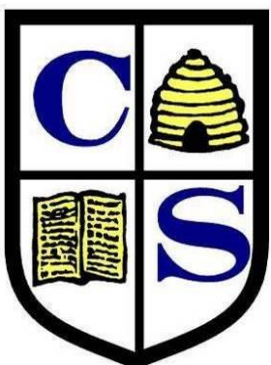


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# CLARE MOUNT

## SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



**Newsletter**  
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**SPORTS COLLEGES**



**SEN SPECIALIST SCHOOLS**

## ***Front Cover***

Our Community Café is officially open! Following positive feedback from a trial run at Family Sports Night it was officially opened at the Summer Fair. Mrs Webster and Mr John Earp celebrate in style.

An *Awards for All* grant of £10,000 was instrumental in getting the café going and gifts such as the sofa from the Pine & Oak Warehouse and the TVs from TV Technologies Limited helped to make the café more homely.

Other grants have been secured through *Cash for Kids*, which funded the serving counter, fridge, till and coffee machine.

The Community Café will be open Monday and Thursday afternoons 1:00pm – 3:00pm and all day Wednesdays 9:30am – 5:00pm from September on.

## **Community Sport Night and Choices Club**

These clubs will restart on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at  
3:30 – 5:00 and 5:00 – 5:50 respectively.

**Return to School for Students**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Dear Parents/Carers,

So here we are again, the eagerly anticipated summer break is in sight. Reflecting on what has been a fantastic year for Clare Mount I am so very proud of what we have accomplished in this academic year.

The headline news being our 'Outstanding' OFSTED report: What a marvellous accolade for our school and what a superb testimony to the hard work and passion of our governors, staff and parents, making Clare Mount a very special school indeed. Without their support and time and them consistently going above and beyond, we could not give our students such the wealth of opportunities, reported by OFSTED as a 'key ingredient' to our success. They also described Clare Mount as "an oasis of calm" and noted "staff, governors and students alike are proud to be part of Clare Mount". What fabulous feedback!

Another busy few weeks have literally flown by. Firstly a huge thank you to you all for supporting our Summer Fair. It was brilliant to see so many of you there. A special thanks too to the Bungalow pals and Clare Mount staff who have worked really hard to make our main fundraiser of the year the success it was. We have raised a whopping £1700 so far which I can assure you will be well spent.

National Sports week was a great hit with the children and we were lucky enough to be visited by a couple of Para/Olympians. We all enjoyed the whole school Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Long decorated tables stretched across the playground and the children proudly waved the red, white and blue flags that they had excitedly prepared.

We waved off our French trip in the wee small hours of the morning and wished them 'Bonnes Vacances'. They returned exhilarated, if not very tired, and a good time was had by all!

Year 10s were split into 2 groups and headed off on their Duke of Edinburgh adventures. Kit bags at the ready they set off with a spring in their step and returned weary but accomplished. Another important milestone reached. Enterprise week was hugely successful and the arrival of a fire engine and crew proved to be a big hit. We have spent time with our cohort of new students who are very excited to be joining us in Year 7 in September.

At the top end of the school, the Year 11s and Sixth Formers danced the night away at the Summer Prom. They had a ball and looked so grown

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up. It's hard to remember them as a group of slightly apprehensive 11 year olds walking into Clare Mount. Work Experience week for Year 11s saw the students heading off to diverse destinations and it was great to see them enjoying the new challenges.

Mr Keefe and Miss Green took a small group of students down to Wimbledon. The weather was atypically kind and they thoroughly enjoyed their time on court no 2. Sticking with sport, we again held our whole school Sports day at the Oval and in my eyes everyone was a winner. It's a real bonus that we are all able to come together for events such as these and it's so lovely seeing the children cheer their friends on.

Our Shakespeare themed Culture and Creativity days were jam packed with activities. A lot of fun was had by all and the hours of planning work certainly paid off. Celebration Assembly was another nice opportunity for us all to come together during the last week of term. It was a time to reflect on what has been achieved and to celebrate successes.

