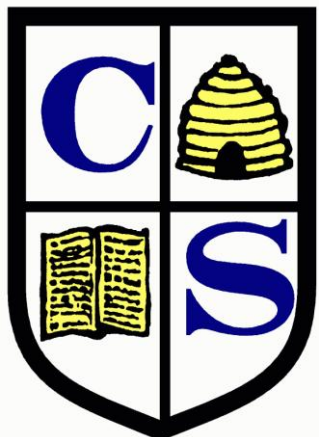


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CLARE MOUNT SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



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Front Cover

Clare Mount's talented rugby players visit Sale Sharks Community Trust.

We are delighted to announce Henry in Post 16 has recently joined their disability squad.

Community Sports Night Dates

1st November
8th November
15th November
22nd November
29th November

No CSN in December or 10th January
Restart on the 17th January

Return to School for Students

Monday 30th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



Clare Mount School welcomed several new members of staff this term. Miss Grinrod has joined the Humanities department, Mr Gavin and Miss Webster are teaching right across the curriculum, Mr Cutts, Mr Books and Mr Smith have joined us as Teaching Assistants and former pupil Mathew O'Connell has been given a one year apprenticeship. All have settled well into their new roles.

We were again delighted with our pupils' excellent summer exam results. The continuing high standards are a reflection of the partnership, dedication and effort that the staff and pupils put into their work. 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 transferred to their chosen college courses and warmly welcome back those who have returned to our 62 pupil strong Sixth form.

The school year got off to a busy start. We welcomed back a group of students who were invited to be kit carriers at the London 2017 Athletic Championships. We have already had a group of students completing their silver Duke of Edinburgh award expedition and a group of KS4 pupils represented Clare Mount at the Youth Voice Conference at Wallasey Town Hall. Our Sixth form have completed a residential in Doncaster on team building and resilience training. We held a Welcome Evening for parents of our Year 7 pupils and two open days for prospective parents of Year 6 pupils.

Pupils returned in September looking smart and ready to begin the new academic year. Thanks for your support with the uniform; it is much appreciated. Our intake of Year 7 students have settled in very well indeed and are already getting fully involved in the life of the school. Our 5 week Family Welcome Programme for the new pupils' families has been really well supported and it has been lovely to see the pupils proudly showing off their school.

We have just been notified that we have been shortlisted in the 2017 Educate Awards for Outstanding SEND provision. Fingers are crossed until the results are announced in November.

Our school website continues to be regularly updated and can be accessed at www.claremount.wirral.sch.uk. Please take a look and let me know what you think. I would really welcome your views and suggestions and please can I ask you to spare a little time to complete 'Parent View' which can now be accessed on our welcome page.

Thank you for your continued support with our charity fundraising events. The Year 9 Forum Housing food collection was a great success and the children really enjoyed our non-uniform day, with all contributions well received by Forum Housing.

Useful dates for your diary for the remainder of this term – KS3 Parents' Evening on Thursday 9th November 2017, KS4/KS5 Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th November and INSET day on Monday 4th December 2017.

Best wishes for a good half term holiday.

Kim Webster
Headteacher
October 2017



Special Olympics Success

We are very proud of Jake Delany who competed at the Special Olympics National Championships in Sheffield in the summer. Jake was awarded a golden ribbon for his efforts across all his events.



SHARKS CIRCLING AROUND CLARE MOUNT

Sale Sharks Community Trust has been circling around Clare Mount this term attracted by the potential rugby talent in the school. Henry in Post 16 has recently joined their disability squad and is doing work experience with the club to help them unearth more talent in the North West and set up a mixed ability programme at Port Sunlight on a Thursday evening. For more information contact Vicky.irwin@salesharks.com. Vicky, the Inclusion Officer, has been delivering part of a 12 week coaching programme at Clare Mount working with our Year 10 sports leaders and P 16 pupils as well as running a lunchtime club for other years. 15 lucky pupils and staff had the opportunity to go to watch the Sale v Gloucester game, with tickets donated by Printerland. Pupils got to do a Q&A with Sale player Josh Charnley before the game, with Sale winning convincingly by 57-10. Just as impressive, our pupils (minus some of our regular team) played a game against the Oakwood Academy on the pitch at half time, drawing. It was an excellent contest, 3 tries all. Well done to all those involved. On the 18th October we return to the AJ Bell Stadium for a coaching session with Sale Director of Rugby Steve Diamond which will be filmed by BT Sport.



