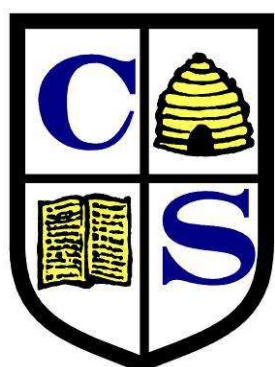


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# CLARE MOUNT

SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



**Newsletter**  
**No. 119**  
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SEN SPECIALIST  
SCHOOLS

## *Front Cover*

Clare Mount students line up with Olympic boxer  
Natasha Jonas.

More photographs inside.

**Return to School for Students**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

Dear Parents/Carers

Clare Mount welcomed a total of 12 new members of staff this term. Joining the teaching staff are Mr Blessing, Mr Waters, Mrs Cooper-Shone, Mrs Boyle, Mrs Chew, Mrs Perry, Mrs Wright and Ms Metaxotou. We also have three new teaching assistants Mrs Johnson, Mrs Gillett and Miss Webster with Mrs Davies taking on the role of Receptionist in the school office and Mrs Laverick as Science Technician.

We were very pleased with our students' summer exam results. We had a 100% pass rate in our GCSE entries and Clare Mount students achieved their best ever results with grade C's in English and a B in Art. Well done to all our 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. Welcome back to those who have returned to our 'ever expanding' Sixth Form and a warm welcome to Jake, Ciaran and James who recently joined our Sixth Form.

Students returned in September looking smart and ready to begin an action packed new academic year. Thanks for your support with the uniform; it is much appreciated. Our Year 7 students have settled in very well indeed and are already getting fully involved in the life of the school. We start the year with 202 students on roll and we are enjoying record numbers in Sixth Form where it was necessary to provide an additional teaching group.

Our new and improved website is now up and running. It can be accessed at [www.claremount.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.claremount.wirral.sch.uk) Please check it out 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 easily accessed on our welcome page. Some links are still being developed so please be patient as we continue to update the information available.

Our parent group is going from strength to strength but is always looking for new members. We love to engage with our parents, so please contact our Learning Mentors, Mrs McCannon or Mrs Robinson at school if you would like to join our parent forum or to find out more about it. Their next coffee morning is at 10am on the 2nd November. New members are most definitely welcome!

In November we will be saying good-bye to Mrs Kelly who has worked in the school office for some 6 years. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kelly and in particular for all her support in her additional role of Clerk to Governors. We wish you well in your new job.

Best wishes for a good half term holiday.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher  
October 2015

# Family Welcome

This year we have welcomed more Year 7 parents into school for our Family Welcome than ever before. We have taken part in sharing our strategies and ideas to help the new students settle into Year 7 and enhance their transition.

The group of Mums, Dads and Carers have shared their own ideas and knowledge as well as forging new friendships with each other. Every session has been followed with time spent with their child making a range of arts and crafts to enhance the learning.

A very big thank you to all who took part. Mrs Randles and I have enjoyed working with you all and sharing the time with you.

Mrs S Robinson  
*Learning Mentor*  
Mrs J Randles  
*Teaching Assistant*



Resources used for the Family Welcome were partly purchased with Pupil Premium Funding.



**Clare Mount Specialist Sports College**

**Wednesday 2nd December 2015**

**6:00pm—9:00pm**

**PRIZES | FOOD | FUN**



# Year 7 students learn to 'Bike Right'

18 students in Year 7 participated in BIKE RIGHT training and achieved either their Cycle skills, Level 1 or Level 2 awards. Since our cycling programme started 5 years ago over 150 youngsters have taken part.

A recent donation from a local charity will allow us to buy a few new bikes and helmets in the coming weeks, whilst friend of Clare Mount, Kate Hughes, has secured a £1200 grant from Deutsche Bank which will mean 12 students in Year 11 and Sixth Form can take part in a 20 week Bike Repair programme and help to maintain our bikes.



