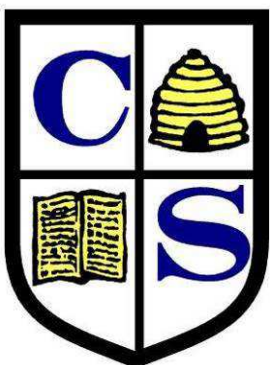


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# CLARE MOUNT

SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



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## ***Front Cover***

Miss J Wilson proudly accepts the award for Wirral School of Sanctuary from the Mayor of Wirral.

The award was presented at the Town Hall on Monday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> May in recognition of our work and ongoing commitment to engage with and celebrate the positive contribution of refugees and asylum seekers.

Clare Mount is the first school in the Wirral to be awarded School of Sanctuary status.

## **Summer Fair**

Hi all,

It's getting to that time of year again when we are thinking about the summer fair. As you can all appreciate it takes months of preparation and planning to achieve the level of success that we achieved last year... £2000. We are hoping for the same level of success for this year's summer fair

Please can you let us know if you are willing to help out on the day and/or if you wish to be part of the planning for this event - the more the merrier. We will let you know the dates of the planning meetings - there won't be many.

If you have any ideas or thoughts on how to make this a success; if you would like to ask companies for donations (a begging letter is available); if you would like to make cakes, grow plants etc. please let us know, we would be so grateful.

Thank you so much and we appreciate how busy you all are. The date for your diary is **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 1:00pm.**

Mrs McCannon, Mrs Robinson and the Bungalow Pals

## **Return to School for Students**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term has got off to a flying start with a steady stream of events; fundraising activities, sport tournaments and inter school competitions, residential trips, exams and yes you guessed it... more awards ceremonies.



I'd like to start with a big thank you for sending in the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Collectively, you make a real difference and enable us to order lots of equipment that simply put; we wouldn't normally be in a position to fund.

Annual Reviews for pupils in Sixth form down to Year 7 have been on-going since Christmas and they are almost complete now. It has been great to see so many parents in attendance in school.

April saw an international trip for two of our pupils, Harry and Paul, who were accompanied by Mr Keefe and Mr White to the World School Sport Education Games in Greece. An opportunity of a lifetime and the boys were incredibly proud to represent England. They were even able to use some of their new found Greek language skills, courtesy of Miss Metaxotou.

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 do your best!

Many of our Year 7 pupils headed off last week for the annual residential trip to Barnstondale. Yet again the children had a fabulous time and the sun was kind enough to put his hat on some of the time. The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and the Friday lunchtime b-b-q was a big hit.

This week over 30 pupils travelled to the Calvert Trust in Keswick. This popular residential exposes them to new and exciting challenges and when they return tired and with a week's worth of washing they will have had a truly fantastic time. Gorge walking always proves to be a hit! Well done to you all!

Well done to Miss Wilson and her team on gaining the School of Sanctuary Award at Birkenhead Town Hall in an Award Ceremony this week. A fabulous achievement recognising all their hard work and commitment.

Lastly, I am delighted to report that Clare Mount School has been awarded Secondary School of the Year at the Wirral Globe awards ceremony at Thornton Hall Hotel last week. Another acceptance speech and another proud day for Clare Mount School.

Looking ahead we are planning the grand opening of our Community café in June, a project we are very excited about so watch this space.

Hope you enjoy the half term holiday and I will look forward to seeing the pupils come back into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for what already promises to be a busy but exciting 7 weeks.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher  
May 2016

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## Inclusive Quadkids



On Wednesday 18th May, 15 Sports Leaders supported the Wirral School Games with their Inclusive Quadkids competition.

This year 140 SEND children in both primary and secondary schools competed at The Oval in the annual Quadkids competition.

The Sports Leaders were recently trained as Level One Athletics Officials by Miss Wilson and have put their new skills to great use. The Sports Leaders lead and officiated the four stations throughout the competition. They officiated on the long jump, vortex throw, 50m sprint and 200m run.

Well done to all 15 leaders they were a credit to our School.



