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Clare Mount Specialist Sports College **NEWSLETTER**

Keeping You Informed, Connected and Involved

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KEY EVENTS

- INSET: 20th July 2026
- Summer Holiday: 21 July 2026
- Results Day: 20th August 2026

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“ A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Mr D. Keefe

Dear Parent / Carer / Reader,

What an amazing Summer Term we have just had. An 'exceptional' Ofsted Report Card, a Silver Pearson Award for SEND and Inclusive Practice, renewing our Green Flag Award, as well as achieving the Bronze Award for Skills Builder and the Bronze Award also Inclusive Attendance.

Our pupils have also achieved significant success in the sporting arena, including achieving 1st place in the New Age Kurling Regional Final, and becoming National Champions in the inaugural Lord Taverners National Cricket Trophy.

As I have said many times before, these successes only happen due to hard work and dedication from lots of people, and the relationships we have developed between staff, pupils and parents.

In this issue you will see all the amazing opportunities that our pupils gain at school, from trips to Wimbledon to Culture & Creativity and National School Sport Week. I hope you enjoy reading about these experiences!

Looking towards September 2026, we want to continue to work to get better so that your child is able to achieve their full potential. We need attendance to improve for those currently below 95% and ask that you work with us to make every day count.

We ask that pupils adhere to our mobile phone policy, and ensure that they turn their phones off on passing the school gates and do not turn them on again until they leave. We will share further information in September about Government guidance, and expert advice around the mental health and social interaction benefits to schools that have gone smart phone free.



Transition:

Please note that at Clare Mount we aim to get the right balance of making sure pupils feel settled and safe, alongside making sure they do not become over-reliant on certain staff. To support pupils to be able to make transitions we therefore adhere to the following model as much as possible:

Year 7 - Specialist team

Year 8 - 9 - Pupils go with the same tutor through the end of Key Stage 3 (the tutors then drop back down to Year 8)

Year 10 - 11 - Pupils go with a different tutor, more familiar with our curriculum pathways, from Year 10 into Year 11, and then the tutors drop back down.

P16 - specialist team

INSET Days:

Please note our INSET days next academic year, when pupils are not expected in school, are:

- **1st September 2026**
- **2nd September 2026**
- **27th November 2026**
- **4th January 2027**
- **2nd July 2027**

Staff Leavers:

I am sure you will join me in thanking the following staff for all their care, dedication and impact at Clare Mount over the years. We wish them all the best for the future and hope they will come back to visit.

- Mrs Nokes - Retiring
- Mrs Perry - Retiring
- Miss Smith - Starting Teacher training
- Mr McDermott - Moving to a teaching post at Impact
- Miss McKeown - Maternity cover for Mrs Ramsey has come to an end

Have a wonderful Summer Holidays and we look forward to working with you again in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Kind regards

Dan Keefe





Clare Mount Crowned Cricket Champions!

A bumper final term for the cricketers! Firstly, they won the North West Cricket Tournament by a wide margin, with victories over two schools and then a 135 run victory in the final against Greenbank.

This led to a trip to Leicestershire County Cricket Club, where the team won against Bennerley Fields, Alexandra Park and Aurora in the group - the latter by just one run - before meeting Haven School in the final with a partisan crowd present.

The group blocked out the noise of the vuvuzelas in the crowd, and produced a huge performance, to win and become the Champion SEND School in England and Wales. A true testament to their hard work!



The same day, our emerging cricketers went to Warrington and lost in the final to a much more experienced group of players. They should be very proud of their efforts, as are we.

We also have begun to work closely with Upton CC and have sessions with their Australian professional Matt Owens. Thank you to every single person who has attended the club and tournaments this year. Cricket is burning bright at Clare Mount!





National School Sports Week (NSSW) at Clare Mount

Celebrating Passion, Commitment, and House Pride!

What an incredible, action-packed week it has been at Clare Mount! This week, our entire school community came together to celebrate National School Sports Week (NSSW). From Monday 6th July to Thursday 9th July, our students have demonstrated immense effort, determination, and house pride. Every single student who took part deserves massive recognition for pushing their boundaries and representing their houses with unparalleled commitment and passion.

In honour of the spirit of international athletic competition, our itinerary beautifully followed the official Commonwealth Programme of Events. Throughout the week, year groups rotated through an array of diverse and challenging sports. Students showcased tactical precision in Bowls, high-octane team coordination in UniHoc, fast-paced agility in H15ives Netball, and explosive power during the Track Cycling sessions. Additionally, when groups weren't competing in their primary NSSW events, they tackled the physical endurance of the outdoor Trail, ensuring that every session counted toward their house standings.

"Winning is only half of it. The true beauty of National School Sports Week has been the sportsmanship on display. We witnessed countless examples of students helping teammates up, applauding rivals, and showing the utmost respect for officials and opponents alike. You have all made Clare Mount incredibly proud!"

