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Newsletter December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. It has been a wonderfully vibrant few weeks in school, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

Our children have taken part in a wide range of activities—from themed curriculum days and sporting events to whole-school celebrations. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience have shone through in everything they have done. Whether they were trying something new, supporting their classmates, or showcasing their talents, our students have made us incredibly proud.

This half term has also seen some fantastic fundraising efforts not only for school funds, but also for our chosen charities. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your generosity and commitment help us provide memorable experiences and additional opportunities for our pupils, as well as teaching them life skills like compassion and responsibility.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your partnership with the school makes an enormous difference, and we truly value the time, encouragement, and positivity you bring to our community.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting half term after the Christmas break, on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Kim Webster

Headteacher, December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 40 wonderful years in education — 30 of which I have been proud to spend at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College, and the last 11 as Headteacher — I would like to share that I will be retiring at the end of this term (December 2025).

Thirty years ago, I joined Clare Mount as a Physical Education teacher and, from the moment I walked through the doors, I somehow knew this school would become a lifelong part of me. It has truly been part of my family for three decades, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent so many years working alongside such dedicated, passionate, and talented colleagues — teachers, teaching assistants, administrators, caterers and premises staff, as well as Governors. Clare Mount Specialist Sports College simply could not function without these professionals and I would like to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of them for their unwavering commitment to our students and their families.

Having previously worked in four large secondary schools during my career, I can honestly say that Clare Mount Specialist Sports College is unique — a school where students are truly placed at the heart of everything we do. Leading this school has been both an honour and a privilege and I will always treasure the memories, challenges and triumphs we have shared as a community.

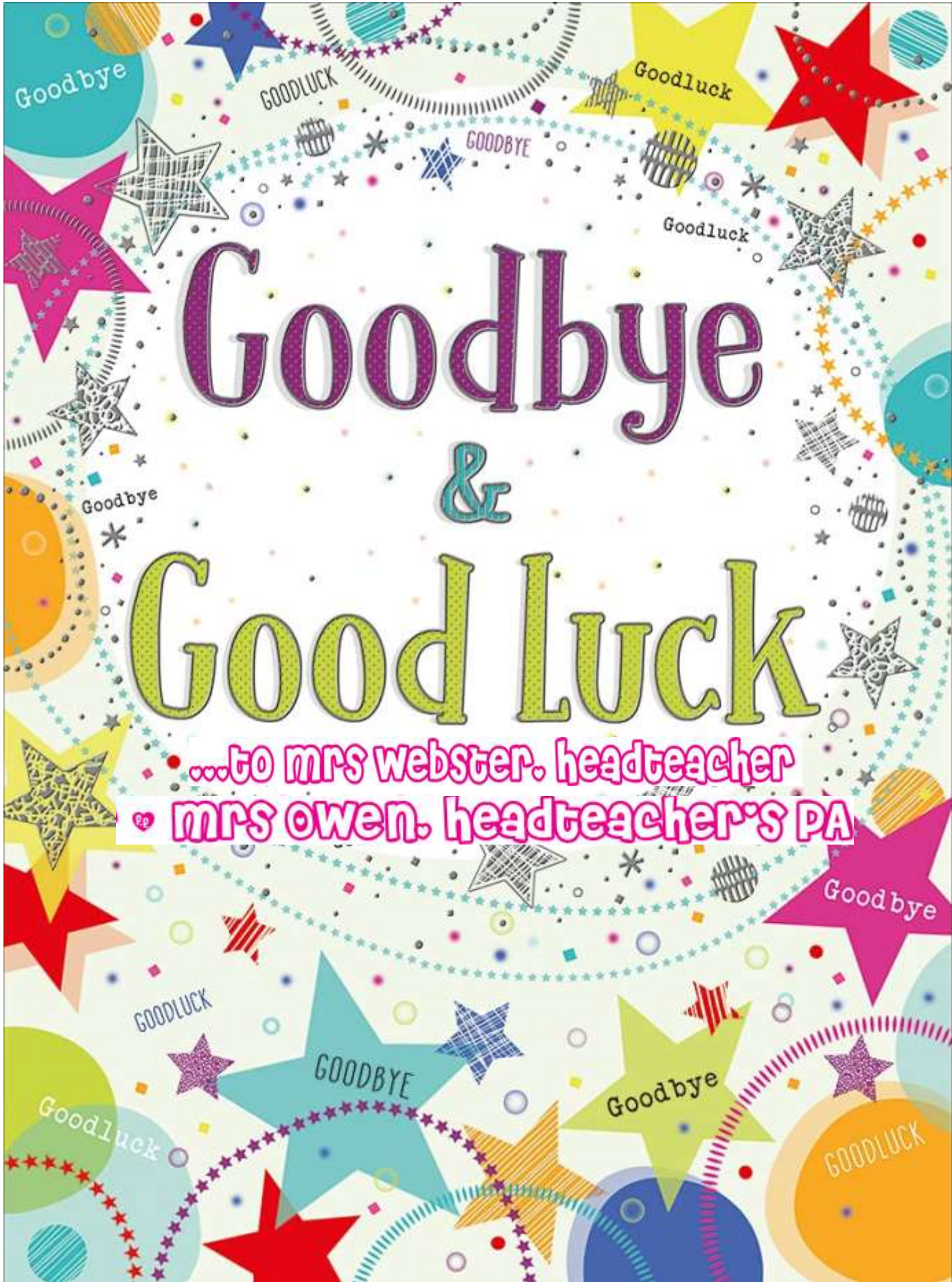
As I step aside, I am delighted to welcome Mr. Keefe as your new Headteacher. I have worked on the Senior Leadership Team with Mr Keefe for 10 years and I know he will bring tremendous energy, commitment, passion, and care to the role. I am confident that under his leadership, Clare Mount Specialist Sports College will continue to go from strength to strength. I kindly ask that you extend to him the same warmth, trust and support that you have so generously shown me over the years — it truly makes all the difference.