# Have you....

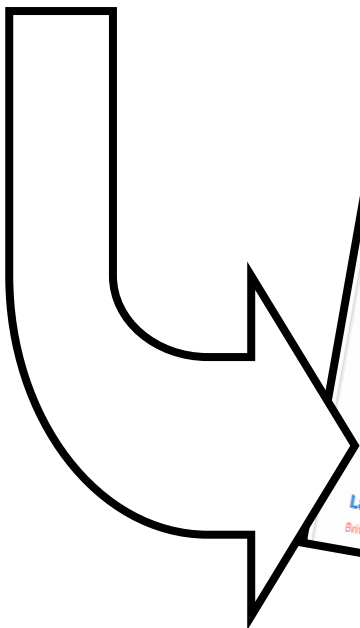
Visited the Science area on the school's website recently?

We are continually adding things....

As well as photos from this year's British Science Week there are some links for activities to try at home, these include games and quizzes as well as links to the BBC Bitesize Science pages.

If you are interested in a particular area of Science and it is not on our website speak to your Science teacher and we'll try to add a link to this topic.

Mrs Nokes



# John Moores University

## Raising Expectations and Aspirations

John Moores University visited Clare Mount this month to deliver a carousel of activities to inspire our 6<sup>th</sup> form students and raise their expectations and aspirations for the future.

The morning included three carousel activities which were:

1. Student life talk, by a student advocate with Asperger's explaining how he had settled into student life. He was very inspirational for our students.
2. 'Design a Career' activity where the students got to sketch out the path to a chosen career, thinking about what they may study, the skills, qualities and experience they would need to get there and how their hobbies and interests provide them with key skills for the desired job.
3. A short taster session. The advocate demonstrated to the students about a wildlife and conservation course.

All the students enjoyed the day and said it has stretched the way they think about the future and they feel more confident about doing things that they may have put off before.



# Formula 1 Challenge

A group of nine students from across a range of year groups took part in the F1 Challenge run by the NAC Group at their location in Bromborough. The students attended the challenge for a week and NAC introduced and taught our students Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects in a fun and engaging way, enhancing their understanding of the STEM skills.



## ***What is the F1 Challenge?***

A world-wide competition with over 40 countries competing against each other. Its aim is to *desipfgn*, test, develop, manufacture, market and race a miniature Formula 1 car. To offer an insight into to how a product is developed from the initial concept stage.

It helps change the perception of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) by creating a fun and exciting learning environment for young people to develop an informed view about careers in the engineering process.

The NAC group ensured the students developed and enhanced skills in; creativity and innovation, communication and collaboration, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving and digital skills, as well as personal and interpersonal development.



The impact of the experience was captured perfectly in the feedback given by students who took part. One student said *“I have really enjoyed this week and I want to be a work for Formula 1”*. Another said *“It has been a great week and we have had fun at the same time as learning a lot”*.

This feedback demonstrates that by giving young people the right opportunities and experiences, they really can be motivated to consider careers in Industry.

Mrs Chew

# The Green Flag Award

Over the last three years, Clare Mount has continued efforts to maintain our Green Flag award. This year we were inspected and now have a brand new flag, flying proud at the school gates. It was an honour to have the Mayor present the flag too!



Our Green Flag Assessor came to see what work the school was doing to look after our environment and protect our planet. She was very impressed by what she saw around the school; from displays about the vote to select which paper is used for photocopying worksheets (using recycled paper won!) to the work done by Year 7 for 'Go Orange for Orangutans', to the work done in lessons and eco club's work on recycling and 'Switch Off Fortnight'.

Mr Atherton, who runs the Eco Club, said "There is real positivity, from students and staff when we introduce new goals to be more environmentally friendly. From using recycled paper across the school (then recycling it), composting tea/coffee/fruit peel from the staff room, as well as left over fruit and vegetables from the canteen, creating and maintaining a wildlife area by the pond, to having a dedicated Eco-Club every Monday and Tuesday.

"Best of all the students thoroughly enjoy being a part of it, which is great!"

If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Nokes





As part of their GCSE controlled assessments, Hospitality and Catering students, Ethan, Lewis and Jake donned their chefs' whites and cooked up a tasty 2 course lunch for 10 lucky members of staff.

The boys worked as a very efficient team, for several weeks before, developing their practical skills, trialling recipes, sourcing the ingredients, before creating a delicious menu which they cooked (all from scratch) and presented to their guests.

Guests had to make a very difficult decision of what to choose. A certain member of staff found that decision too much of a challenge and ate everything on the menu! Can you guess who?