The end of summer term brings the inevitable good-byes. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck for the future and sincerely hope that they come back and pay us a visit. Maybe the newly opened Community café with a fab selection of drinks and cakes will tempt them back in! Thank you to our Head Boy and Girl team ably led by Josh and Sophie under the watchful eye of veteran Owen. You and your prefects have been wonderful ambassadors for school and we are all extremely proud of you.

We also say a massive thank you and good-bye to a few members of staff. Mrs Wright and Miss Metaxotou have both added so much value during their time at Clare Mount and will be greatly missed. Miss Todd, a Teaching assistant, is also moving on and we wish all three of them well for their futures.

September 7<sup>th</sup> is the first day back for students. Please can I ask you to continue to support our uniform policy by ensuring the children return to school looking their usual smart selves.

On a personal note I would like to thank the staff for being truly "outstanding" and making such a difference to the lives of our amazing students.

Best wishes for a lovely summer break.

*K. Webster.*

Headteacher  
July 2016

# France Trip 2016

38 students and 10 staff have just returned from a “fantastique” trip to France. We managed to pack in a trip to a market, two swimming pool sessions, a day at Disneyland and a day at Walt Disney Studios in Disneyland Paris!

I would like to say a massive well done to all of the students – you were amazing during what was an action packed and busy week. Also, a big thank you to all the staff who made the week go so smoothly.

Mrs Neill



# Year 11 Work Experience

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

- *23 Different companies used with lots of different job roles. We had Farmers, PE Technicians, Catering Assistants, Retail Assistants, Engineers and Nursery Assistants.*
- *11 Students have been invited back next academic year for a one day a week work experience placement in Post 16.*



Jessica Debonair Dogs



Alex Co-op Greasby



Stacey Ganneys Meadow School



Cameron Mersey Care Travel

I would also like to say a big thank you to the staff who contributed to making this year so successful, especially Miss Manley, Mrs McCannon, Mrs Neill, Mrs Stephenson & Mrs Manifold.

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

Mersey Care Travel *“Cameron has been an active part of the team and we have enjoyed having him”*

*“Lewis has worked very hard while he been here it has been lovely having him here”*

Woodchurch High School PE *“All three students have worked very hard and to a high standard”*

Best Bites *“Matthew has been very enthusiastic and willing to learn”*

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

**Miss K Magnall WRL Co-ordinator**

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## **Year 9 Forum Housing**

Thanks to those of you that donated to our Year 9 charity. We had some lovely summer items. Amanda from Forum Housing was thrilled once again!

Thank you from Year 9 and Miss Vicars



# History at large

## Remembering the Battle of the Somme

The school joined with the rest of the country to remember the fallen of the Battle of the Somme.

Jodie, Siobhan, Matthew A and Alex shared the thoughts and feelings of soldiers who fought on July 1st 1916.



*Above: The Clare Mount Memorial Poppy to the First World War was the focus of the assembly.*

## Year 7s at Chirk Castle

The students and staff had a great day at the castle with the students looking for clues throughout the building.

The highlight was the visit to the dungeon where there was lots of screaming but we did manage to bring all the students back!

Mrs Brewer



# Seeing Albert

Year 10 Geography GCSE group went to the Albert Dock in Liverpool to investigate the impact of Tourism for their fieldwork project.

They explored the Tate Liverpool Gallery, Maritime museum, the Beatles story and the other big tourist attraction the sweet shop.

Mr Jones



# Prom Night

Friday 8th July saw Clare Mount open its golden doors to our Year 11 and Sixth Form Prom attendees.