Thank you, once again, for the support you have shown me and for allowing me the privilege of being part of your children's journey.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

With warmest regards,

Kim Webster, Headteacher



Goodbye

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Good Luck

...to Mrs Webster, headteacher
Mrs Owen, headteacher's PA

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4 TIPS ON HOW TO FEEL A LITTLE LESS LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS:

Limit your social
media usage

Volunteer in your
local area

Consider scheduling a call
with family or friends

Have a look at what places
are open near you

For more support organisations, you can find the Everymind Mental Health Support Directory on www.everymindatwork.com.

Don't suffer in silence.





Pupils from all year groups worked together to put on Clare Mount's annual school production. This year, we were transported back to the 1950s and Rydell High as we experienced the story of Danny and Sandy's romance, with plenty of singing, dancing and laughter along the way.

The pupils who took to the stage mesmerised the audience with their talents, with every single person on stage looking like they were having the time of their lives.

Supporting the action on the stage were an incredible team of pupils and staff, working as stage crew, or assisting the cast with hair, makeup and wardrobe.

Many thanks to the entire cast and crew for putting on an amazing show.

The last word must go to our exceptional pupils:

"One of the biggest thrills of my life" Ben

"Being in the show was an amazing experience" Chelsea

"It was good" Alfie

"It was awesome" Izzy

"Being in Grease has been a wild ride, but we got there eventually" William

"It was a good experience, it was fun" Christie

"I liked being in the show and doing all the rehearsals" Jess

"It was a wonderful experience and probably the best show yet" Travis

"I was very proud of myself" Matthew

"I loved playing Danny and was so excited to get the lead role the whole cast pulled together and cheered each other on it was the best time and can not wait for the next one" Jayden

Mr Gore & Mr Faithfull

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College's production of:





KS4 House League: A Tournament to Remember!

The final whistle has blown on an unforgettable KS4 House League tournament, packed with drama, stunning goals, and outstanding teamwork. Over several thrilling rounds and a nail-biting playoff stage, every house gave their all in a fantastic celebration of sport and house spirit.

League Stage Highlights

The group phase set the tone with some sensational performances. Jordan House emerged as league leaders, showing remarkable consistency with standout attacking play. Special mention must go to Jacob G and Robyn G, whose goal-scoring form was crucial throughout. Tajiri, Attenborough, and Ali all battled fiercely, with every match contributing to an incredibly tight and competitive table.

Thrilling Playoffs & Semi-Finals

The knockout stages did not disappoint! In a dramatic two-legged tie, Jordan eventually overcame Ali on penalties after a 3–3 aggregate draw, with Jacob Gearing Player of the Match honours. Meanwhile, Attenborough produced a stunning comeback against Tajiri, securing an emphatic 9–2 aggregate victory inspired by Jack Frances.

The semi-finals saw Jordan and Ali progress, setting up a final showdown, while Attenborough and Tajiri faced off in an equally gripping B Final.

Finals Day Drama

On the final day of competition, Attenborough claimed victory in the B Final, beating Tajiri on penalties after a hard-fought match.



In the A Final, Jordan produced a magnificent performance to defeat Ali 3–0, with Robyn G and Jacob G once again to the fore. The victory capped a superb tournament for Jordan House, who lifted the trophy amid great celebrations.



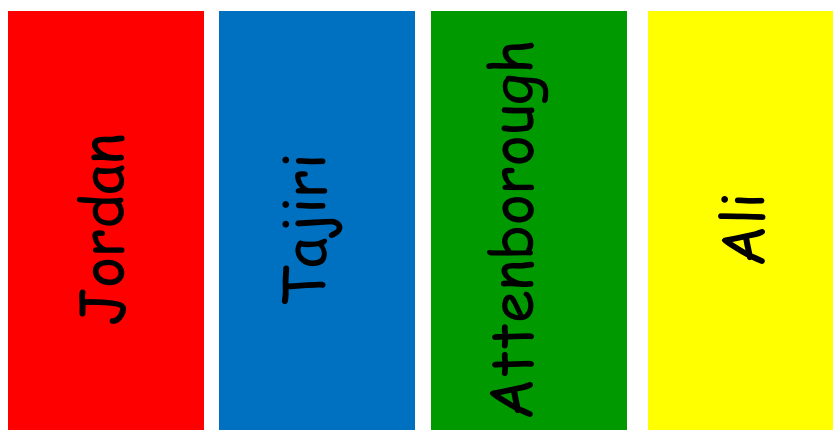
Special Awards & Recognition

The tournament's top individual honours were shared between Kenzo, Rocco and James D, who were named Players of the Tournament. The Top Cat Award went to Ali's Layton for his fine performance between the sticks. The Top Scorer award deservedly went to Jacob G for his phenomenal contribution throughout.