## Main Course

### **Free Range Stuffed Chicken.**

*Boned chicken portion filled with cream cheese and spinach wrapped in Parma Ham.*

### **Thai Salmon Filo Parcels**

*Fresh salmon with Thai spices wrapped and baked in filo pastry.*

### **Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne**

*Home-made pasta sheets with roasted vegetables with cheesy béchamel sauce.*

**Fresh seasonal salad with whole grains and lemon and herb dressing.**

**Tear & share Garlic & Rosemary Bread**

## Desserts

### **Chocolate Roulade**

Filled with fresh raspberries and whipped cream

### **Profiteroles**

Filled with fresh cream and served with hot chocolate sauce.

### **Panna Cotta**

With fresh raspberry coulis.

### **Individual Lemon Meringue Pies**

### **Drinks**

Iced Citrus Quencher  
Tea and Coffee

# Superlambanana Winners

It's congratulations all round for the Superlambanana winners 2016!

This year was very hard to choose the winners as the standard was so high. So, well done to all those people who entered. The competition is being held annually and there is a first, second and third prize, along with a certificate. The winner gets to put their winning design onto the Superlambanana and can choose three people to help them. When complete it is displayed in the school entrance for all to enjoy with the winner's name attached.

After a great deal of thought and consideration between ourselves, Mr Dilnot and I came to a decision. Third prize went to Mollie P. Second prize went to Bryn K. First prize was awarded to Siobhan Mc.

A special thanks goes to Messrs Dilnot, Taylor and Laird who kindly helped make this competition happen.

G Johnson  
Head of Art



# Parliamentary Matters

Clare Mount has been very fortunate enough to have been loaned a Parliament box from the Houses of Parliament. The box contains a range of parliamentary objects and backdrops which enabled us to recreate the House of Commons and the House of Lords in our classrooms.

It has been used in Life Skills and PSHE lessons to help pupils have a better understanding of Parliament and the British government, as well as support pupils' understanding of the democratic process through active learning.

Mrs Boyle



# Year 8 Fundraiser – Claire House



Year 8's chosen charity this year is Claire House. Students had already sold Christmas cards to fundraise but this half term they hosted a non-uniform day and cake sale.

As an added incentive, any student taking part was invited to try their luck at a roll a coin game to win a sweets hamper. Three lucky, or perhaps skilful individuals triumphed on the day. Sam R, Harry G and Adam M all took home the

goodies, kindly donated by Clare Mount staff.

The real winner on the day of course was Claire House itself who ended the afternoon £219.78 richer. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting Year 8 with this.

Mr R Allkins



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## Year 9 Charity Forum Housing

We are heading towards our final collection of the school year for our charity Forum Housing. We are asking for your help with our summer project.

We aim to collect summer items such as sun cream, flip flops and outdoor games to pass to the young people at the project. Last year was a huge success and Forum Housing were so thrilled. We will send out a letter letting you know our collection date.

Many thanks in advance  
Miss Vicars and Year 9

# Year 10 visit a Travel Agents

The Year 10 BTEC Travel and Tourism group made a visit to the Thomas Cook Travel Agents in Moreton to find out more about the role of a Travel Agent and the different services they provide for their customers.

The pupils were also able to learn about currency exchange and see some of the different currencies which are used around the world. We were fortunate to be able to meet an Air Stewardess, who talked to the pupils about the different aeroplanes she had worked on.