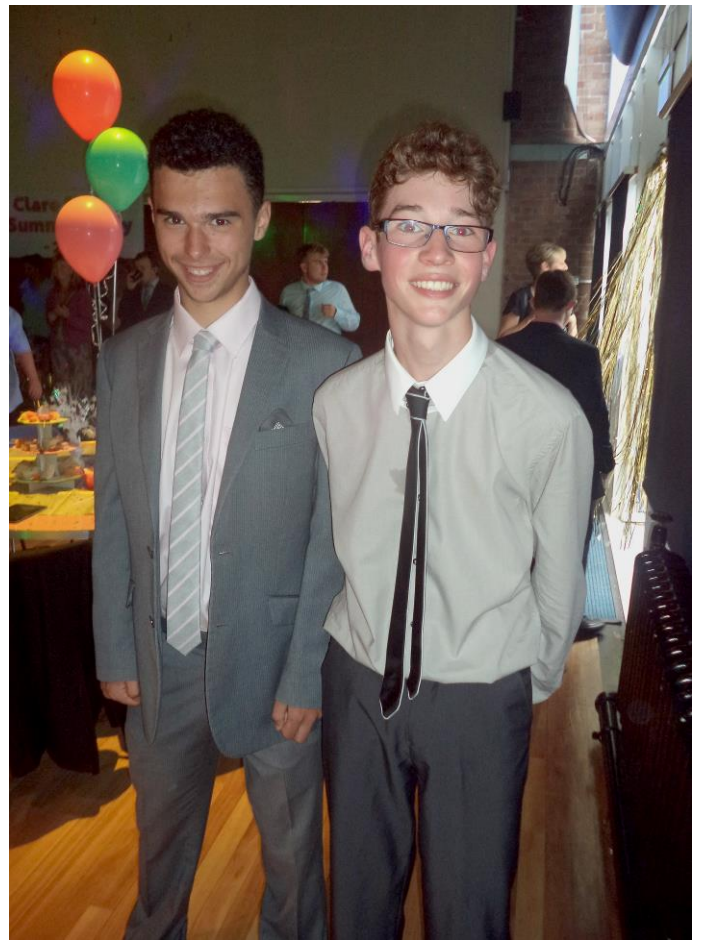
The school hall was transformed; there was a bit of Hollywood glamour mixed in with some James Bond class. Students and staff pulled out all the stops and, in true James Bond style, were dressed to kill!



No Prom is complete without a King and Queen and this year's winners were Harry Nugent and Sasha Cross – well done!

A massive thank you to all staff who helped to make this such a fantastic, memorable night – same again next year?





# Multicultural Market

On the 21st June Clare Mount's school hall was turned into a Multicultural Market for Years 7, 8 and 9.

We had representatives from Kenya, Bangladesh, Syria, Greece, Poland, France, USA, Great Britain, and China. Some were from MEAS, the Minority Ethnic Achievement Service Team, who work out of Birkenhead Town Hall, and some were from our very own staff.



Students moved around the different stalls to do arts and crafts and learn a little bit about each country.

It was a great success, the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the event, and all had an enriched appreciation of what other cultures bring to our country.

Mrs Boyle



# Sensory Garden

Clare Mount would like to thank Tesco's for their *Bags of Help* grant of £12,000 for the Garden.



In addition David Cheyne, Brian Clark and the Rotary Club donated £2,000 and the Ladybirds & Ladies gave £150.

Mollie P and her Mum acquired plants from Morrisons (thank you to Morrisons also!) and donated them to the school.

*Pictured right*



The lovely-smelling and feathery-leaved plants went to our Garden and the others were planted in our Community Café garden.

# Empty Classroom Day

Friday 17th June

Empty Classroom Day is part of a GLOBAL campaign, backed by Persil's 'Dirt is Good' movement, to celebrate and inspire learning outside the classroom.

The Science department joined with schools from across the world in taking at least one class outdoors, (in fact, nearly every Science group that day spent their lesson outside)

The students took part in a scavenger hunt to find and identify different types of trees around the grounds. Some groups found 15 different species but there are more!

One student was heard to say "I thought a tree was just a tree until now". Many students also had chance to take part in a pond dip which is always a favourite activity, especially if they find tadpoles and newts.



Mrs Nokes



# Wimbledon Trip

Thanks to The Tennis Foundation and the Beyond the Baseline programme, eight students enjoyed a day at Wimbledon in July 2016.

The group got to watch an entertaining 'masters' match involving Patrick McEnroe (brother of John), former British No.1 Jeremy Bates and flamboyant Mansour Bahrami on Court 2, before watching a game of doubles on Court 12 involving previous Wimbledon singles champions Goran Ivanisevic and Richard Krajicek.



The students also enjoyed watching a game on Henman Hill / Murray Mound, visiting the tennis zone for a photo with the Davies Cup, before returning to Court 2 to watch 2014 Wimbledon doubles champions Jack Sock and Vasek Pospisil.



