down on us almost all day, ensuring we enjoyed ice-creams and slush drinks along with a picnic lunch. We began our adventure at the Islands section of the Zoo, with a gentle boat ride around the area. We then



walked past the Sumatran Tigers and into the indoor section, where some members of the staff were attempting to catch an escaped lizard!

Once that excitement was well and truly contained, we saw the Orangutans, so Mrs Croucher was happy and we were all able to explore different sections of the zoo, including seeing giraffes, bats, butterflies, lions and penguins. We also explored all the different play areas before meeting back at the exit to re-board the coach and venture on to Barnstondale.

On our arrival at Barnstondale, we went to the Pine Cabin to settle into our rooms. After a well-earned meal, we had a disco with plenty of games, played football or had fun on the play area. We spent the end of the evening by the camp fire, eating marshmallows, before going to bed.

Our second day was spent doing archery, climbing, abseiling and working in teams to problem-solve.

After that, we all enjoyed the barbeque in the glorious sunshine, before coming back to school.

The Year 7 team awarded certificates for seven pupils who showed particularly strong skills within the Olympic and Paralympic Values of Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Determination, Inspiration and Equality.

We all had a wonderful time and made memories which will last forever. This trip was partially funded by Pupil Premium.

Mrs Croucher - Head of Year 7



Travel and Tourism visit to Chester

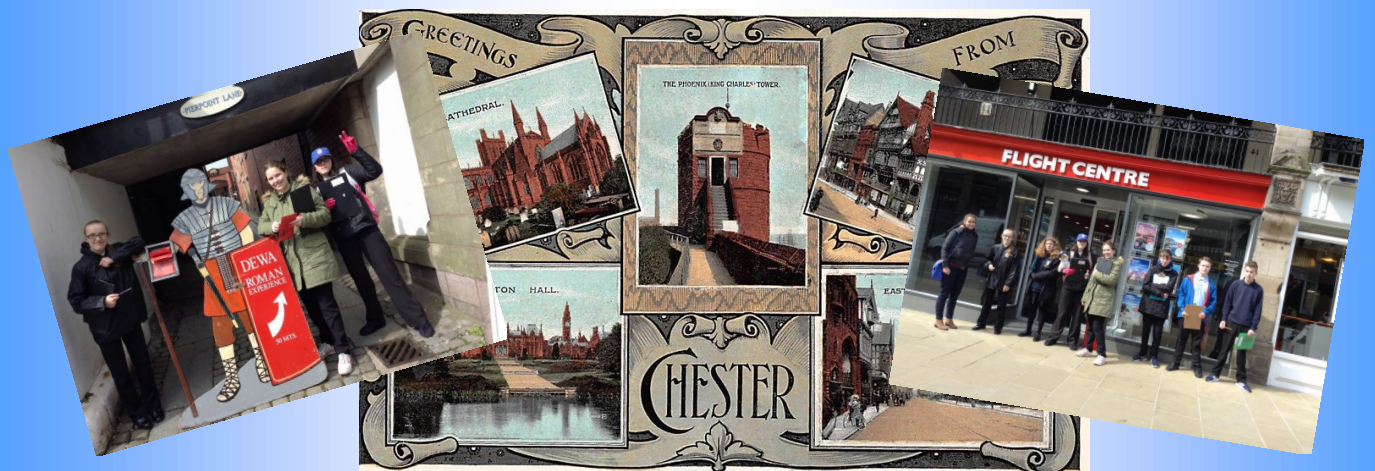


Students became tourists for the day on our Year 10 day out in Chester. They identified key tourist sites including the Castle, Amphitheatre and the Roman Gardens. We also walked the City Walls, watched the Roman Dewa Experience in action and visited the Storyhouse. We enjoyed a picnic lunch by the River Dee to observe what activities tourists might enjoy. In the afternoon, we visited the Chester Visitor Centre to consider

how it serves both tourists and locals. We were able to collect lots of leaflets and information to help students to produce a PowerPoint on Chester as a tourist resort, which they will then share with their fellow students.

It was a fabulous day out and the students were a credit to our school.

Mrs K. Spracklen, Mrs C. Stephenson, Mrs L. Patrick





News From Eco Committee



We are pleased to announce Clare Mount has achieved its 3rd Green Flag Award. Our assessor was very impressed by the presentation given by pupils and also how much of what the school does supports eco values. In her report she said:

“..the students showed me a brilliant presentation about all their eco projects. It really highlighted how embedded the work across the whole school with everyone involved”

In April, 7 students took part in a pollution monitoring exercise with Researchers from LJMU. They were the first students in Wirral to use the new monitors to measure the particulates in the atmosphere, grading the big and small particulates separately. The information collected is being analysed by the researchers from LJMU who are looking at understanding more about asthma triggers and developing medicines to help people affected by asthma.

Last Friday 8 students accompanied Mrs Nokes and Mrs Devlin to Foxfield School. Our students acted as judges for Foxfield’s fashion show of things made from recycled materials. It was a very, very hard task but in the end they decided a wedding dress made from bubble wrap and a Greatest Showman suit made from newspaper and cardboard were deserving winners. Afterwards their eco coordinator Sue took us on a tour which included visits to the outdoor classroom, sensory garden and forest classroom (or as we preferred to call it ‘the fairy glen’).