*"I was surprised to find that the money from Australia would not rip."* Connor

*"I enjoyed finding out about different places we can travel to."* Nikita

*"Did you know that you can take sports equipment on board a plane?"* Jack

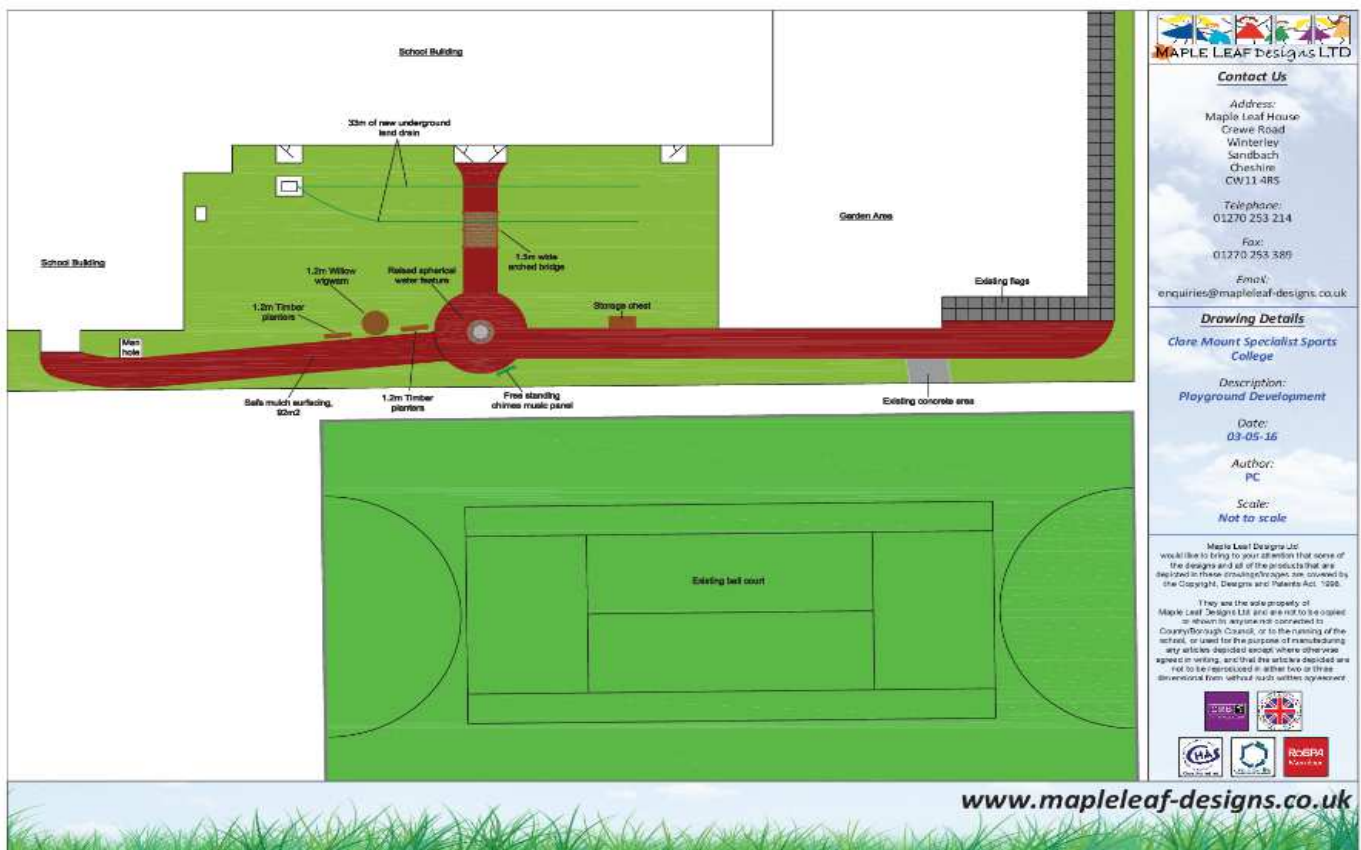
*"I enjoyed looking at the currency used in different countries."* Callum

Mrs Spracklen



## Sensory Garden

This is the final version of the sensory garden plan. Thanks to all those people who supported us in securing £12k from Tesco Bags of Help. The garden should be installed by early June 2016.



# Barnstondale Residential

Year 7 have just enjoyed their first school residential whilst at Clare Mount. We travelled by coach to Barnstondale residential centre for a two night stay.

Whilst we were there the pupils *and staff* took part in many on site activities and also enjoyed 'fun boating' on the Marine Lake in West Kirby. Our Year 7 pupils are now keen bowmen having enjoyed a few hours of Archery. They are all accomplished marksmen and are pushing the boundaries of espionage as they also honed their skills in climbing and abseiling.

The pupils ventured off site to the marine lake in West Kirby where they all tried their hand at sailing. They kitted up in wet suits and buoyancy aids and pushed off from the jetty to sail around the pink buoy in the distance. All the pupils had a go and as a reward enjoyed the other great pleasure of West Kirby a 99 ice cream cone.

Our first night away was interrupted by a fire alarm (thank you Mr Rain your shower must have been very hot) but all pupils evacuated the building quickly and sensibly and after an interrupted start to their slumbers got back to sleep very quickly. Night two after our fun disco we were all asleep by 10.00pm.