A second round of bike training will be organised in the Summer for any Year 7s who did not take part this time. Well done to all involved.

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## Shakespeare Schools' Festival 2015

Talented students from Clare Mount will take to the stage of 'The Floral Pavilion Theatre' on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015, starting at 7pm.

They will be performing Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' as part of the National 'Shakespeare Schools' Festival.

The Tempest is a powerful story of magic, revenge and, of course, love! Our students are working really hard to bring the story to life in a fun and entertaining way.

There will be four plays performed on the night. Please come along and support us if you can. Tickets are available from the theatre box office: telephone 0151 666 0000.

# Let's Get Cooking

Whilst we were all away recharging our batteries over the summer holidays, Mr Williams (our school caretaker) was busy with his power tools, ripping out our old and tired Food Studies kitchen and fitting a brand new one which was generously donated to our school by Andy Gould and his team at Magnet Kitchens.

Mrs Webster bought us some new new cookers and a "very posh" new fridge (according to Mia and Louise in year 9).

The new kitchen facilities mean that we now have a modern space to cook, learn and treat our friends, families and guests of Clare Mount to lots and lots of, delicious treats and nutritious food.

Year 10s starting their new Key Stage 4 course were first to try out the facilities and gave the new room a big thumbs up. Don't forget to keep visiting the school webpages to see what you will be making when it's your turn to cook on the carousel and find out who have been our Star Chefs.

**A great big thank you to Magnet Kitchens**



# Food, Glorious Food!

The harvest festival was a tremendous success again this year. The whole school contributed a fantastic amount of tins and packets that have been donated to Forum Housing the Year 9 charity. Year 9 collected all the goodies from form rooms and created a beautiful display in the hall. Forum Housing were incredibly grateful for such a huge donation and told us that it was a great help to the young people who they support.

Thank you for your contributions.

Year 9 will be collecting toiletries and small Christmas gifts for the young people at Forum Housing next term.

Miss Vicars and Year 9



# Youth Club Benefactor

Congratulations to Connor from Year 8 for his wonderful effort in raising funds for the Belvedere Youth club in Wallasey.

Pictured below is Connor handing over the £40 he raised by running 10 times around the field. It was all Connor's idea and he did it of his own initiative.

Well done Connor!



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## Jump to it!

JumpIN, an Integrated, Contemporary Dance Company are working on their new piece ready for Christmas.

JumpIN is a project that collaborates students from LJMU and students from Clare Mount which was set up last year by Miss Hutchinson. This year, JumpIN are bigger and better than ever. 30 dancers began rehearsals this week, creating some fantastic movement!

We cannot wait to see the show. Look out for more pictures and updates on the school website. Well done JumpIN!

Miss Hutchinson

# Orangutan

by Class 7C

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, National Poetry Day, Class 7C used the Year 7 Charity theme for their inspiration and wrote a class poem...

Gentle, graceful,  
Kind brown eyes.  
A tree dweller,  
Large in size.



Picking fruit to eat,  
Making a nest to sleep.  
Harming no one,  
Their homes almost gone.



Deforestation must stop,  
Before it's too late.  
They never hurt us.  
We should not hurt them.



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Year 7 will lead a fundraising day and will encourage everyone to Go Orange for Orangutans.

We hope to raise as much money as possible to help rebuild the Bornean rainforest and protect many valuable species as well as Orangutans.



Mrs Croucher

# Citizen Science!

Some Year 11 students took part in gathering data for a project run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO).

This involved scientifically sampling the amount and type of invertebrates under the soil and then recording the number and types of birds seen in our school grounds.

At this time of year, only a few species were seen but we expect to see more in Spring and Summer when our investigations will be repeated.

The Year 11 students posted a blog on the BTO school site and published our results. These results will be used along with 1,412 other schools taking part to provide information to help look after our environment, our invertebrates and therefore our beautiful birds.