A huge thank you to Mrs Shaw for her tireless efforts in organising, coordinating, and inspiring throughout the competition. Her dedication ensured the tournament ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all participants and supporters.

Well done to every player, supporter, and house for making this such a memorable and brilliantly contested competition. The spirit, sportsmanship, and quality on display were a credit to everyone involved.

Here's to next year's tournament – may it be just as fantastic!



Mr Weights



What a fantastic afternoon and evening we had! Eight different providers and over 350 pupils, parent and carer visitors attended our event, and we had lots of excellent feedback:

“Very good information offered gave me peace of mind that there are opportunities”

“Very Informative, got some good advice about PIP and future colleges and Autism Together”

“Really helpful information thanks! Talking to the Career Advisor was really helpful too”

“Really positive event. It was great to talk to the students and families. A lovely relaxed atmosphere, good timings and a great setup” Derwen College

A wide variety of North West colleges, training providers and support services attended, and pupils and their families had the opportunity to explore all the different options available to them for life after school.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and pupils for supporting the event and we would like to thank all the providers who took the time out to show our students what they can offer.

Miss K Magnall

Career Adviser & WRL Coordinator

NEXT STEPS



On 29th November, Clare Mount hosted its second annual 'Move Well' Conference. Over 60 participants from health, education and sport were treated to another fantastic day of inspiration and PERSPIRATION!! Our theme for this year was 'Inclusion'

'Move Well' is one of the pillars of the National 'Well School' movement of which Clare Mount is both a founder and now a BEACON member - and the conference is just one of the ways we fulfill our role in inspiring, amongst other people, the 'next generation' of teachers and coaches.

Delivering outstanding keynote speeches and workshops on the day were:

Colin Foley: CEO of Neurodiversity Training UK

George Gregan: Australian Rugby Union Legend and current Director of PTP Fitness

Kieran Owens: Founder and CEO of KO8 Fitness

Paul Reid from Vortex Performance

Neil Moggan from Future Action (Rise-Up)

Chris Wright: Head of Wellbeing: The Youth Sport Trust

Jonathan Taylor: Wirral Grammar School for Boys

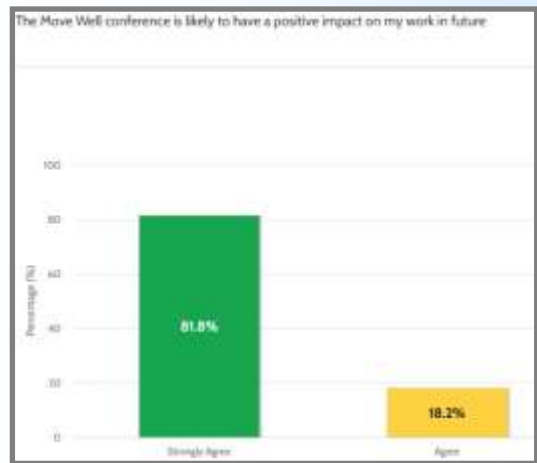
Stuart Mycroft: Headteacher at Castleway Primary School

James Cole: British Triathlon

ALL of the conference delegates agreed that the conference would have a positive impact on their future practice

Mr Keefe / Mr Byrne / Mrs Corcoran







Clare Mount wears its poppies with pride - part of our Remembrance Day display of over a thousand poppies, made from plastic bottles by West Kirby Women's Institute

Yr 7 Fundraiser



BBC

Children in Need

On 14th November, Year 7 had a wonderful time leading our Children in Need Day. We had a cake sale full of delicious cakes, Basketball in the Gym with Mr Campbell, football in the sports hall with Mr Freeman and much more! There was a Name the Capybara competition and Guess How Many Sweets Are In The Jar game. We wore bright colours to school and had a brilliant time. We managed to raise over £900 for Children in Need which is absolutely fantastic! Well done to all involved and thank you for your donations!

Mr Freeman and the Year 7 Team





Staff Wellbeing in the Spotlight:

Ladies Netball



Here at Clare Mount, we believe that happy staff make for happy students. Which is why we love to take on board new staff wellbeing initiatives. Our Ladies Netball Team is a fantastic example of what can be achieved in a short space of time with the right mindset.

Over the past few months, our dedicated players have been training tirelessly, perfecting their passes and technique. Their passion in the classroom has been converted to passion on the court. Their relentless perseverance, dedication, and commendable teamwork has led them to secure a series of wins over the last few weeks.

Even some of the men got involved at the local *Wirral Workplace Netball Tournament*. It was a fantastic day filled with competitiveness, comradery and of course a few victories! Thank you to all the staff who got involved. Maybe it's time for some of the lads to swap their football boots for court shoes!

All of our staff and students are proud of the ladies for their commitment to not only representing Clare Mount, but also to improving their wellbeing through team sport.

Keep it up!

Miss Petticrew



Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année

French

In our language lessons, we have been learning about French Christmas traditions from the different regions of France. From putting shoes out for *le Père Noël* to celebrating Christmas on the evening of the 24th December with 13 desserts, we have been appreciating the customs and differences that make us all special. However, we were glad that we have Father Christmas and not '*le Père Fouettard*' who accompanies Saint Nicolas to beat the naughty children! Thankfully, he is just a legend and not a reality!