All in all a really fun trip and we look forward to sharing the year 8 residential with you all.

Mrs S Robinson





# Come on England!

After Christmas, students taking their Maths GCSE this summer were offered additional lessons each week up to the Easter holiday. As an incentive, the top attenders were offered places on a mystery trip!

The group was established with 16 enthusiastic students from which 12 were offered places on an overnight football experience to London.



After 10 weeks of intensive study the day finally arrived. Staff and students set off for Wembley Stadium to watch the friendly game between England and Holland. An uneventful journey saw us arrive with time to drop our bags off at the hotel and travel onto the game.

The first half started well with Leicester's Jamie Vardy putting

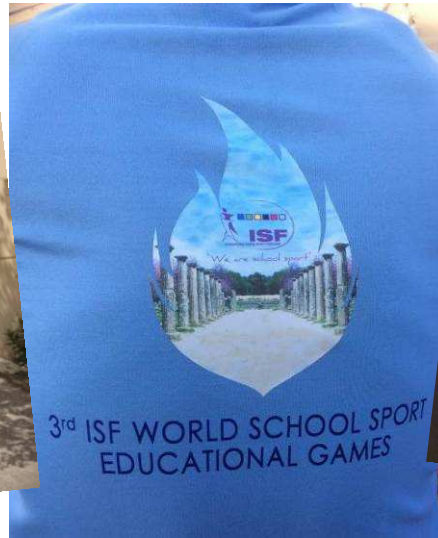
the home side 1-0 up but second half goals from the visitors meant defeat for England 2-1.

An overnight stay and return after breakfast saw the Clare Mount supporters return the following afternoon.

We now hope for a successful 2016 exam series for the students involved and this could be just the start of an annual pilgrimage to the home of the nation's team.



# World School Sport Education Games



In late April 2016, Harry and Paul, along with Mr White and Mr Keefe, flew out to Greece as part of the England delegation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World School Sport Education Games. This truly was the trip of a lifetime which we hope will have inspired the boys to achieve great things and that their experiences will in turn inspire others.

*Pictured below and to the right.*

*The Opening Ceremony full of Greek dancing and Harry introducing Special Olympics GB.*

*More overleaf...*





*Pictured above: The boys with Olympic Gold Medallist Rosa Mota. Harry formed a Guard of Honour as she ran with the torch, whilst Paul even got to run behind her.*

*Pictured below: The boys participated in a range of Unified Sports through the week including basketball, football and athletics. They were mixed into teams with players from Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Cyprus, and France.*





Not only did the boys visit a range of historical sites but they also got to run through the Ancient Olympic site in Olympia and got presented with Olive Reefs. They also watched the ceremony as the Olympic Flame was handed over from Greece to Brazil for Rio 2016.

An amazing experience which taught Harry and Paul lots about the Olympic/Paralympic values which they are now championing across the school.

Massive thanks to the parents and others who contributed to the fundraising efforts raising over £2000 towards the trip.



Be Inspired!



# Play Unified Summit

“Sport has the power to break down barriers” – Nelson Mandela

Clare Mount has been leading on a Play Unified pilot project aimed at getting youngsters with additional needs to play in teams alongside those without additional needs.



This project fits beautifully with our vision of our pupils as “role models” and “catalysts for change” in attitudes towards special educational needs. Mr Keefe and Mr White are part of a team of national tutors delivering Summits across the UK to spread the word and get young people to get the ball rolling.

Year 10 and 11 leaders from Clare Mount enjoyed a day at Old Trafford FC coming up with a number of projects that they will deliver back in school.