NEW MINI-BUS FOR CLARE MOUNT

Massive thanks from all at Clare Mount to The Morgan Foundation and Cash for Kids, who have donated a new mini-bus. We cannot thank them enough for their kind donation and their continued work and support of the school.



BIKE MECHANICS WORKSHOPS CONTINUE



Yet more thanks to Kate Hughes and The Peter Johnson Foundation who continue to provide funding for Geoff and Phil from Pedal Zone to offer a bike mechanics learners', programme on Wednesday afternoon at school. The programme runs for 20 weeks each year and ensures that not only our bikes are well looked after, but that pupils can service bikes themselves. Following on from his experiences last year Tom secured employment at Off the Rocks bike repair shop, whilst Jordan is doing a similar work experience this year.

A SMILE FOR A CHILD DONATION:

Major thanks to Mick Hoban and Chris Read from A Smile for A Child. Chris supported the school last year to raise money for our New MUGA, sports wheelchairs and bikes and this year has put us in touch with Mick who has raised £1000 doing a triathlon in memory of a friend. "I am delighted to be making this donation to Clare Mount to support the excellent work you are doing. My own daughter, now 27, has autism so I know how much benefit such donations can make". A group of Year 10 pupils has decided the money will be spent on new boxing gloves and a speed ball, as well as more KO8 strength and conditioning bands.

Forum Housing Year 9



A huge thanks to everyone who donated to the Year 9 charity. Year 9 have put a vast amount of tins, packets and jars into shopping bags ready for Forum Housing to collect. I hope they turn up with a massive van because they're going to need it!

On behalf of Forum Housing and Year 9

THANKYOU



Food Studies Welcome year 7s to Clare Mount

7WA are the first of our new Year 7s to visit Food Studies as part of the Friday carousel time table.

During the lessons, we learn all about Food Safety and how to use all the essential pieces of kitchen equipment safely.

7Wa are developing into budding chefs and have successfully completed a range of healthy recipes. They have been a big hit with all the members of staff they have chosen to share our food products with. In addition to learning how to cook safely, we have carried out some scientific experiments to discover the science behind many of our regular ingredients. 'Exploding rockets' was a big hit as the group learnt how cakes rise.

Well done 7Wa. I look forward to welcoming all the other classes throughout the year.

Miss Badzire



Pyjama Party 13th October



Year 8 and 9 pupils enjoyed the first ever PJ/Sleepover Party at Clare Mount School. We started the evening with an outing to Hoylake Promenade for a game of football and a run-around. When we arrived back in school our cooks had kindly returned to prepare tea for the pupils. Mr Edwards did a fantastic disco in the school hall then we all relaxed by watching a film. The pupils slept a little bit and the staff a little bit less!!! The next morning we woke up well rested and had bacon sandwiches for breakfast. Here's looking forward to the next one!

Mrs Robinson and Miss Hanley



NCS Sixth Form Trip was a great success

Our Sixth Form had a fantastic stay at Kingswood Activity Centre in Doncaster thanks to the **National Citizen Service (NCS)**. A team from NCS (Chris, Rebecca, Sam, Sharon and Rachel) organised and funded a stay at a residential from Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th September and great fun was had by all.

The aim of NCS is to develop **social cohesion, social mobility** and **social engagement**. The challenge to our students was to move out of their comfort zone, explore a new environment and engage in new activities. This was met successfully by everyone.

It was clear to see how many of our students have, through their years at Clare Mount, developed the ability to: interact socially, manage their emotions, try something new and now have the resilience to keep trying until they succeed.

The activities involved learning new skills such as archery and working together to build dens and rafts which actually floated!