The Current Standings

Year Groups	Ali (Yellow)	Attenborough (Green)	Jordan (Red)	Tajiri (Blue)
Year 7	177	153	169	180
Year 8	180	175	168	174
Year 9	167	120	140	141
Year 10	213	208	174	195
Year 11 & P16	122	136	135	126
Total Score:	1072	1000	960	1011

The competition between our four school houses—Ali, Attenborough, Jordan, and Tajiri—has been historically close. Points have been fiercely contested across every single year group. As it stands right now, heading into our final day, House Ali holds a narrow lead at the top of the leaderboard with 1,072 points, closely pursued by Tajiri with 1,011 points. Attenborough sits exactly at the 1,000-point milestone, while Jordan is within striking distance at 960 points.



Judo Comes to Clare Mount for National School Sports Week

As part of National School Sports Week, we were delighted to welcome Chris from Judo Education to Clare Mount for an exciting two-day judo workshop.

Students from both Key Stages had the opportunity to experience the discipline of judo, learning fundamental techniques, developing new skills and putting their abilities to the test through friendly partner activities. Throughout the sessions, students demonstrated fantastic passion, determination and confidence on the mats, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm.

The workshops were a huge success, with students thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to try a new sport in a fun, supportive and engaging environment. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learned new techniques and encouraged one another.

A huge thank you to Chris for delivering such inspiring sessions. We look forward to working together again in the future as we continue to develop judo and provide exciting sporting opportunities for our students at Clare Mount School.





Clare Mount Sports Day Celebrates The Commonwealth Games

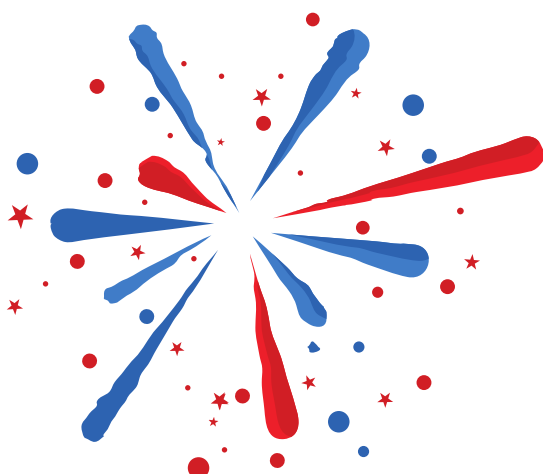
On Friday 10th July, Clare Mount School brought National School Sports Week to a fantastic close with our annual Sports Day, celebrating the spirit of the Commonwealth Games.



It was wonderful to see the whole school coming together to support one another, cheer on their teammates and demonstrate the important Commonwealth values of humanity, equality and destiny. The atmosphere throughout the day was filled with encouragement, teamwork and celebration, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.

A huge congratulations to Team Ali, who finished as our Sports Day champions! What a fantastic way to end the week, bringing the entire Clare Mount family together to celebrate sport, friendship and the Commonwealth Games.

Well done, Team Ali!





Basketball Playoff Champions!

Following an exciting regular season, the final league standings were:

1st – Clare Mount

2nd – The Observatory

3rd – West Kirby

4th – Impact

The WISSA Play-Offs concluded today with a fantastic final between Claremount and The Observatory. It was a thrilling contest from start to finish, with The Observatory controlling much of the game and leading 10–6 late on. However, Claremount hit a superb three-pointer to swing the momentum and set up a dramatic finish.

With seconds remaining, The Observatory had one final shot to force overtime, but it narrowly missed, meaning Claremount claimed a hard-fought 13–10 victory to become the WISSA Play-Off Champions.

Congratulations to Claremount on their victory, and a huge well done to The Observatory for an outstanding performance. Thank you to West Kirby and Impact for their efforts throughout the season, helping to make this year's competition such a success. It has been an excellent season of school basketball, with great sportsmanship, effort and teamwork shown by all four schools. We look forward to another fantastic competition next season.





Clare Mount in Vegas!

Keeping on our basketball theme, one of our Clare Mount students, Aaron, recently attended a basketball competition in Las Vegas! He played extremely well, representing our Clare Mount values even while 5000 miles away from school.

Well done Aaron, you've made Clare Mount very proud!





Clare Mount Celebrates Wimbledon at Wallasey Manor Tennis Club

On Wednesday 8th July, our Year 7 and Year 9 students enjoyed a fantastic Wimbledon Festival at Wallasey Manor Tennis Club, celebrating both the excitement of Wimbledon and the excellent tennis programme being offered by the club throughout 2025–26.

The day began with a friendly tournament, where our students had the opportunity to showcase their developing tennis skills, teamwork and determination on the court. It was wonderful to see everyone playing with such enthusiasm and confidence.