All the students involved in these projects were an absolute credit to Clare Mount – Well done, everyone.

On Monday 19th March 2018, 36 pupils and 10 staff travelled on the coach to Calvert! We left school at 11:30am on our way to Calvert and we arrived at Windermere where we stopped to have our lunch. After which was a 46 min drive to Calvert. When we had arrived at Calvert we unloaded the coach of our luggage when we all had to go to the dining room, where we got told who we were sharing rooms with. The first evening we each got into our own groups called Grizedale, Skiddaw, Dodd, and Barf. Some of the groups went up a mountain called Latrigg, it was very cold!! After a good night's sleep on Tuesday morning we did our first activities which we did for the rest of the week!

We all had an outstanding week, a massive thank you to:

Mr Taylor, Mr Laird, Miss MacLean, Miss Vicars, Mrs Robinson, Miss Hanley Mr Smith, Mrs Hodgson and Mr O'Connell. Written by Amelia



Amelia: "My favourite activity was Ghyll Scrambling it shows that we can work as a team and we worked as a team and we got to the top of the Ghyll"! I got to wet Mr Taylor when we got up to the top of the Ghyll, our leader Nick said to our group Grizedale that we could wet ourselves to show that we had achieved the Ghyll !

Paige: "I liked everything when I was at Calvert. I enjoyed all of the activities, they were great fun and I had the time of my life!"



Alfie: "I enjoyed Calvert. I loved Ghyll scrambling. It was like climbing a river. I enjoyed getting wet and tipping my helmet with river water over my head at the end. Canoeing was good too. I loved it when we worked together to turn the boat in different directions. We even had a café on the boat as well. This was a good time to spend a week with my friends". By Alfie

Calvert continued....

George: "Calvert was great! My favourite activity was Ghyll scrambling. I loved how you got soaked. The environment and the outdoor experience was great; listening to all the birds singing in all that fresh air. It was a great week to be with friends and to get to know the teachers' personalities a bit more".

Charlie: "I really enjoyed Calvert. It had many activities like Ghyll scrambling, walking up a hill, zip lining, disco, swimming and many more that I enjoyed. The food was great I had many good foods like chicken nuggets, beef, lamb and I also bought sweets and Dr Pepper. Altogether I really enjoyed Calvert and if I were given the choice to go again I would give a solid 'Yes'. 10/10 would go again".



Table Cricket

The Year 7 Clare Mount Table Cricket Team qualified for the regional finals at Lancashire County Cricket Club at Old Trafford, Manchester. Representing Cheshire as champions, the team played against schools from all over the North West. The team won the group stage undefeated and then went into the semi final which they won quite comfortably.



The final was played against opposition who were motivated and focused. It was a tense affair, with Clare Mount batting first and setting a target to beat. Early success in the field meant that the team started well but some strong batting from the opposition saw them win by six runs and qualify for the National Final in London.

Worthy runners up, our Clare Mount superstars are already looking forward to next year's competition. Well done to all! Mr Stanley



Special Olympics

Six intrepid explorers (including one very nervous flyer – Mrs Cooper-Shone!) set off for the ISSF in Greece completely unaware of the adventures ahead.



We met our England teammates at Heathrow airport and boarded our plane. The England Team consisted of girls from Sherrardswood school in Hertfordshire, plus our special Olympics teammates from Arbour Vale School. Our friendships were rekindled quickly and we took off!

Greece did not disappoint. We had the most fantastic time. Words cannot explain; from Greek dancing to a Top Gear challenge down a mountain; from Sarah playing basketball with a Chinese regional player to Kaitlyn playing volleyball with students from around the world; from Louise and Paige being DJ's on the coach to Miss Green tying friendship knots in scout neckerchiefs. There is too much to tell you, but the tears at the end of the week told me enough.



I have never been so proud and inspired by a group of students. They embodied the Olympic Values and the confidence they displayed was commendable.

This is the beginning of some beautiful, worldwide, multi-cultural, friendships. Greece was everything for all of us. I watched our group of young ladies present themselves impeccably and participate regardless of race, religion or language; excellent role models of Olympic Values and ambassadors for our school. Can we go again Mrs Webster?



‘Have we got Sarah?!’

Well done to Clare Mount's tag rugby team who represented the school with lots of energy and enthusiasm at the North West Tag Rugby Festival in Blackburn. The team was captained brilliantly by Fil who was ably assisted by Jamie, Kierran, Michael G and Reeve in pressurising the opposition in defence. Offensively they showed great skill in attack with the team scoring 21 tries across 6 games with tries from Kieran, Michael L, Alex, Liam and the prolific James. Run of the match undoubtedly went to Oliver though, as he weaved his way passed 6 defenders. They beat New Bridge twice, and lost narrowly to St Ambrose Barlow twice in the opening pool games. In their round robin final they beat Great Arley 4-2 and lost narrowly to Springbrook, having been drawing 4-4 with a minute to go. The attitude of the boys was exemplary and their teamwork a credit to the school. The boys are all young enough to play again next year and on this form must be one of the firm favourites if they keep training together.