Duolingo competition

At the start of December, our older pupils and staff gave their brains a work out and took part in a Duolingo House competition. Competition was high and there were some exceptional individual performances!



Individual stars!



Year 9

Jordan	2219
Attenborough	2129
Ali	1932
Tajiri	1562

Year 10

Attenborough	2119
Tajiri	558
Jordan	369
Ali	106

Staff

Tajiri	23895
Attenborough	15266
Ali	10522
Jordan	10281

YEAR 10 SHINE DURING WELLBEING DAY

Year 10 enjoyed a fantastic Wellbeing Day this week, taking part in a refreshing walk as part of the *Five Ways to Wellbeing*. Pupils connected with each other, enjoyed time outdoors, and made the most of the chance to chat and unwind—along with a sneaky stop at Tesco on the way back!



In the afternoon, students took part in a range of wellbeing activities and rounded off the day with a well-earned hot chocolate. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive attitude made the day truly uplifting.



A special mention goes to 10SP, who brought in a wonderful selection of gifts and created a thoughtful hamper for us to deliver to Leasowe Community Centre. Their kindness and generosity are a credit to the whole year group.



We are incredibly proud of Year 10 and their commitment to supporting one another, giving back to the community, and making the most of every opportunity.

Mrs McBurney



COMMUNITY NIGHT

A FANTASTIC FIRST TERM

It has been a fantastic first term for Community Night, with record numbers of pupils attending and taking part in a wide range of activities. We continue to be supported by the Liverpool FC Community team, who deliver engaging weekly football sessions.

Mr Campbell's ever-popular Basketball Academy has gone from strength to strength, with many of our regular participants going on to represent Clare Mount in various inter-school basketball competitions.

Pupils have also enjoyed the introduction of several new activities this term, including ICT, Salon, Trampolining, Cookery, and access to the Games Room.

Community Night will restart after the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of activities.

Mr Freeman

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Join the fun every Wednesday!

3.15pm – 4.30pm

Tuck Shop (small charge)

See Mrs Shaw for details

Activities listed in the graphic include: Cookery, Drama / music, Basketball, D.T., Arts and jewellery crafts, Football, Salon, Trampolining (coming soon), Cycling, and Forest school.



Year 8 have been taking part in an exciting fundraising initiative known as the Pig Games. Our forms have battled it out in a range of fun challenges, all while competing to fill their piggy banks and raise money for a great cause.

We are thrilled to announce that over £600 has been raised! We are exceptionally proud of our students, who have shown fantastic enthusiasm both in school and at home. Some even organised their own activities, including sponsored walks, to boost their totals.

A huge well done to Year 8 for their outstanding effort, teamwork, and community spirit!

Mrs McNamara







Young BAFTA Showcase !



Lights, camera, action... Creative Media students went on a day trip with Mrs Courtney and Mr Bannon to London to visit the BAFTA Headquarters. We were invited to take part in a careers insight event with various industry specialists.

We took the train down to Euston and navigated our way through the Underground, visiting Buckingham Palace, Westminster and Big Ben.

Our visit to BAFTA was a great success, we listened to talks from Ardman's Director and Designer, Gavin Strange, Top Boy Editor, Shahnaz Dulaimy, and The Grind Director and Screenwriter, Nosa Eke.

The Young BAFTA Showcase was a great way for our creative students to learn all about breaking into the industry and pursuing a career pathway in film, TV, gaming and storytelling.

Mrs Courtney







6th Form Young Enterprise

As part of the Personal Development Programme our 6th form have been taking part in the Young Enterprise Programme.

The students have been split into three different start up businesses:

- A car wash business – Clare Mount Car Wash (CMCW).
- The 'Staff Shop'.
- The 'Craft Shop'.

For each business students are given a role and then work with their 'colleagues' to offer the service or manufacture the product depending on the business they are involved with.





In Design Technology Year 8 have been creating Mechanical Toys. They used lego to investigate cogs, gears and pulleys then using this knowledge they have designed, produced and evaluated their own mechanical toy. Well done Year 8 for some very inventive designs!

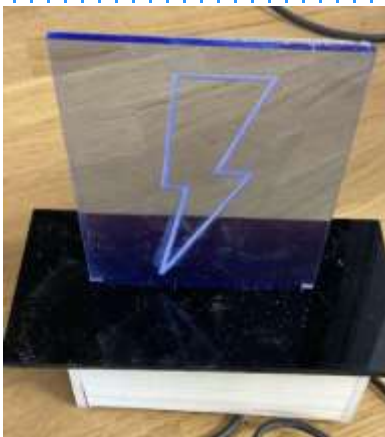
Mrs McNamara





9P have smashed it in the workshop this half term, super proud of their achievements.

Mrs McNamara





Year 8 Become Designers and Engineers of the Future



Our Year 8 pupils had a fantastic and engaging session this week as they explored the world of gears and discovered how gear ratios can be used to control speed. Pupils designed and built their own model cars, programmed them, and put them to the test—showing impressive resilience as they modified and improved their designs based on real-world results. Their teamwork throughout the activity was outstanding.



The group then moved on to investigate pulley systems, learning how pulleys are used in everyday mechanisms. Pupils created their own festive-themed pulley systems, combining creativity with engineering thinking.