After the matches, students relaxed and embraced the Wimbledon tradition by enjoying delicious strawberries and cream, along with hot chocolates and juice to round off a brilliant day.

A huge thank you goes to Nicky and Peter for their continued support, dedication and encouragement. Their passion for developing young players is helping to raise the game and inspire a lasting love of tennis among Clare Mount students.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Wallasey Manor Tennis Club and seeing even more students enjoy the sport over the coming year!





Invincible! Year 7s Crowned Regional Kurling Champions After Epic Comeback

We are incredibly proud to announce a truly historic sporting achievement for our Year 7 pupils, who have gone from county success to being crowned Regional Finals Champions in Bolton! Our unbeatable team—Arthur (7J), Kadie (7PC), Tommy (7R), and Jess (7C)—put on an absolute masterclass in New Age Kurling, demonstrating precision, strategy, and nerves of steel.

The Road to the Regionals

The journey began at the Panathlon Merseyside Cup at Greenbank Sports Academy. The team showed their intent early by winning all three of their opening league games to secure a spot in the Quarter Finals. They kept that momentum flying through the afternoon, refusing to drop a single game, and were officially crowned Merseyside Champions!

The Great Escape in Bolton

Qualifying for the Regional Finals in Bolton set up an even bigger stage, and the pupils played unbelievably well. The semi-final will go down in school sporting history. The team found themselves in deep trouble, sitting 5-0 down after 4 legs. Showing incredible resilience and refusal to quit, they fought back fiercely in the final two legs to tie the game at 5-5. This forced a high-stakes, sudden-death shootout in a playoff leg decider, which our stars coolly won to book their place in the final.

Dominating the Final

Spurred on by their epic semi-final comeback, the team were unstoppable in the final. They completely strolled through the match, putting on a flawless performance to win 8-0 and claim the Regional title!

"The teamwork, sportsmanship, and sheer determination displayed by our pupils was exemplary. To face that kind of pressure, fight back, and win the Regionals is a testament to their incredible focus." – Mrs Hesketh

The champions will be celebrated by their peers during the Year 7 assembly. We are sure you will join us in giving a massive congratulations to Arthur, Kadie, Tommy, and Jess for bringing the Regional trophy home to Clare Mount. Well done to our Regional Kurling stars!





A Fantastic Term of Golf at Arrowe Park!

This term, a group of 12 boys has been swapping the classroom for the green, heading out every week to Arrowe Park Golf Club for some expert coaching. Under the guidance of Mr Ritchie and the club's resident professional, Simon, the boys have been working hard to sharpen their skills and master the game.

Each weekly session focused on a different core area of the sport. The boys started on the green, practicing the precision and focus needed for putting, before moving on to short-game chipping and finding their power with iron play.

To cap off an excellent few weeks of training, the group took everything they had learned out onto the chip-and-putt course for a fun, competitive finale.

Mr Ritchie was incredibly impressed by the group throughout the term. Not only did the boys absolutely love the experience, but their behavior was exemplary, representing our school brilliantly at the club. A huge thank you to Simon at Arrowe Park for his fantastic coaching, and well done to all the boys involved—we definitely have some future golf stars in our midst!





Silver Success in Bolton!

A massive congratulations to our incredible Key Stage 3 athletes who travelled to Bolton recently to represent the school in an action-packed multi-sports competition.

Facing tough competition from across the region, our students gave it their absolute all and brought home a spectacular 2nd place finish! Throughout the day, the team took part in a variety of challenging target games, showcasing their skills, focus, and determination.

Thank you to the organisers, and well done to our KS3 superstars, you have made the whole school community incredibly proud!





Clare Mount Dance Festival: Remember When... A Moment in Time That Shaped the World.

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th June, 26 of our fantastic dance troupe took to the stage at the Floral Pavilion to perform in our annual dance festival. This is our fifth year of hosting the event at the Floral and it was our best one yet!

The theme this year was 'Remember When...A Moment in Time That Shaped the World'. Across the two days we saw exceptional interpretations of the theme, with spectacular performances from more than 600 children and young people, from more than forty schools within our borough.

We are extremely proud of this event and the vast amount of young people we engage across Wirral, but we are most proud of our amazing young people here at Clare Mount. The Clare Mount dance troupe were the only school group to perform in both days, totalling four shows. Not only did they perform beautifully, showcasing their incredible passion and commitment to dance, but their behaviour, attitude and professionalism was exemplary. They represented themselves, their families and our school magnificently.