Mr Keefe

MULTICULTURAL *storytelling*

On Tuesday 27th February, students at Clare Mount participated in a Multicultural Storytelling Event, which supported Literacy Week.

Stories from around the world were told in their native language first and then immediately in English, with the use of a PowerPoint. It was led, for the most part, with speakers from those countries.

This event is part of Clare Mount's Global Learning Programme. One of the benefits of our GLP is it helps our students understand their role in a globally interdependent world, as well as to help support their development of SMSC, (spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness), which helps our students to understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

It was a fantastic morning, enjoyed by all, hearing and learning about folk tales from around the world!



Thank you for supporting Paws for Tea which was held Thursday 10th May 2018. We raised £189.26. Also thank you to some of the P16 who helped pack the cakes, which they sold to the pupils. Without their support I don't think we would have raised nearly as much.



During the four weeks leading up to our British Values week, Clare Mount was very fortunate to have the Parliament Loan Box delivered to us all the way from The Houses of Parliament. In the box were assorted items the students could look at, try on and use while learning how the UK Government works.

Students really enjoyed learning about Parliament, the origins of which go back to the 13th century, and they explored the many rules, customs and traditions that help explain its workings. The students especially enjoyed dressing up and pretending to be in the House of Commons or the House of Lords.

Mrs Boyle





Special Olympics
Unified Sports



Special Olympics European Football Week 2017

27 May – 4 June

Theme: Children and Unified Football

#PlayUnified



Special Olympics



UNIFIED SPORTS – FOOTBALL



*Special Olympics
Great Britain*



*Special Olympics
Unified Sports*



Thank you to Tranmere Rovers in the Community for the outstanding partnership we have around Unified Football – long may it continue!

Wirral leads the Unified Generation across the UK!



68 players from Clare Mount, Kingsway Academy, Bebington High, Woodchurch High, Ridgeway and South Wirral High taking part in the 2018 Unified Football Festival at Tranmere Rovers FC as part of Special Olympics European Football Week.

All partners and athletes picked up flyers to attend Unified Football club at Tranmere Rovers FC on Tuesday evenings 4-5pm. Only 12 of the 69 players play in a football club. What an opportunity for these young people to take part in a sport they evidently love.

UEFA SUPPORT



"More than 6000 grassroots activities have been successfully organized by Special Olympics with National Football Federations over the past 17 years that have resulted in changed attitudes towards players with intellectual disabilities. UEFA is exceptionally proud to be involved in the annual Special Olympics European Football Week since 2000. We are committed to continue our support of Special Olympics football activities so everyone regardless of ability level has the opportunity to enjoy football. This year's focus is on Children's Unified football, which UEFA fully endorses. Football has a very power to instill the values of acceptance, respect and inclusion to youth communities all over Europe."

Mr. Peter Gilliéron, Chairman

UEFA Fair Play and Social Responsibility Commi





On Friday, 18th May, all students were invited to take part in the Clare Mount Street Party.

It was a fantastic week, which was highly enjoyed by all.





Clare Mount



Community Coffee Shop

Clare Mount Community Coffee Shop is part of our Work Experience Education Programme.

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“Schools out for Summer Survival Guide”



As part of our on-going commitment to supporting transition between year groups, and to the changes that children experience during the school holidays, Clare Mount is delighted to offer parents / carers the opportunity to access a mini-conference with Steve Vasey.

The mini-conference will take place on **Wednesday 1st August 2018** at Clare Mount in the Hall between **10am-12pm**. We regret that parents/carers will not be able to bring children to this event, however, we hope that this will allow them to gain the most support and feedback from Steve through talks, advice, discussion and sharing experiences.

Should you wish to book a place on this mini-conference then please return this form to Steve by no later than Friday 20th July 2018 or email him at s.vasey@claremount.wirral.sch.uk



Please return to Mr Steve Vasey, Clare Mount Specialist Sports College, Fender Lane, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, CH46 9PA. Tel: 01516069440.

Name(s)	Association with Clare Mount (e.g. child's name)	Contact phone number	Email address

Term Time Schedule 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term

Open (Staff only) Monday 3rd September 2018
Open (Students) Tuesday 4th September 2018
Close for half-term Friday 19th October 2018

Open Monday 29th October 2018
Close for Christmas Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term

Open Monday 7th January 2019
Close for half-term Friday 15th February 2019

Open Monday 25th February 2019
Close for Spring Break Friday 29th March 2019

Summer Term

Open Tuesday 15th April 2019
Closed (Good Friday) Monday 19th April 2019
Closed (Easter Monday) Monday 22nd April 2019
Closed (May Day) Monday 6th May 2019
Close for half-term Friday 24th May 2019

Open Monday 3rd June 2019
Close for summer Wednesday 24th July 2019

NOTE: Easter Weekend (Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April) and Spring Break (Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April) do not coincide.

Schools are required to select 5 INSET days from the above Term Dates.