Owen even got Tim Henman's autograph and a picture with Marcus Willis.



# Summer Fair

Despite the weather we had a fantastic Summer Fair and raised just over £1700 – and we're still counting.

It was also the official opening of Community Café. There was support from 96.7 on the day and funding towards the café.

Everyone had an amazing time. A wonderful turn out from visitors, stall operators and everyone else who helped.

Thanks to all who supported the day.



# Sports Day

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 all students and staff went to The Oval to take part in an Olympic-themed Sports Day.



Whilst the weather was not kind, it did not dampen our spirits. The day started with a wonderful Rio-inspired dance organised by Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Cooper-Shone, Miss MacLean and Miss Vicars followed by a mass zumba at warm-up.

Students then completed in a range of athletics events alongside some golf, boccia and football.

The students represented 3 teams named after the last 3 host countries including China, Great Britain and Brazil, with Brazil the eventual winners.



*Above – Mr Hughes gets swinging*







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## Year 11 goes to the Dogs

Members of Year 11 organised various events such as selling pizzas and hot dogs at break, guessing which country the bear came from and guess the dogs' names in aid of the Charity Dog Trust.

Codi, Tony, Jack, Harry and Matthew posted flyers around school and helped students, and staff, to be aware of the charity.

They raised the magnificent sum of £164.50. Well done!

Mrs Boston



# Our Year in Outdoor Cricket

Firstly, our boys were involved in a Wirral cricket tournament on 9th May 2016 which took place at Irby Cricket Club. All other schools involved are mainstream and we were grouped with St Mary's Wallasey and Pensby.

In the first game against St Mary's our boys restricted the opponents to 64 but were unable to chase down the total due to a combination of many factors including some excellent bowling from the opposition.



In the second game against Pensby, the boys were re-invigorated and bowled and fielded excellently to restrict the opposition to 52, we managed to chase down the total with 2 balls to spare. A great win against a fantastically sporting opponent whose staff and students were quick to congratulate the boys.

A third game against Pensby produced the champagne moment pictured as young Dennis in year 7 made his hard ball cricket debut and finished 3 not out in another successful game.



Our Second Tournament was on 9th June when we travelled to Alder to take part in the annual cricket tournament across the Merseyside region. We were drawn against Woodchurch High and Alt Bridge schools in our initial group.

In the first game, it was a chance to take on another of our mainstream colleagues with Woodchurch. Without the older players due to exams it was a chance for our players to shine. Clare Mount produced a solid



batting performance and Reeve performed brilliantly behind the stumps which saw us restrict Woodchurch to 236 and close out the first game.

In game 2, the fielding of the Clare Mount boys was excellent and meant that Alt Bridge fell short and Clare Mount topped the group to secure a place in the Semi Final of the tournament.

The Semi was a tight game with Sandfield Park having some talented and big hitting cricketers in their ranks. Some late big hitting from Paul gave

us solid total to defend. Sandfield, vocally encouraged by their manager, were up for the challenge and started with some big hitting which got them towards the total but some solid bowling at the end of the innings by Liam and Reeve saw Clare Mount win by 17 and get to the final.

In the final, a well drilled Crosby High side awaited and took wickets at regular intervals. Despite some hard running between the wickets by all the players and Paul hitting 5 sixes in 1 over, the score was tallied as 235 by the umpire at the end of our innings. Crosby reached the total with an over to spare which saw us win Silver, a magnificent achievement.