The feedback from other performers and staff from other schools was unbelievable. Here are just a few comments;

'This festival is our FAVOURITE day of the school calendar - our girls rehearse for months in advance and the impact it has on their physical skill development, making new friends socially and their mental well-being is outstanding.' - Prenton High School

'It's the first time we've been and it was FANTASTIC! One of our SEND base staff commented that it was an amazing opportunity for all involved. Parents were overjoyed to see their children on stage, and I am incredibly proud to say we were part of it. A massive thank you to you all. I am certain we will be back next year!' - Stanton Road Primary School

'I can't thank you enough for today. From working with our children week after week, building their confidence (and instilling a very correct love of the Spice Girls) to today, seeing them take the stage and perform so brilliantly. There were children in the dance group today who have previously been too shy to stand up to receive a certificate in assembly, and today they were confidently swinging, shaking, moving and making it on the stage at the Floral Pavilion. Thank you for everything that has gone in to today (and the many, many hours beforehand from all of your brilliant team). It means so much to us all at Castleway. Here's to the next one!' - Castleway Primary School

We are already planning next year's event and we look forward to seeing the brilliant creations of our dance troupe. It has been a fantastic year of dance and performance here at Clare Mount and we look forward to even bigger and better opportunities next year!

Special thank you to Miss Willis and Mrs Shaw who devote so much time, passion and commitment to dance here at Clare Mount, for the benefit of our pupils.



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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.

Led by Mr White Inclusion 2028 hosted at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College during the last academic year has:

- Trained over 1000 teachers on how to make PE lessons more inclusive
- Trained over 500 teaching assistants and training teachers on how to support PE lessons by making their lessons inclusive
- Delivered inclusive sports festivals to over 600 young people across Merseyside
- Consulted at a national level with the DfE to and support parents, carers and families and schools around inclusion in PE and Sport
- Worked with over 200 Merseyside schools, 5 universities, 2 sports partnerships and many others to spread the message of inclusion in PE and Sport
- Showcased best practice and given students from Clare Mount the opportunity to take part in pilot projects and sports leadership



Football for Health

Clare Mount have been working in partnership with Moreton Football Club to provide community club football sessions for Clare Mount pupils and Wirral secondary pupils with SEND.



Every Wednesday at 7pm until 8pm at Leasowe 4G pitch 18 footballers have been playing together since mid-June.

For some of these young people this is the first time they have regularly trained with a team. Even when England played DR Congo the attendance did not drop below 15 players signalling that the young people valued the session highly.

The delivery of the football activity is based on the work of Danish researcher Peter Krstrup who has proven that “Football is Medicine”, as long the idea is that the football is fun, active and social.

Football can be healthy for the heart, good for the bones, good for belonging and good for weight management.

The ‘Clubhouse’ sessions will continue in the school holidays and into September.

We are hoping that we will have enough players to make a team and look for other teams to play against at some point in the future.

Many thanks to Mr Byrne for his support, and to the parents, carers and families who have supported the young people. Please see the poster in this month’s newsletter for further information about the football sessions.



30 June 2026

Dear Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion Schools,

As we near the close of another academic year, we would like to offer our sincere thanks for your continued dedication, passion and determination to ensure that every young person, regardless of ability, has meaningful opportunities to engage in physical education, school sport and physical activity. Your ongoing work in educating, advocating and promoting inclusion is truly inspiring and is making a real difference nationwide.

Over the first year of Inclusion 2028, your combined efforts have led to the delivery of 223 CPD sessions training 4,553 practitioners, engagement in 199 meetings advocating for inclusive provision and the organisation of 203 inclusive events, positively impacting more than 30,678 pupils with SEND (43,615 pupils in total). In total, the Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion School network has generated over 26,000 contacts with members of the school workforce and sports sector, representing engagement with staff from over 21,000 schools and settings across England (including repeat engagement with some schools) including 4906 teachers and 2423 Teaching Assistants directly.

Your school's commitment is driving meaningful and lasting change, not only for your own pupils, but for many others across your county and beyond is helping move the whole system forward. By supporting peers, adapting practice, influencing the education and sport sectors, and pioneering innovative approaches to inclusion you are reshaping the experience of PE and sport for young people with SEND. The impact is evident in growing staff confidence and capability and most importantly, increased levels of pupil happiness, resilience, and belonging: in turn this is supporting better behaviour, higher attainment and more active lifestyles.

We recognise schools have a number of competing priorities, and this makes your accomplishments even more incredible. On behalf of the Department for Education and the entire Youth Sport Trust Inclusion Team, thank you for your remarkable contribution this year. We are excited to continue this journey with you in Inclusion 2028 and to work together in building an even stronger future for inclusive PE and school sport.

With every good wish,



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WITH US
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WE DO MORE



Clare Mount Staff Enjoy Forest School and Bike Training Inset

As part of our staff training inset, over 20 members of staff took part in forest school and bike training sessions delivered by external agencies. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and provided a fantastic opportunity for staff to develop new skills in a fun and engaging way.