It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, collaboration, and problem-solving. Our Year 8s are well on their way to becoming the designers and engineers of the future!



Mrs McBurney



CHRISTMAS



Songs With Signs



A singing session supported with Makaton signing, for people of ALL abilities and ages. Come and sing along to some Christmas favourites. Just come and watch if you prefer.

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10.00 till 11.30

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Continued Success Through Our Partnership with LFC Foundation

As we come to the end of the autumn term, we are delighted to celebrate the continued success of our long-standing partnership with the LFC Foundation. Their dedicated coaches have once again played a vital role in enriching our pupils' experiences both in PE lessons and within our wider school community.

This term, the Foundation has supported Year 8 PE on Wednesdays, delivered engaging sessions during our Wednesday Community Night, and worked closely with Year 7 during Friday PE lessons. Their presence has had a noticeable impact, bringing energy, expertise and genuine enthusiasm to every session.

One of the greatest strengths of the LFC Foundation coaches is their fantastic work with our SEND pupils. They consistently demonstrate patience, adaptability and positivity, ensuring that every student feels included and able to achieve. Their collaborative approach with staff has further strengthened the quality of provision for all pupils.

We are proud of our long-standing relationship with the LFC Foundation and look forward to building on this success in the new year. Their continued commitment to our school community remains greatly valued and deeply appreciated.

Mrs Grayson



CLARE MOUNT CHRISTMAS BINGO

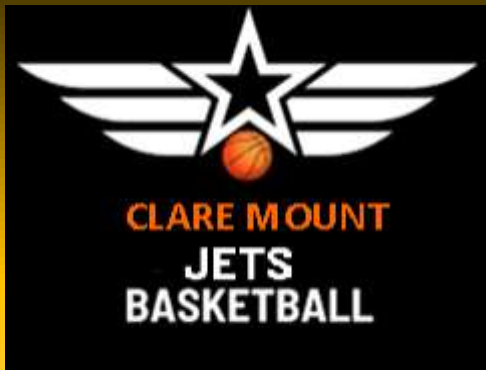


Plus Fashion Show by NewLife



Our Christmas Bingo evening, featuring a Fashion Show of Newlife clothes, was well attended this year and raised much needed money for school funds





Clare Mount Host and Win WISSA Basketball Tournament!



On Thursday 11th December, Clare Mount proudly hosted the WISSA Basketball Tournament, welcoming teams from The Observatory School, West Kirby Residential and Impact School. The atmosphere was energetic and friendly, with all schools showcasing great enthusiasm and passion for the sport.

Clare Mount rose to stardom on home ground, winning every game they played. The team showed outstanding teamwork, determination and resilience—supporting one another on court and demonstrating fantastic communication. Their hard work paid off as they defeated each team they faced, securing a well-deserved tournament victory. The Clare Mount Jets remain unbeaten!

One of the highlights of the event was the excellent sportsmanship shown by our students. They encouraged players from other schools, offered helpful advice, and contributed to a welcoming, positive environment for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see such kindness and respect alongside competitive spirit.

A big thank you to Mr Campbell for his specialist coaching and for shaping such a well-rounded, cohesive and supportive team. A great evening of friendly competition and skill development for all! Go Jets!!

Mrs Kearsley

FESTIVE FUN IN P E

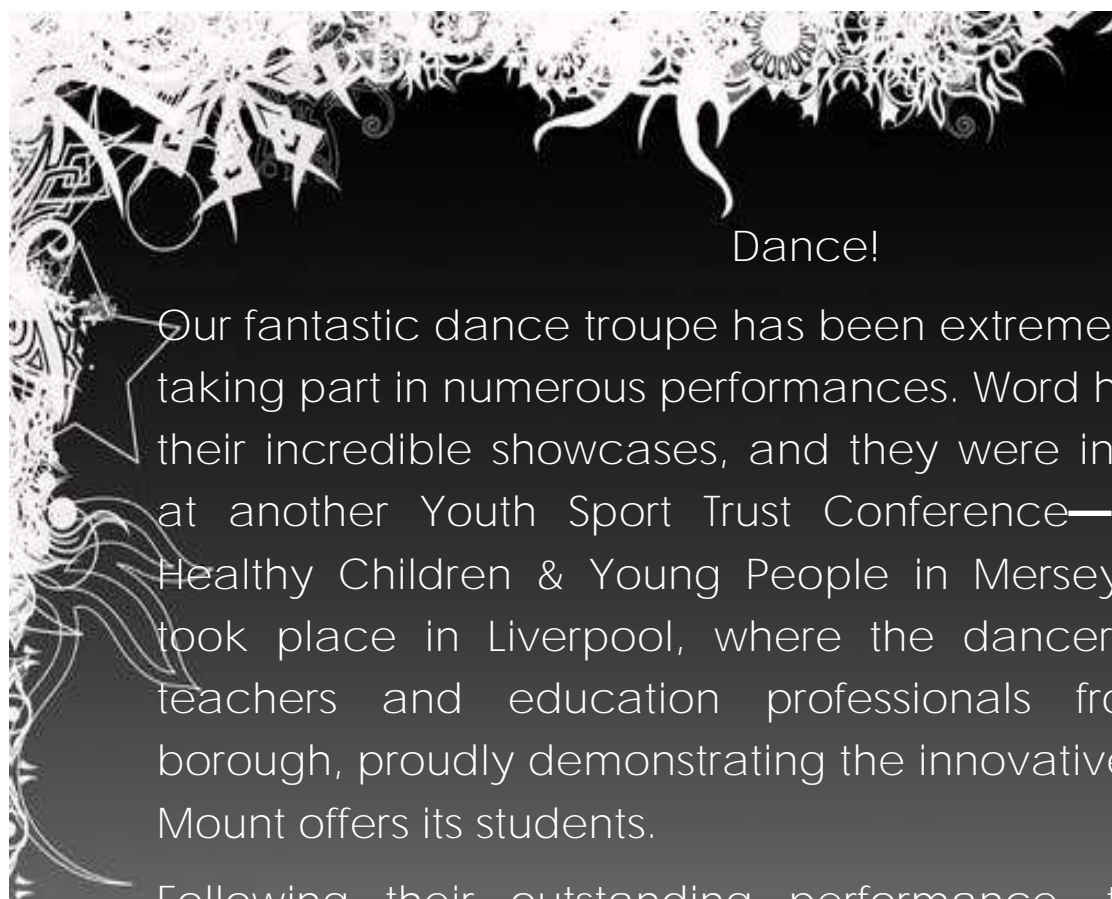
December has been full of festive fun in KS3 PE lessons! Pupils have had a fantastic time getting active while enjoying a seasonal twist on their learning. From fast-paced sleigh races to highly competitive candy cane hockey, there has been plenty of laughter, teamwork and Christmas spirit on display.