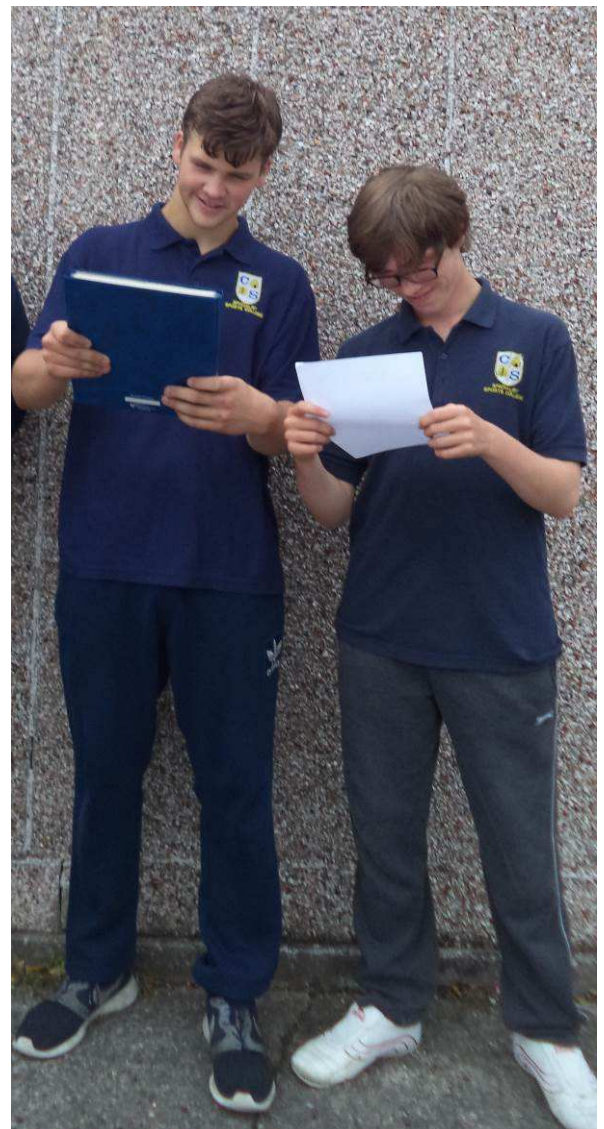
# Clare Mount Students Celebrate their Best Ever Results

*Congratulations to all last year's Year11 students on their fantastic examination results!*

- **13** students achieved one Grade C+ GCSE or equivalent (BTEC Level 2).
- **85%** of students achieved at least 1 GCSE
- **65%** of all students achieved English GCSE, with the rest achieving an Entry Certificate qualification.
- **42%** achieved English and Maths GCSE
- **58%** of all students in Year 11 achieved 5 or more GCSEs or equivalent
- **100%** of our students achieved accredited qualifications.

Most students at Clare Mount did not take primary school SATs assessments and yet our Year 11 and Sixth Form have shown such excellent progress that they are achieving success in GCSEs including English, Maths, Science, Geography, Computer Science, Art & Design and Drama along with more vocational qualifications such as Level 1 & Level 2 BTEC Cooking and Sports Leaders Award.

*We are very proud of you all!!"*



# Eco Club

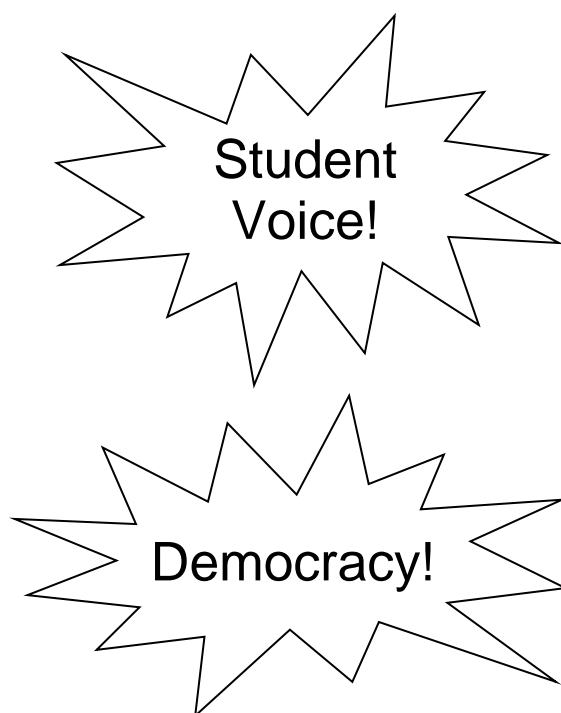
Members of our Eco Club recently bravely stood up in front of the whole school and explained about using environmentally friendly paper.