The training was well organised and full of useful content, giving staff the confidence to support and deliver these activities more widely across school. We are now looking forward to offering Clare Mount students even more provision in these areas, with many more staff trained to lead these popular activities as part of our curriculum.

This was a brilliant day of professional development and a great step forward in expanding the exciting opportunities available to our students at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College.





Job: Lunchtime Supervisor

Are you a caring, calm and approachable individual looking to make a difference in young people's lives? Clare Mount Specialist Sports College is seeking a dedicated Midday Supervisor to join our supportive team.

Your duties would include:

Managing the lunch line
Liaising with staff to send in students
Supervising students during lunch
and more!

If you are interested in applying, please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.claremountssc.co.uk/current-vacancies>





Results Day 2026

Date: Thursday 20th August

Time: 9:30- 11:30 am

Venue: School Hall

Staff will be on hand to offer support and advice

Refreshments available



Save the Date

Thursday 15th October 2026

5-7pm

Celebration of Achievement Evening

Records of Achievement and GCSE/ BTEC Certificates will be presented to all Year 11s and to any Sixth Form who achieved external qualifications this academic year.





Clare Mount Careers

On Wednesday 17th June a group of Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to work with a finalist from series 16 of 'The Apprentice' TV show.

Kathryn Burn appeared on the show in 2022 in the hopes of winning money and a partnership with Sir Alan Sugar to develop her online pyjama company. Despite finishing as a runner-up, Kathryn said that the experience of taking part in the show helped her to become an even better business woman.

Kathryn now travels the company delivering talks and workshops to pupils in order to build their employability skills and confidence in the business industry.



Kathryn spent the afternoon working with our pupils on an 'Apprentice style' Enterprise Challenge. Pupils were given a brief to design a new product that would make our everyday lives easier.

After coming up with their invention, each group was then divided into a Branding Team and a Product Design Team led by Sub-Team Leaders. After spending some time refining their design and coming up with a brand name and logo, each team then had to 'pitch' their idea to Kathryn.

The workshop was a great experience for our pupils and really helped to showcase their creativity, problem solving, planning and communication skills. All the pupils who took part were absolutely fantastic.





Clare Mount Careers

During the past week two groups of KS4 pupils had the opportunity to attend 'Experience of the Workplace' visits.

On Wednesday, one group travelled to Deeside and spent the day at Andy Swan Driver Services learning all about the driving and logistics industry. Pupils were able to use the controls on a forklift, sit in the cab of a HGV, toured the facility, spoke to employees and learnt about the different licenses and jobs available in this industry.



On Friday, another group spent the day learning about jobs in the local council. We started in the Mallory Building in Birkenhead and were introduced to Phil Kane, Talent and Apprenticeship lead for Wirral Borough Council. He explained the range of jobs available within Wirral Borough Council and the benefits of working for this organisation.

The group then participated in 3 workshops linked to different departments: Sports and Leisure, Trading Standards and Regeneration. A visit to Europa Pools Leisure Centre also gave us the opportunity to speak to staff working in the sports industry and to learn about their own career journeys.

This was such a brilliant experience for pupils to learn more about the labour market in their local area and the vast range of different jobs available to them.





Building the Future: Year 9 Work Experience visit to Cornerstones Construction Academy

On 24th June, our Year 9 boys swapped their pens and pencils for boots and hardhats during an exciting work experience trip to Cornerstones Construction Academy in Birkenhead. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to get a hands-on taste of the trade industries, and they certainly made the most of it!

The day was packed with practical learning, focusing mainly on woodwork and bricklaying. Under the expert guidance of the Academy's instructors, the boys learned the precision required for high-quality woodwork, measuring and cutting with impressive accuracy. They then moved out to the trowel trades, discovering that laying a perfectly straight brick wall is much harder than it looks! From mixing mortar to checking levels, the boys absorbed a wealth of new practical skills in just a short space of time.



The boys showed an exemplary attitude to learning. The staff at Cornerstones offered an incredibly warm and welcoming environment, and our boys responded with a fantastic work ethic. They listened intently, followed safety protocols, and supported one another when tasks got challenging. They represented our school brilliantly.

The boys returned to school not just with dusty boots, but with a massive sense of achievement and a newfound confidence in their practical abilities. They cannot wait to go back!

A huge thank you to the staff at Cornerstones Construction Academy for hosting us and delivering such an inspiring day. Well done boys – we are super proud of you all!





Wimbledon Trip

On Friday 10th July pupils had the opportunity to attend Wimbledon where they enjoyed a fantastic day of world class tennis.

We loved watching the Men's Singles Semi Final from Henman Hill, where pupils experienced the amazing atmosphere. It was particularly exciting to support British player Arthur Fery as his match was shown on the screen.