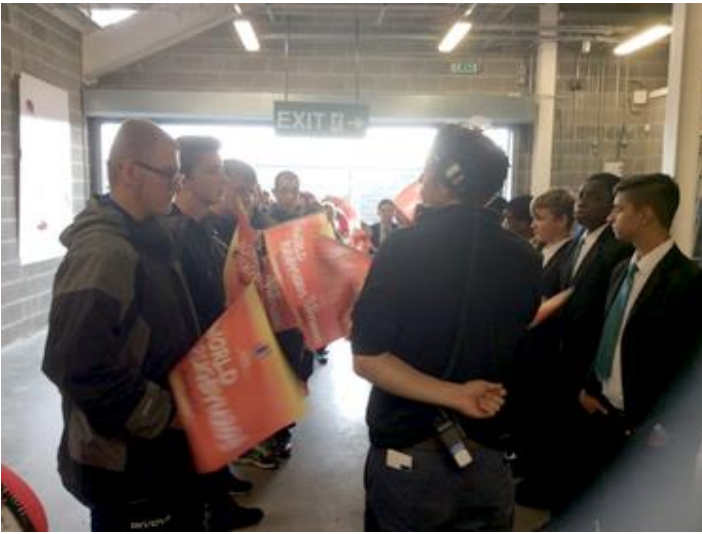
Thank you to all of the players who took part and also to Mr White and Mrs Stephenson who helped us throughout the summer. We are making massive strides in Cricket and beating two more mainstream schools bodes well for the future of our young squad.

Mr Kearney

# Students form Guard of Honour

Fourteen students had the wonderful opportunity of forming the Guard of Honour for the New Zealand V Wales game at the U20 Rugby World Cup (which New Zealand won by a last minute penalty much to Mr Keefe's despair).

The students also watched an easy win for Argentina over Japan and to see eventual winners England see off Australia.



*Pictures: Students being given a briefing by Sky Sports News on what to do, waving flags as the teams take the field and sing their National Anthems, and sitting in touching distance of former Wales International Mark Taylor and the rest of the Welsh U20 coaching staff.*

# Let's talk about..... Relationships!



**A FREE event for people with a learning disability and their parents/ carers to explore different types of relationships and what they mean.**

An afternoon of interactive role plays performed by *Wirral Creative Youth Development* followed by discussion groups for different ages and abilities led by *Brook*. Other services also on hand to provide information about the support available in Wirral regarding puberty, understanding your body and relationships.  
(Suitable for those aged 13 to adult).

**Wednesday 31st August  
12noon - 4pm (FREE Lunch provided)  
Pilgrim Street Art Centre, Birkenhead, CH41 5EH**

**Limited Places. Booking Essential!**



Follow Wirral Mencap on Facebook  
and Twitter for more information



**Call 0151 666 1829 for bookings or more information**

# National School Sport Week Success

During National School Sport Week at the end of June 2016 students enjoyed taking part in a range of events and activities.

These included a visit from Paralympic swimmer Liz Johnson who spoke to Year 7s in an assembly and then worked with a group on skills such as teamwork and communication.

Some Year 9 students enjoyed a visit to the Underground Training Station whilst Year 11 Sports Leaders and Sports Interns ran a Euro 2016 football festival for local primary schools which was supported by Olympian Rachel Brown-Finnis.

Students also enjoyed various inter-forms such as rounders ... concentrate on the game Scott!





# Family Sport Night

Our GET SET for Community Action Leaders helped to organise and run a Family Sport Night in June which was attended by over 50 family members.

Olympic-themed inspired activities included golf, taekwondo, zumba, cycling, boccia, football and other non-Olympic sports such as rounders.



“I’ve never danced in front of my mum before ... I felt really proud” - Michael



Thank you for a great night.  
When can we do the next one?



# Thank You

**A massive Clare Mount School thank you to the following people who have donated prizes to our Summer Fair and/or items for our Community Café. Your kindness and generosity have made a huge difference!**



Liverpool FC  
Manchester United FC  
Grove House Hotel & Restaurant  
Workwear  
Zone Fitness  
Pine & Oak Warehouse  
Options for Hair  
Hair Attitude  
The Entertainer  
The Manor Restaurant  
The Hairdressers  
Foregolf  
Carr Farm  
Tesco's  
Tommy's Fruit and Veg  
Leasowe Golf Club  
Usborne Books  
Eat with us  
Marton Mere  
Bubbles World of Play  
Tetley Tea  
ITV  
Radio City 96.7  
Beatles Story  
Lego Shop  
Lancashire Cricket Club  
Ethel Austin  
Homebase  
Penkeths

Everton FC  
TV Technologies Limited  
Harry Ramsdens  
Nisa  
James Lever  
Chemist, Wallasey Village  
Co-op  
Pizza Hut  
Adventureland  
McDonalds  
Best Way Cash & Carry  
Pawtrait Pals  
Royal Court Theatre  
Weetabix  
Wetherspoons  
Seaside Cafe  
Fleur Ashley  
Ember Inns  
Riverside Bowling  
Subway  
Red Cat  
Nandos  
Farmfoods  
Soccerdome  
B&M Bargains  
Derby Pool  
BD and Kay Hats, Handbags  
Richard Cross, Rostherene Nursery  
Greggs



Students who eat a nutritious, balanced diet are better prepared to learn.  
So what's on the menu in September?