The NCS Team will be working with our Sixth Form on Friday mornings for the rest of this term to help further progress our students' personal and social development.

A big thank you to all the staff from Clare Mount who went on the trip (Ms McCannon, Ms McLeod, Ms McKinnon, Ms Broughton, Ms Hanley, Mr Cutts and Mr Hughes) and also again to the NCS Team.



GIVE IT YOUR MAX

Gets kids playing tennis

Clare Mount has been working for a few years with The Youth Sport Trust and Tennis Foundation to inspire young people through the Beyond the Baseline programme. This has seen athlete mentors come to school to teach pupils through the values of tennis and resulted in pupils going on trips to places like Wimbledon. Most recently, pupils transitioning from Hayfield have enjoyed tennis sessions with former GB player Anna Fitzpatrick in school.

Pictures: Year 7 pupils being coached by Anna, supported by Year 10 sports leaders.



Now the Tennis Foundation, working in conjunction with Bidston Sports and Tennis Centre, has approached Clare Mount to become a Give It Your Max hub-school. This will involve access to more athlete mentors with former GB player Jade Windley, already in the diary to appear at a launch event at Clare Mount on the 9th November. The Give It Your Max programme will also see training for school staff, with Inclusive Tennis CPD planned for the 14th November, as well as coaching in local schools, inclusive tennis festivals and new inclusive tennis coaching sessions at Bidston Tennis Centre on Mondays after-school in the Summer Term. Game, set and match!!!





YOUNG HEALTH AMBASSADORS



The health and well-being of pupils at Clare Mount is a key priority for the school. This year we are involved in lots of exciting initiatives including Chimp Management, Active Maths and Resilience Doughnut training for staff, as well as piloting the Youth Sport Award in Year 9 and the COPE programme with a few pupils in Year 9 and 10. To help us achieve our goal of ‘happy, healthy’ pupils at Clare Mount a group of pupils in Year 10 and 11 visited The University of Lancaster in September to access training on how to become a Young Health Ambassador. This pilot scheme, involving 20 schools in the North West, involved training around promoting physical activity, leadership and healthy food messages. Some sessions were led by GB athlete mentors from Thai boxing and Badminton with the main message of “don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something”. The Young Health Ambassadors have already started the process of supporting lunchtime clubs, such as Sale Sharks tag rugby sessions, and are planning a ‘hoops for health’ inspiration day before Christmas involving instructors from the Underground Training Station and former NBA Basketball player David Aliu. Get up and get active!!!



CLARE MOUNT PUPILS ACT AS KIT CARRIERS AT LONDON 2017

During the Summer holidays 13 pupils and staff had the enormous honour of acting as kit carriers (so called “Runners”) at the World Championship Athletics in London between the 4th and 8th August 2017. We had the chance to rub shoulders with the best athletes in the World, watch how they prepare for events in the warm-up track, the tension in the call-room, and the excitement of the kit collection zone. What an experience!!!





CLARE MOUNT CHRISTMAS BINGO

**Wednesday 13th December
2017**

Doors open 6:00pm till 9:00pm

‘Fun for all the family!’



EXTREME SPORT HUB GETS INTO THE COMMUNITY



The Extreme Sport Hub ran a second experience day in September 2017, however, this time we listened closely to the views and opinions of young people themselves. Talking to various focus groups we responded to the ideas of young people that they would like to see the extreme sports on offer delivered in a community setting, rather than school setting, and that they also wanted a mix of extreme sport experiences complimented by other sports they could do in the community. Subsequently, the event was hosted at The Hive Youth Zone. 50 youngsters from local primary and secondary schools had the chance to be inspired by European skateboarding champion Neil Danns, World in-line skating Champion Jenna Downing, but also to step into the boxing zone in the new facility. After a great day, all got flyers from The Hive in the hope they will continue to access sport in the community.



The young people have asked that in 2018 that the Extreme Sport Hub includes a competitive element and takes place at Ramp Worx in Liverpool. Watch this space.



WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE
*Somewhere to go, something to do,
someone to talk to.*



African Keyhole Garden – Final Report

After lots of hard work last summer, and moving upwards of 20 tonnes of top soil, I am very happy to announce that our Keyhole Garden is finally ready!

Students from a variety of year groups, and some very helpful members of staff, all joined together to finish off what has been a very worthwhile project.

The garden is now ready to be planted up with all sorts of lovely autumn planting veg which will be used in the Farm to Fork project being run in school.

The aim of the project was to source recycled materials wherever possible which we have met with the help of local businesses and other outside sources.



Youth Voice Conference



Well done to four of our Clare Mount 6th Form students who attended the Wirral Youth Voice Conference at Wallasey Town Hall.

In the morning workshops they joined students from other Wirral schools to discuss issues surrounding the theme Education and Mental Health. In the afternoon all the students gathered in the Council Chamber and were given the opportunity to question senior officers and councillors from Wirral Council then to debate the issues that had been raised.

We are very proud of the contributions our students made throughout the day and letting their voice be heard. Well done.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Twenty three intrepid explorers set out to attempt their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Exploration on Wednesday , Thursday and Friday 20th - 22nd September. After final kit checks our expeditionary force ventured to West Kirby to walk the Wirral Way: destination Willaston via Parkgate. The weather was not great, intermittent heavy showers which made visibility poor for the time of year. After lunch at Thurstaston students continued to walk in their groups. They enjoyed both the physical and social benefits of exercise, making new friends along the way. By mid afternoon a well deserved ice cream break in Parkgate allowed students to gather themselves for the final push before embarking on a forty five minute drive to Quinta Residential, which is near Weston Ryan, Chirk. On arrival students were expected to erect their tents and prepare food under camp conditions. The heavy showers which we had experienced during the day fizzled out which allowed a campfire to be started. This raised the spirits for all concerned especially when marshmallows were toasted on the fire



Day two saw the emergence of happy campers. After making their breakfast and preparing a packed lunch, a two hour walk to Chirk Castle was the order of the day. This involved walking through the beautiful Welsh countryside over the border into England. The viaduct and tunnel for the canal were safely negotiated in both directions as well as a really good look around Chirk Castle and its gardens. On return to the campsite a barbecue was held, with everyone enjoying sausages, beef burgers and eventually some potatoes wedges! A good night's sleep then followed as students had to be up early on day three in order to pack away and return to the Wirral. Walking from Parkgate to Thurstaston for lunch and then on to West Kirby completed the three day expedition for all concerned. Well done to all those Year 11 involved and a huge thank you to the staff of Mr Atkins, Mrs Kearsley, Mrs Swap and Mr Taylor for giving up their time to make this successful.

Dates for Parents / Carers 2017-18

	Year Group	
28 th Sept. '17	7	Welcome Evening (4 - 5.30 pm) <i>Form Tutors / Heads of Year / Learning Mentor</i>
2 nd – 20 th Oct. '17	Sixth Form	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
Thursday 9 th Nov. 2017	7, 8 & 9	KS3 Parents Evening (4 – 6 pm) <i>Subject Teachers / Heads of Year / Learning Mentor</i>
13 th - 23 rd Nov. '17	11	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
Thursday 30 th Nov. '17	10, 11 & 6 th Form	KS4 & 5 Parents Evening (4 – 6 pm) <i>Subject Teachers / Heads of Year / Learning Mentor</i>
Thursday 7 th Dec. '17	Sixth Form & Leavers	Celebration Evening (5 - 7.30 pm)
Thursday 11 th Jan. '18	9, 10, 11 & 6 th Form	Next Steps Event (4 - 6 pm) – FE Colleges & our Sixth Form
15 th – 26 th Jan.'18	10	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
Thursday 25 th Jan. 2018	11 & 6 th Form	Options Evening (5 - 6.30 pm)
Thursday 1 st Feb. '18	9	Options Evening (5 - 6.30 pm)
5 th – 16 th Feb. '18	9	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
28 th Feb. '18	7 & 8	Written Reports sent home
5 th – 22 nd March '18	8	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
16 th Apr-10 th May'18	7	Annual Reviews – Head of Year / Learning Mentor
Thursday 19 th April'18	10, 11 & 6 th Form	KS4 & 5 IEP Review Evening (4 - 5.15 pm) <i>Form Tutors / Head of Year/ Learning Mentor</i>
8 th May '18	9 & 10	Written Reports sent home
Thursday 21 st June '18	7, 8 & 9	KS3 IEP Review Evening (4 - 5.15 pm) <i>Form Tutors / Head of Years / Learning Mentor</i>
3rd July '18	11 & 6 th Form	Yr11 & Sixth Form Written Reviews