They watched the Ladies' doubles Semi Final on Court 1, providing a close-up view of tennis at the highest level. It was an enjoyable and memorable visit that will remain a highlight of the school year.





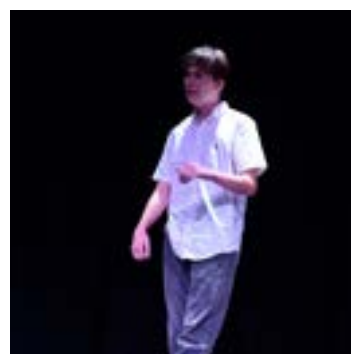
Clare Mount Talent Show

On Monday 13th July, over 50 students entertained the whole school with our annual talent show. We had a wide variety of performances, which included dancers, rock bands, singers, puppets, impressionists, magic acts, comedians and everything in between! Every student gave an amazing performance and should be very proud!





Clare Mount Talent Show





Culture and Creativity Days

On the 6th and 7th of July, we celebrated our annual Culture and Creativity Days, with this year's exciting theme being the Commonwealth Games.

Over the two days, pupils took part in a wide range of engaging workshops and activities that celebrated cultures from across the Commonwealth. They enjoyed a Brazilian Capoeira martial arts workshop, learnt the traditional New Zealand Haka with Dance Days, and explored their creativity through a variety of art activities and quizzes.



Our food-themed experiences were also a great success. Pupils enjoyed Commonwealth country inspired breakfast bowls and visited our Commonwealth Café, where they had the opportunity to taste a selection of foods from countries around the world.

The two days were filled with fun, learning, and new experiences, giving pupils the chance to celebrate diversity, develop new skills, and appreciate different cultures. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm and curiosity.





Clare Mount Prom 2026

Earlier this term, staff and students alike spent the week transforming our assembly hall into a dance hall in preparation for this year's prom!

Dan W and Isla H were officially crowned this year's Prom King and Queen, while Ben S took home the impressive title of Prom Legend.



This year's prom night was an unforgettable evening of high fashion and celebration, bringing our students together for a spectacular end-of-year milestone.