It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm and positive energy from our pupils as they embraced these festive challenges and supported one another throughout the month.

The PE department would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

Mrs Grayson





Dance!

Our fantastic dance troupe has been extremely busy this term, taking part in numerous performances. Word has spread about their incredible showcases, and they were invited to perform at another Youth Sport Trust Conference—Building Happy, Healthy Children & Young People in Merseyside. This event took place in Liverpool, where the dancers performed for teachers and education professionals from across the borough, proudly demonstrating the innovative provision Clare Mount offers its students.

Following their outstanding performance, the troupe was invited to perform for all Wirral secondary school headteachers.

And it didn't stop there! The dancers have just completed their final performance in our whole-school production of Grease. They learned, perfected, and performed five dance routines across four shows.

We are extremely proud of our ever-growing dance troupe, and we hope they enjoy a well-earned rest over the Christmas break.



Mrs Corcoran



Physical Education

Slam Dunk Success: Lunchtime Basketball Club is a Blockbuster Hit!

The lunch break on Fridays at Clare Mount has been transformed into a hive of activity and enthusiasm, thanks to the phenomenal success of our Friday Drop-In Basketball Club!

The club has been exceptionally well-attended, consistently filling the sports hall with students eager to shoot hoops and hone their skills. More than just a game, the sessions have been a brilliant showcase of everything we value here at Clare Mount:

Exceptional Skill and Effort: We have witnessed great displays of agility, precision, and tireless effort from all participants.

Camaraderie and Teamwork: The energy in the hall is infectious, fostering strong bonds and collaborative play.

Clare Mount Values in Action: Respect, determination, and inclusivity shine brightly on the court every week.

* Role Models and Encouragement

It has been particularly wonderful to see our more experienced players encourage and mentor those who would be considered 'rookies.' This spirit of shared growth is what makes our community so special.

A particular mention must go to Hayden F, whose indomitable performances are inclusive of all. Hayden consistently demonstrates true leadership by actively encouraging others and passing on valuable coaching points to his peers. He embodies the giving and supportive nature of a Clare Mount student.



* A Huge Thank You

The seamless running of the club is a testament to the dedication of our staff. A huge thank you is due to Mrs. Kearsley, who ensures the club runs smoothly each week, stepping up to manage the sessions in the absence of others. Her commitment is invaluable to our students.

* Promoting a Healthy, Balanced Lifestyle

Clubs like these contribute significantly to developing a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Engaging in physical activity during the day is vital for both physical fitness and mental well-being. It provides a fantastic way to:

Burn off energy and relieve stress.

Improve coordination and motor skills.

Develop social skills through positive interaction and teamwork.

In short, it helps our students take a much-needed break from the classroom and return ready to learn!

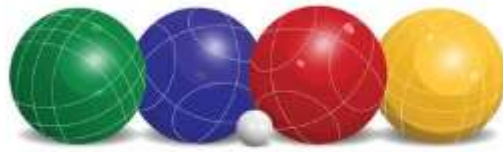
* Looking Ahead to the New Year

We are already looking forward to the club's continued success in the new year. The Friday Basketball Club is an excellent example of the positive and rewarding opportunities that contribute to developing well-rounded students here at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College.

Keep an eye out for further updates and join us for a friendly game after the Christmas break!

Mr Campbell

PAN Boccia Tournament



Two teams of Year 7 students represented Clare Mount at the PAN Boccia Tournament at Greenbank Specialist Sports College on Thursday 27th November. Both teams performed exceptionally well, demonstrating impressive accuracy, tactical thinking, controlled throwing, and excellent communication and teamwork – all key skills in Boccia. Their sportsmanship was outstanding throughout the day, showing respect, patience, encouragement and genuine positivity towards teammates and opponents alike.