*Right: Clare Mount Play Unified Champions with Paralympic swimmer Kate Gray – “Play, Achieve, Fun” –*

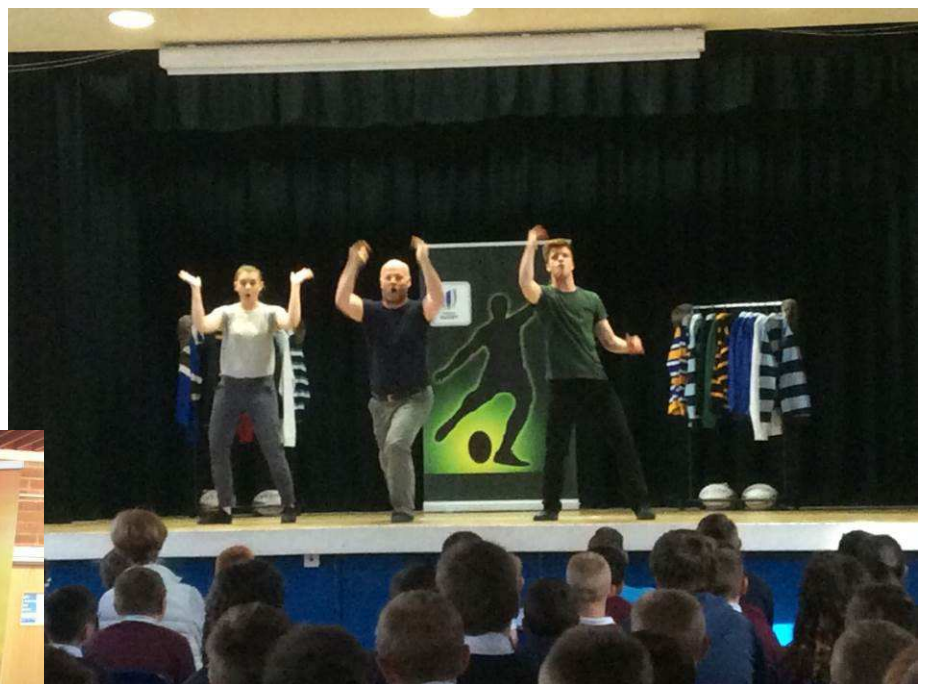
*and below showing off their action plan.*



# Rugby Fever Hits Clare Mount

Thirty five pupils enjoyed a visit to watch Sale Sharks versus Gloucester in their final game of the season. The visit was part of the *Number Cruncherz* programme and also designed to inspire our tag rugby in the build-up to the North West festival in July.

Year 8 pupils also enjoyed a performance of “Hand’s Up for Jonny Wilkinson’s Right Boot”. The performance came from the Livewire Theatre company who took the pupils on a history tour of Rugby World Cup moments in preparation for the Under 20 Rugby World Cup which takes place in Manchester in June. Tickets can be purchased to see the Future Stars of World Rugby for £5 for juniors and £10 for adults at [www.ticketmaster.co.uk/u20champsclubs](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/u20champsclubs) Year 8s were joined by pupils from 5 of our partner schools.



*Above: Actors telling the story of Frederick Stanley Jackson and performing the HAKA.*

*Left: Kieran and James with the Under 20 Rugby World Cup Trophy which England has won in 2 of the last 3 Tournaments.*



# Merseyside Wheelchair Handball Tournament

Thirteen Year 10 pupils travelled to Greenbank Sports Academy on the first day back of the Summer Term to represent Clare Mount against other Merseyside schools.

This is only the second time they have ever played Wheelchair handball and they used the tournament to improve their individual and team skills. There were separate girls' and boys' teams.

The girls lost two matches in the league stages and the boys lost one. The girls then qualified for the second final which they won 3-1. The boys qualified for the main final and were 3-2 down with one minute to go. After a great rally they won 4-3 with 10 seconds to spare.

The most improved players for the girls were Kaitlyn and Sophie and for the boys Michael and Marcus.

Mr Stanley



# Clare Mount delivers the UK's first Unified Sport Project and Festival.



Clare Mount (in partnership with Liverpool Football Club Foundation) have successfully created and run the UK's first Unified Sport project in football. Eight schools (four mainstream and four special schools) received coaching from Liverpool Football Club coaches over eight weeks.

The difference with this football coaching and competition was that the pupils involved had the opportunity to make friends and play football with other young people from their local area, or schools close to them in joint or 'unified' sessions where they got to know each other and enjoy fitness, football, fun and friendship.



The culminating festival took place at Liverpool Football Club's excellent Academy facility on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016. All eight schools involved in Unified Sport attended on the day and took part in a festival with certificates, medals and t-shirts for all.

Unified Sport will be offer again next year with the Premier League and the School Games both looking to have Unified Sport in their programmes.

Liverpool FC will be offering Unified Sport as part of their schools programmes and Clare Mount will once again be offering a Unified Sport programme in other

sports in 2016-17. We've even made another film with the Youth Sport Trust to show the rest of the UK how Unified Sport works!