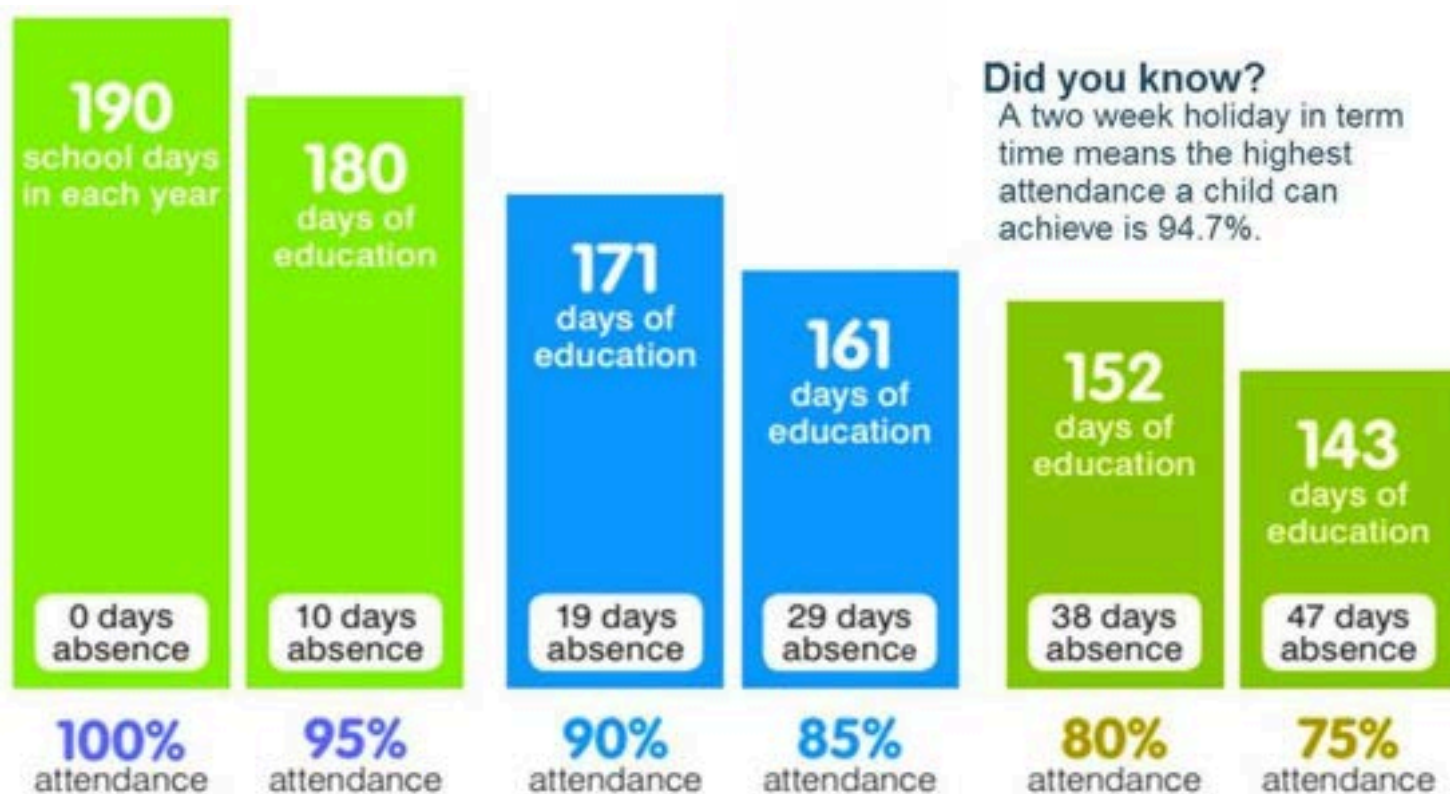




Every Day Counts



If your child is experiencing emotional barriers to attending school please ensure you talk to the relevant people in school to see how we can support.



"Well Done"

"I'm worried"

"I'm seriously concerned"

Best chance of success

Poor attendance—less chance of success

Very poor attendance—serious impact on education and reduces life chances



Personal Development & Well-Being

At Clare Mount we promote personal development and well-being, as this is at the heart of school life. Last term we had a big focus on movement (move well). This term our focus was on healthy eating (live well). The next page shows our 'Menu of the Month' where we are sharing a healthy meal that can be prepared at home by families.





Menu of the Month

Miss B's Recipe of the Month Lamb Kofta Kebabs

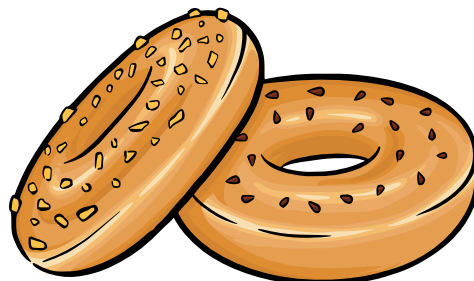
Ingredients	Lamb Kofta Kebab				Equipment
75g minced lamb 50g tinned chickpeas Fat wedge of sweet potato skin on 1/2 to 1 tsp Flavours, smoked paprika, ground cumin, ground coriander, garlic granules, black pepper Red pepper, yellow pepper, red onion 2 wooden skewers Wholemeal pitta or wrap	Turn on Oven 1. Turn on the oven to 190° C (you could also use a dry frying pan, or barbeque or air fryer)	2. Drain and mash the tinned chickpeas. You could use a food processor)	3. Grate the sweet potato	4. Cut the preppers and onions into 2cm slices. Put to one side	(Brown) skimmer Frying pan or baking Box grater Vegetable knife Masher Plastic bowl Plastic plate Disposable gloves Dessert spoon Teaspoon
	4. Put the mince, sweet potato, mashed chickpea and dried spices into a mixing bowl with 1/2 tsp of salt	5. Combine the thoroughly to make a smooth paste. Wear a disposable glove to stop cross contamination	6. Dip your hands into a bowl of water. Now, with damp hands form it into the shape of a cylinder	7. Assemble the skewer with the vegetables and lamb koftas. 4C's Wash your hands	
	8. Put on a baking tray and bake for 20 minutes until the centre of the kebab has reached 75°C	9. create your own kebab creations: Switch the veg, Switch the meat, beef, chicken, pork. Experiment with different flavour.	Can you explain what any of these key terms mean? • Cross-contamination • Protein • Whole grain fibre • Nutritional profile • Simmer • Reduction method • Seasoning • Intensify • Umami • Gut bacteria • Food Security		
	Skills: Selecting equipment, Knife (bridge and claw), Using the hob, Simmering, reducing, seasoning, umami tastes, measuring, shaping, nutritional knowledge application Dietary Information: Allergens: Dairy, Gluten		Nutrients		



Clare Mount's Year on a Plate!

What a fantastic, flavour filled year we have had in Food Studies! Our talented students have chopped, baked, and tasted their way through some incredible culinary journeys.

Here is a look back at our delicious highlights and the top recipes that got everyone talking this year.



Autumn: From Field to Fork

We kicked off the year exploring where our food comes from, which included a brilliant trip to a local orchard. After gathering a massive haul of fresh apples, our kitchens were buzzing. We used our harvest to bake comforting apple pies, sweet apple crumbles, and even jarred up some festive Christmas chutney.

Shortly after, our annual Great Clare Mount Christmas Cake Bake Off brought out incredible creativity, resulting in a stunning collection of festive treats.