School Year

2017 – 18

Open (Staff only)	Monday 4 th September 2017
Open (Students)	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Friday 29th September 2017</i>
Close for half-term	Friday 20 th October 2017
Open	Monday 30 th October 2017
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Monday 4th December 2017</i>
Close for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2017
Open	Monday 8 th January 2018
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Friday 2nd February 2018</i>
Close for half-term	Friday 16 th February 2018
Open	Monday 26 th February 2018
Close for Spring Break	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Open	Monday 16 th April 2018
<i>Closed (May Day)</i>	<i>Monday 7th May 2018</i>
Close for half-term	Friday 25 th May 2018
Open	Monday 4 th June 2018
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Friday 22nd June 2018</i>
Close for Summer Break	Tuesday 24 th July 2018
<i>(All Staff Training Days showing for 2017-18)</i>	

Advance Warning for 2018-19

<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	<i>Monday 3rd September 2018</i>
<i>Open (Students)</i>	<i>Tuesday 4th September 2018</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 19th October 2018</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 29th October 2018</i>
<i>Close for Christmas</i>	<i>Friday 21st December 2018</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 7th January 2019</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 15th February 2019</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 25th February 2019</i>
<i>Close for Spring Break</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2019</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 15th April 2019</i>

Return to School for Students

Monday 30th October 2017

Please check the following information before booking onto any of the programmed sessions.

The information provides a brief description of the content of each activity, as well as details of what should be worn.

Unless otherwise stated, no refreshments will be provided. Participants should therefore bring their own food and drink.

Participants wishing to take part in any of the timetabled activities **MUST** book onto each session by emailing staceyaddison@wirral.gov.uk and completing the booking and consent form.

Please note: Although coaches & volunteers will be assisting with activities, parents/carers should attend booked sessions should your child require extra assistance/ support or is new to the sessions.

For further information and enquires please contact Stacey Addison on 0151 666-4359

Monday 23rd OCTOBER

WHEELS FOR ALL

Venue: Birkenhead Park

Time: 10am – 11am (5-11 years)
11am – 12pm (12 years +)

Cost: £2.50 (Pay on the day)

Description:

- Join us for this fun cycling session featuring specially adapted bikes.

Limited Places Available

Extras:

- All participants should wear comfortable outdoor clothing, including trainers or pumps (footwear appropriate for physical activity).
- Helmets provided.
- Participants to bring their own refreshments.
- Participants are advised to be prepared for changes in the weather.

Meeting Place:

Please meet and register at the parks visitors centre reception.

Thursday 26th OCTOBER

TRAMPOLINING

Venue: Birkenhead Youth Club

Time: 9am – 9:45am (5-11yrs)
9:45am – 10:30am (12yrs+)

Cost: £2.50 (Pay on the day)

Description:

- This adapted trampoline session includes learning basic skills of trampolining.
- Additional help from parents/carers may be required to help spot and provide support around the trampoline.

Limited Places Available

Extras:

- Loose, comfortable sports clothing, including non-slip socks, are recommended.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Participants to bring their own refreshments.

Meeting Place:

Please meet and register in the centres reception area

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FIREWORKS WEEK!

SAFETY!!



Sparklers



History and traditions
of bonfire night

Fireworks in
other cultures

Flame tests



Monday 30st October
to
Friday 4th November