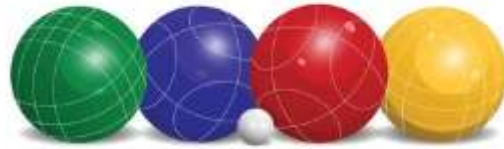
Although our teams didn't progress to the final rounds, they gained valuable experience in competitive play. Many of their matches were incredibly close, with some fantastic matches played. The students showed brilliant determination, celebrating hard-fought wins and learning from narrow defeats.

We are incredibly proud of how they represented Clare Mount – not just in their performances, but in their attitude, maturity and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 7!

Mr Jones



Clare Mount Shine at Woodchurch Boccia Competition



On Wednesday 10th December, twelve Clare Mount students travelled to Woodchurch High School to take part in an exciting boccia competition, fielding two enthusiastic teams. For many of our pupils, this was their first ever experience representing Clare Mount in a competitive event—an incredible achievement in itself. They showed real courage in stepping outside their comfort zones, overcoming nerves and embracing the challenge.

Once the games began, both teams played brilliantly. Their teamwork, concentration and determination stood out, and it was wonderful to see them supporting one another throughout—cheering teammates on, celebrating great shots, and offering encouragement during the tense moments.

Although several students felt apprehensive before competing, they all ended the day with big smiles and a huge sense of pride. Every pupil walked away with their head held high, having enjoyed a fantastic experience and grown in confidence.

Well done to all of you—we are incredibly proud!

Mrs Kearsley



Inclusion 2028

Inclusion 2028 is a Department for Education-funded grant designed to improve the choices and chances of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) through a series of targeted interventions in physical education (PE), school sport, and physical activity.

Why does Clare Mount Specialist Sports College get the funding from the government to train teachers and create festivals in Wirral and across Merseyside?

Clare Mount has always created opportunities for pupils with SEND across Wirral going back to the year 2000 as Jarvis Cocker would say!

Mr Allkins and Mr Saunders worked closely with the Pensby School Sport Partnership (where our new Headteacher Mr Keefe was the Partnership Development Manager) to offer all young people across Wirral with SEND the chance to take part in talent festivals, Panathlon Games, Tranmere Rovers FC transition festivals and lots of other opportunities.

Clare Mount Sports College continued to offer all Wirral pupils with SEND a calendar of sport activities, training and a range of inclusive lessons. This led to the Department for Education awarding Project Ability status to us, this was full credit to Mr Keefe and his leadership of Sports College, as we were the first school in the country to be given this status in 2015. Mr White was tasked by Mr Keefe with leading Lead Inclusion School status with the Department for Education and the Youth Sport Trust.

Mr White led Project Ability, Inclusion 2020, Inclusion 2024 and currently leads Inclusion 2028, also working closely with the Youth Sport as a coach; working with eight counties across England. Working closely with the Wirral School Games, Liverpool School Sport Partnership, Knowsley School Sport Partnership, St. Helen's Council, Halton Council, all the universities in Merseyside and Chester and a range of primary, secondary and special schools across Merseyside. Mr Keefe and Mr White have also showcased Clare Mount's work internationally as well in Sardinia, Slovenia and Germany.

What has Inclusion 2028 delivered on this year?

Inclusion 2028 is only funded for one year. It is to Mrs Webster's credit that Clare Mount has carried on being a Lead Inclusion School as the grant has reduced year on year.

However, that does not mean that the Lead Inclusion School support for partner schools has stopped. On the contrary, over 300 schools in the past month have been supported through the sharing of professional development courses and e-learning with partnerships and teacher training universities.

All of the staff in these schools have accessed courses in autism and sport, teaching assistants supporting PE, how to teach PE inclusively and training on how to make lessons inclusive.

Across four boroughs of Merseyside (Knowsley, Sefton, Halton and St. Helen's) in March 2026, inspired by this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow with the widest range of Para-Sport medals to win, 120 pupils with SEND have been invited to take part in Commonwealth Games Activities.

Clare Mount pupils benefit highly and widely from the festival and competition support from Inclusion 2028 in Wirral, with Mr White working really closely last summer and in September with the Observatory School and Woodchurch High School to co-design competitions in basketball, football and boccia which are inclusive, accessible and meaningful for Clare Mount pupils; especially those who cannot break the glass ceilings still existing in community sport locally.

Inclusion 2028 will be offering a sport leadership programme to Clare Mount pupils from the Leadership Skills Foundation called 'I Can Lead' using some of the funding we receive from the Department for Education and Sport England.

Keep an eye on all our social media channels for the upcoming Inclusion Live 2026!

Mr White



Our Christmas table decorations





Wirral Hospice St John's

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KS3 Football Tournament

Last November, Woodchurch High School hosted an action-packed KS3 football tournament, bringing together teams from a range of local mainstream schools. The atmosphere was buzzing, the competition was fierce, and Clare Mount rose brilliantly to the challenge.

From the very first whistle, Clare Mount were head and shoulders above the rest. The team showed outstanding teamwork, determination, and skill—winning every single **game on their road to the final. Remarkably, they didn't** concede a single goal throughout the entire tournament, showcasing a rock-solid defence and sharp attacking play.