They showed the following slides:

White	Cream	Recycled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gives some people tired eyes</li><li>• Makes reading harder for some students</li><li>• Kills trees (Habitats)</li><li>• Bleach kills animals in the sea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More relaxing for your eyes</li><li>• Destroys trees (habitats)</li><li>• Bleached</li><li>• Dyed</li><li>• Chemicals harm the environment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More relaxing for the eyes</li><li>• Saves trees (habitats)</li><li>• No nasty chemicals</li></ul>

They then asked the whole school to vote.

Most of the school voted for recycled paper. Hoorah! So that is what the school now uses for its everyday paper.



# Olympic Boxer visits Clare Mount

## Olympian talks to students about the 'Six keys to Success'.

Olympic boxer, Natasha Jonas, came to Clare Mount and entered the whole school with an animated account of how she became the first female to qualify to box for Great Britain at the Olympics. Natasha then worked with some



Year 8s telling them about her story and introducing them to the basic stance needed to box.



Natasha will be returning to Clare Mount in November.



# Sainsbury's Active Kids for All Inclusive PE

25 PGCE PE students from Edge Hill University ready and trained to offer Inclusive PE to all the students they will teach this year. We have already trained over 133 people in Inclusive PE since September.



The trainee teachers worked very hard on their ideas and will be coming back to Clare Mount Sports College in February 2016 to work with our students for a day and to receive further training.



## JMU Partnership



Liverpool John Moores University has been working in partnership with Clare Mount Sports College again in 2015 / 16. We have had four students working from October 5<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup> working on all kinds of Sport Development projects, clubs, competitions and supporting the PE Department.



Here is Connor leading the School Games level 1 table cricket competition

# Going for Gold

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October Mr Stanley and Miss Green attended The Wirral Sports Forum and Wirral School Games Awards Evening. Clare Mount are one of only 5 schools on Wirral who have achieved their Gold School Games Mark.



In total 41 Schools on Wirral achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold Games Mark.

Three of Clare Mount's Cluster Schools have also achieved School Games Mark with Leasowe Primary achieving Bronze, Dawpool Primary achieving Silver and Orrets Meadow achieving Gold.

We are extremely proud of this award as it demonstrates our contribution to Physical Education, School Sport and Extra-curricular within our school.

We already have plans in place to ensure we retain our Gold status in the coming academic year.



# Reporting to Parents / Carers 2015 – 16

Further evenings for parents/carers and students will be as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>		<b>Event</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015</b>	10,11 & Sixth Form	Individual Trackers shared with Parents / Carers	<b>KS4/5 Parents Evening 4pm-6pm</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2015</b>	7,8 & 9	Individual Trackers shared with Parents / Carers	<b>KS3 Parents Evening 4pm-6pm</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015</b>	11 & Sixth Form	Celebrating Year 11 and Sixth Form students achievements with Parents / Carers	<b>Celebration Evening 5pm - 7.30pm</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2015</b>	9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form	Parents / Carers to meet with Further Education Colleges and other providers.	<b>Next Steps Evening 4pm - 6pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016</b>	7 & 8	Individual Education Plans (IEPs) & Trackers shared with Parents / Carers	<b>IEP Review Evening 4pm - 5.15pm</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	9	Sharing KS4 Curriculum and Options with Parents/ Carers	<b>Options Evening 5pm - 6.30pm</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016</b>	9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form	Individual Education Plans (IEPs) / Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) and Individual Trackers shared with Parents / Carers	<b>IEP/ILP Review Evening 4pm - 5.15pm</b>

# Beyond the Baseline

As part of delving deeper into the social impact tennis can have, the Tennis Foundation has partnered with the Youth Sport Trust to create a specific programme, Beyond the Baseline, to engage young people who are struggling with their behaviour or academic performance in school.