Available every day Jacket Potato, Sandwiches, Wraps, Salad, Vegetables of the day

Or Choose the Dish of the Day

**Cheese  
And  
Tomato  
Pizza**

**Spaghetti  
Bolognese  
with  
Garlic Bread**

**Roast  
Dinner  
Chicken,  
Pork and  
Beef**

**Sausage  
And Mash**

**Vegetable  
Biryani**

**Spanish  
Chicken  
Paella**

**Sweet And  
Sour  
Chicken**

**Salmon  
Fish Goujons  
With  
Sweet Potato  
Chips**

**Lasagne  
with  
Garlic  
Bread**

**Cottage  
Pie**

# School Year

## 2016 – 17

<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<i>Open (Students)</i>	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<i>Close for half-term</i>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
<i>Open</i>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
<i>Closed to Students</i>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<i>Close for Christmas</i>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016
<i>Open</i>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<i>Close for half-term</i>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
<i>Open</i>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
<i>Close for Spring Break</i>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
<i>Open</i>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
<i>Closed (May Day)</i>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
<i>Close for half-term</i>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
<i>Open</i>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
<i>Closed to Students</i>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2017 (not May 15 <sup>th</sup> as previously advised)
<i>Close</i>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

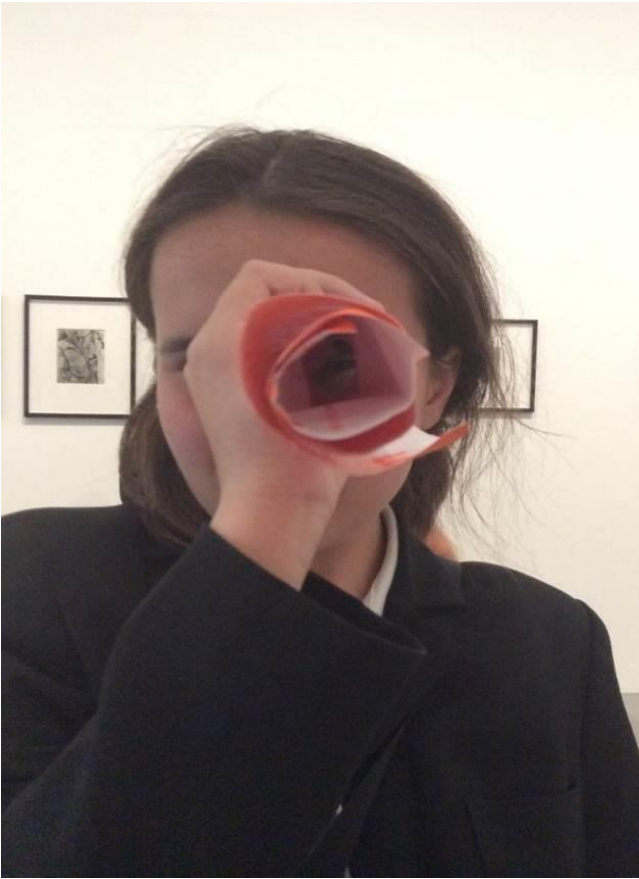
All staff training days incorporated.

### Advance Warning for 2017-18

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

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# Tate Modern Visit



On 16th June four students from Clare Mount were invited to the opening of the new Tate Modern Gallery in London. The visit was organised by the Curious Minds Project, who are the lead agency for creative and cultural education in the North West of England.

The students arrived at the gallery on Thursday afternoon and were given their own personal tour of the new Switch House before it was opened to the public on Friday. The students were excited to see the new exhibition by controversial Chinese artist Ai Weiwei.

It was an amazing day and one that the students will remember for a very long time.

Miss Hanley