*The Kingsway Academy and Clare Mount Specialist Sport College Unified Sport Footballers at Liverpool Football Academy.*

Mr White

# Amelia wins again!

This term Amelia in Year 10's written work on Rowing has won two more prizes from the School Games website. Originally Amelia wrote about rowing to try and win Clare Mount a trip to Wembley Stadium which she was successful in.

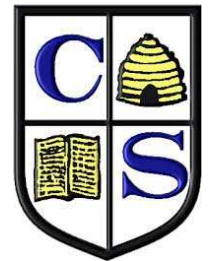
As Amelia's story was so good Miss Green submitted her writing to the School Games Blog. This term the online blog submitted has won another two prizes. Amelia's Blog has successfully won a voucher which will allow Clare Mount to buy some new sports equipment. That's not all; as Amelia wrote about Inclusion and how rowing helps her during school the blog was also entered into the blog curriculum competition. Amelia's blog was successfully picked as a winner and school has received a fantastic Media leader's pack which can be seen in the picture below.

Well done to Amelia again, now let's get writing about the other fantastic sporting activities we do in school and try and win some more prizes!





# Family Sports Night



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016,  
Clare Mount Specialist Sports College  
4.15pm-5.00pm  
5.00pm-5.45pm**



As part of our **Community Sport programme** and commitment to **GET SET for COMMUNITY ACTION** we would like to invite parents/carers/siblings of pupils who currently attend Community Sport Night and Choices on Wednesdays after-school to arrive slightly earlier and take part in some sporting activities with their child/ward. Please complete and return the attached slip if you plan to attend so we know how many numbers to expect.

Name of pupil	Year		
Name(s) of people taking part	<b>4.15pm-5.00pm</b> Trampolining, Football, Boccia, Cycling, Yoga/dance, fitness, tennis.	<b>5.00-5.45pm</b> Golf, tag-rugby, rounders, taekwondo, dance.	<b>After exercising:</b> Join us for a Coffee and Cake in our new Community Café in the bungalow 4.00PM-6.00PM

Please write the sport(s) you want to try in the space above.

I declare that I am fit and healthy to take part in this activity – (let us know of any illness/injury) Medical: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO D.KEEFE BY NO LATER THAN 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016.**



JOIN US AT OUR

# LEISURE EVENT

On SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE at BIRKENHEAD YOUTH CLUB,  
WATSON ST, BIRKENHEAD CH41 3PY

11am – 3pm

a chance to learn what is available in our local community to help you build a busy week. Activity providers on hand to advise and taster sessions available to try!!

**HAVE FUN – BRING A PICNIC OR USE THE CAFÉ!!**

Tel: 0151 666 1829/9900 or email [growlands@mencapwirral.org.uk](mailto:growlands@mencapwirral.org.uk)



# **School Year**

## **2015 – 2016**

Close for half-term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Open	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016</i>
Close	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016

Final staff training day shown.

### **Advance Warning for 2016-17 & 2017-18**

<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	<i>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016</i>
<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	<i>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016</i>
<i>Open (Students)</i>	<i>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016</i>
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016</i>
<i>Close for Christmas</i>	<i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i>
<i>Close for Spring Break</i>	<i>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i>
<i>Closed (May Day)</i>	<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017</i>
<i>Closed to Students</i>	<i>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017</i>
<i>Close for Summer Break</i>	<i>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017</i>

*All staff training days shown. Note that 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September are closed to students.*

<i>Open (Staff only)</i>	<i>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</i>
<i>Open (Students)</i>	<i>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017</i>
<i>Close for half-term</i>	<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017</i>
<i>Close for Christmas</i>	<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017</i>

## **Return to School for Students**

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

# Jordan Conquers Snowdon

One of our Sixth Formers, Jordan, decided that he would take the Diamond Duke of Edinburgh Award challenge. To complete this challenge he had to raise £60.00.

It was after he had announced this that other people came up to him and said “We would have sponsored you” and so Jordan and his family decided to capitalise on this generosity and continue raising money for Clare Mount.

So, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May Jordan and his family walked up Snowdon and, despite some terrible weather, raised a massive £330 for the school.

Congratulations and well done Jordan. We are all very proud of you.