Beyond the Baseline is a free, secondary schools programme that uses tennis and inspirational tennis mentors to nurture students' aspirations and put them on the path to achieving them.

In September Mrs Webster and two students who taken part in 'Beyond the Baseline' (but had missed the Wimbledon trip because of Duke of Edinburgh commitments) were invited to the All England Tennis and Croquet Club for a celebration lunch and a tour of the grounds, dressing rooms and offices. Mrs Webster was even interviewed by a Sky Sports Presenter about how the project has worked for our students!

Anna Fitzpatrick, our tremendous tennis mentor, will be back in November working with our year 7s on 'Beyond the Baseline'.

For those interested in watching the video produced around our work with The Tennis Foundation and The Youth Sport Trust please go to:  
<http://www.lta.org.uk/tennis-foundation/tennis-in-education/schools-tennis/beyond-the-baseline/>



# Sale Sharks – Community Connections

Well done to all our students who attended the Sale Sharks v Newcastle Falcons 'Kings of the North' match on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. It was a great trip and everyone in the group made sure we all had a good time and enjoyed some high-quality rugby.



On the pitch at half time to meet the mascots and celebrate Clare Mount taking part in the All Inclusive Rugby Festival in September. Students were inspired by being on the pitch and meeting the supporters, players and sponsors of Sale Sharks.

For those of you who want to keep a memento of the match please go to <http://www.salesharks.com/rugby/matchcentre/3515.php> to read and keep the match report.

	<b>27 - 18</b>	
Sale Sharks XV	KO : 20:00	Newcastle Falcons XV
Fri 2nd Oct 15 AJ Bell Stadium		

# Rugby World Cup

A group of Clare Mount students and staff had a day out visiting Elland Road in Leeds watching a Rugby World Cup group match between Italy and Canada.

The match was nearly a sell-out producing a great atmosphere and allowing all to experience a hard fought world cup fixture.

The game was very close with Italy eventually finishing 23 – 18 winners. The pictures below may give an idea about what it might be like to see a really tough, mean looking front row of a scrum - or not!



# Rugby Fever Hits Clare Mount

Rugby Ambassadors from Clare Mount in the form of Year 11 and Sixth Form sports leaders hosted a Rugby World Cup festival at New Brighton Rugby Club for 80 youngsters from our local primary schools. The day involved an opening ceremony with team parade, dancing, followed by a Haka. Michael (in Year 11) even dressed up as Sharky, the Sale Sharks Mascot, much to the delight of the students involved.



Meanwhile students from Clare Mount enjoyed participating in a tag rugby festival themselves at Sale Sharks rugby ground. The students from Year 8, 9 and 10 made up an A and B team. The A team won 5 games, drew 1 and lost 1, whilst the B team won a couple of games and gained valuable experience

which bodes well for the future of tag rugby at Clare Mount. Special mention goes to Reeve for his courage in taking part and Paul T for his excellent running and try scoring. Students had medals and T-shirts handed out to them by former England International and record Premiership try-scorer Mark Cueto.

Congratulations to our former students Michael and Sam. Both took part in the Rugby World Cup as part of The Pack volunteering programme. Having attended interviews in Manchester last September they did a

fantastic job in being amongst the 6,000 chosen to be involved (from an initial 20,000 who applied). The boys contributed to the Spectator Services at the England Versus Uruguay game in Manchester on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done both we are really proud of you!



Mr Keefe also helped look after the VIPs on the day and is pictured with 2003 World Cup winner and president of the RFU Jason Leonard.