In the final, Clare Mount faced hosts Woodchurch High School. Despite the pressure, the boys delivered an exceptional performance, securing a confident 4–1 victory and lifting the tournament trophy.

A huge well done to all the boys—another clean sheet and a tournament to remember!



Dance

Dancer of the Half Term – Congratulations, Katelyn!



A huge congratulations to Katelyn T in 7J, who has been named our Dancer of the Half Term! Katelyn consistently demonstrates integrity, resilience and a fantastic attitude in every class. Her passion for dance shines through each week as she gives her absolute best, always eager to improve and always supporting those around her.

Katelyn's hard work, commitment and love for dance make her a real role model within the group.

Massive well done, Katelyn—keep dancing and keep shining!



Clare Mount's girls football team shone at the recent competition held at Greenbank Sports Academy. Representing our school with pride, the girls displayed outstanding sportsmanship, kindness, and fantastic football skills throughout the event. Their hard work and determination paid off as they secured a brilliant third-place finish. They tried their absolute best in every match and made us incredibly proud. A big well done, girls!



Ms Hollis

#EVERYDAYCOUNTS

...every school day counts!

But, if your child is not able to attend school, please call our school office to let us know: 0151 606 9440.

Thank you!

TENNIS UPDATE



Strengthening Skills Through Community Partnerships

Clare Mount continues to enjoy fantastic tennis opportunities thanks to our strong club links with Wallasey Manor Tennis Club and Prenton. Students regularly visit both clubs during PE lessons and also take part in sessions beyond the curriculum, helping them grow in both confidence and ability.

Wallasey Manor provide specialist coaching every Thursday afternoon, offering both a lunchtime club and curriculum support, as well as additional coaching on Friday afternoons. Different groups attend each half term, giving many pupils the chance to learn from expert coaches on a regular basis. As a result, skill levels, teamwork and self-belief have all improved dramatically across the school.

Last week, Wallasey Manor hosted a brilliant Christmas tennis party. Students showcased their developing skills through fun festive activities, before rounding off the afternoon with hot chocolates, candy canes and Christmas biscuits—a perfect end to a great term of tennis.

A huge thank you to both Wallasey Manor and Prenton for their ongoing support and dedication to the development of SEND tennis on the Wirral.

Mrs Kearsley

KS4 Students Achieve Kin-Ball Leadership Qualification!



Six of our KS4 students recently attended an intensive Kin-Ball Leaders course at Birkenhead Park School. Throughout the day, they worked incredibly hard to develop their confidence, communication, and leadership skills.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to challenge themselves and they rose to the occasion, earning their leadership qualification in Kin-Ball. Their determination to succeed and ability to lead and deliver a Kin-Ball session and game was truly impressive.

Looking ahead, these students plan to run a Kin-Ball club at Clare Mount and support School Games organisers with primary school Kin-Ball competitions.

Well done to all involved—exciting times ahead!

Mrs Kearsley



CLARE MOUNT SHINE AT TABLE CRICKET

In November, Clare Mount proudly entered two teams in the Table Cricket Tournament held at Wirral Grammar School for Boys. Our students competed at an impressive level, showing outstanding teamwork, resilience, and self-belief throughout the day.

Although they didn't bring home the trophy this time, Clare Mount secured a fantastic 2nd and 3rd place against strong competition from many mainstream schools.

Well done to all the players—you made us very proud with your determination and sportspersonship!



Dodgeball Tournament

Clare Mount Go Unbeaten at Greenbank Dodgeball Tournament

A team of students across Year 7 - 9 represented Clare Mount at the Dodgeball Tournament held at Greenbank Specialist Sports College on Friday 25th October. The team performed brilliantly throughout the afternoon, demonstrating impressive agility, quick reactions, strategic movement, and excellent throwing and dodging skills. Their sportsmanship was equally outstanding, showing respect, fair play, communication, and constant encouragement for one another.

Our Dodgeball team were undefeated, winning five matches and drawing one, finishing as runners-up overall after a fantastic display of teamwork and determination. Their consistency, focus, and ability to work together under pressure were clear to see in every game.

Miss Shaw and Mr Jones were extremely proud of how the students represented Clare Mount – not only in their results, but in their positive attitude, effort, and commitment throughout the event.

Mr Jones





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- Access to free training courses.
- Support with family time issues and family mediation.



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Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Open	Monday 1st September to Friday 24 th October 2025 <i>*School closed to students Monday 1st September (INSET day).</i> <i>Year 7 & 6th Form commence Tuesday 2nd September</i> <i>Years 8 to 11 commence Wednesday 3rd September</i>
October Half-term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
Open	Monday 3 rd November to Friday 19 th December 2025 <i>*School closed to students Friday 28th November 2025 (INSET)</i>
Christmas break	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026
Spring Term 2026	
Open	Monday 5 th January to Friday 13 th February 2026 <i>*School closed to students Monday 5th January (INSET)</i>
February Half-term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026
Open	Monday 23 rd February to Friday 27 th March 2026
Spring Break	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Open	Monday 13 th April to Friday 22 nd May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Whit Bank Holiday and half term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
Open	Monday 1 st June to Monday 21 st July 2026* <i>*School closed to students Friday 3rd July 2026 and Tuesday 22nd July 2026 (INSET)</i>

Inset Days (School closed to students):

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Monday 21st July 2026



Merry
Christmas