# Swimming Success

Congratulations to Clare Mount Swimming Squad who produced some excellent performances in the recent Merseyside Schools Gala.

The squad was made up of Michael, James, Liam, Siobhan, Kyle, Fil, Kaitlyn, Molly, Caitlyn, Lauren and George

Individually there were race victories for George in Breaststroke, James in Freestyle heats and Kaitlyn in Freestyle, Breaststroke and Back crawl. James, Caitlyn and Molly all made the final in Freestyle with James being narrowly edged into second place. Caitlyn and Molly finished third and fourth respectively.

Clare Mount repeated last year's success with victory in the relay. The team of James, Michael, Luthfil and Kaitlyn lead from the start gaining Kaitlyn her fourth win in four races on the day.

Well done all.



# Talent Inspiration Programme

Congratulations to Paul (Year 10) and Chris (Sixth Form), as well as Callum (Year 10) and Sophie (Sixth Form), who spent 3 days in Manchester in September at the School Games Talent Inspiration Camp.

The group were chosen by the Youth Sport Trust as aspiring athletes and/or team managers to take part in a series of workshops designed to support them to become even better performers and leaders.



The group are a real credit to the school. Special thanks to Mr Atkins and Miss Manley who supported them. Over 150 young people attended the camp from across the country and Sophie was even given a special 'honesty' Award by the organisers for her attitude over the 3 days.

Meanwhile, 16 students from Year 11 and Sixth Form who are involved in Sports Leaders and Sports Interns programmes took the opportunity to visit the School Games to watch the cycling and athletics. They studied how young athletes prepare for competition and all the roles that go into organising a major sporting event as part of their course.

They were even able to see double Paralympic Champion Hannah Cockcroft (pictured) compete in a wheelchair race.



# Young Ambassadors Peer Mentor Conference

10 students from Clare Mount visited The University of Central Lancashire in Preston in September 2015 to take part in a series of workshops designed to help them develop physical activities for our least active students. Our students worked with 6ft 9 inch GB Volleyball player, Ben Pipes, and GB Judo player, Sophie Cox, to look at their leadership qualities.

They then did workshops on inclusive practice and Change4Life clubs. The students will now aim to run a series of lunchtime clubs including dodgeball and basketball at lunchtime to help boost physical activity levels in school.


Clare Mount's health and leadership programmes were showcased at the National School Games Organiser Summit in Coventry in October 2015, with the school also helping GET SET film a promotional video for their Road to Rio programme. We have applied to become a GET SET Champion School.




# HALF TERM

**C**reate MULTIMEDIA

## holiday clubs!



Wahoooo!




Time to get creative again!

**Discounts apply!**

### Holiday club Schedule

Dates	Time	Location / Activity
October 26th	10am - 12pm	West Kirby Library - lego animation workshop
October 26th	2pm - 4pm	Greasby Library - Lego animation workshop
October 29th	10am - 4:30pm	Greasby Library - Clay Mation day
October 30th	10am - 12pm	Wallasey Library - Lego Animation workshop ( TBC )
October 30th	10am - 12pm	Birkenhead Library - Lego Animation workshop



Tell your friends!!

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# School Year

## 2015 – 2016

Open	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015
<i>Closed</i>	<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015</i>
Close for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Open	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
<i>Closed</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016</i>
Close for half-term 2016	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Open	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016
<i>Closed Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016</i>
<i>Closed Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016</i>
Close for Spring Break	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016
Open	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
<i>Closed May Day</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016</i>
Close for half-term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Open	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
<i>Closed</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016</i>
Close	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016

All staff training days shown.  
School closed for students on these days.

## Advance Warning for 2016 – 2017

### Autumn Term 2016:

*Open (Staff only)*

*Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

*Open (Students)*

*Tue 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

## **Return to School for Students**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

# Coming soon...

## To a science lab near you

# FIREWORKS WEEK!

## SAFETY!!



## Sparklers



History and traditions  
of bonfire night

Fireworks in  
other cultures

## Flame tests



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
to  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**