Spring: The Famous Clare Mount Bagel

As the New Year arrived, everyone rolled up their sleeves to take on a baking challenge. The Clare Mount Bagel officially made our top recipes list! Pupils and staff all got stuck into the kneading and shaping. They proved that healthy food can be super fun to make and incredibly delicious to eat.

Year 9 Food Detectives & Global Flavours

Our Year 9 students travelled the world of fast, healthy flavours right from our school food rooms. They also turned into food detectives, investigating what actually goes into popular store-bought chicken nuggets.

- The Discovery: Commercial nuggets often contain as little as 35% meat, compared to our 100% homemade chicken breast nuggets and chips!
- Top Tip: Always check the back of the packet to see what is really in your food.

While our homemade burgers and bread buns were a massive hit, the ultimate crowd-pleaser was our Black Bean Burritos. This recipe was requested so many times this year because it is budget-friendly, meat-free, protein-packed, and highly nutritious.

Summer Time Cheshire Show Inspiration

In June, Mrs Booth and our Year 10 Catering group enjoyed a brilliant day out at the Cheshire Show. Inspired by the vibrant multicultural street food stalls, and by special request from Mrs Booth, our final top recipe of the year is the Lamb Kofta Kebab. It is affordable, fun to assemble, and the perfect nutritious treat for a summer tea.



Clare Mount's Year on a Plate!

Looking Ahead to September

We have so many exciting developments ahead of us when we return for the new school year! As the Government rolls out its new school food plan, we will be making simple, healthy changes to our whole school food. Together, we will be learning even more about healthy eating and the brilliant impact it has on both our physical and mental health.

Following the fantastic success of our Culture and Creativity Breakfast workshop, we are thrilled to announce that we will be providing nutritious breakfasts in September to fuel everyone up for a great day of learning. Plus, our catering team will be inviting a guest chef into the school canteen as we continue our wonderful, multi-sensory journey of food discovery!

Thank you to all of our amazing chefs for working so hard, trying new flavours, and making the food rooms such a joyful place to be this year! Have a wonderful summer.





New School Menus 2026/2027

Our catering staff have been hard at work designing and curating an all-new school menu. This menu now covers four weeks, compared to the previous three, and will work on a rotation as before.

The alternative hot food options, such as jacket potatoes and paninis, will still be available, along with the deli bar for fresh, homemade sandwiches, wraps and salads.

All dishes have gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and dairy free alternatives available upon request.

Please note that Free School Meal eligibility has recently changed, so more families may be entitled to school lunches for their child. We have included more information regarding this for you to take a look at on the next page, along with our new four-week menu plan.

We hope you like the menu as much as we do!





School Meals

There will be an increase in the price of school meals from September 2026. Meals will increase to £2.60. This is the first increase we have made in several years, during which time we have absorbed rising food costs to keep prices stable for families.

Unfortunately, the significant increases in food prices mean we can no longer maintain the current price without compromising the quality and nutritional value of the meals we provide for your children. We have carefully reviewed our costs and kept this increase to the minimum necessary. Payments should be made, as before through the Arbor app.

We understand this may be difficult for some families, and we want to remind you about free school meal eligibility.



Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

Over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new eligibility criteria. The change means that all households receiving [Universal Credit](#), above the current £7,400 income cap, will qualify for this support.

When will these changes take effect?

The new eligibility will take effect in September 2026. Families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals starting from the 2026/27 school year. This will give schools time to prepare for the increased number of meals they'll need to provide.

How can I apply?

You can apply yourself, please visit the Wirral Free school meals page [here](#).

Alternatively, we are happy to apply for you. Please complete this short [Google Form](#).

If you would like to discuss school meals, please contact Julie Mason
j.mason@claremount.wirral.sch.uk



Week One



MONDAY



**CHICKEN
PAELLA**

Spanish one-pan dish featuring tender chicken, short-grain rice and a fragrant blend of vegetables and smoked paprika.

TUESDAY



**SAUSAGE RAGÙ
PASTA BAKE**

A hearty, comforting dish made by tossing tender pasta with butcher's quality sausages in a rich, tomato sauce, topping it in grated cheese, and baking in the oven.

WEDNESDAY



**STEWED BEEF
& YORKSHIRE
PUDDING**

A classic comforting dish that combines rich, tender beef steak with a crispy, golden Yorkshire pudding.

THURSDAY



**CHICKEN
SHAWARMA**

A popular street-food wrap. Tender, marinated chicken paired with a cool, mint sauce, folded in a soft flatbread.

FRIDAY



FISH & CHIPS



An oven-baked MSC fish fillet
OR
chicken nuggets

Served with chips.

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sustainable
fishing.*

SIDES

Sweetcorn &
garlic bread

Garden peas

Mashed potato,
carrots & peas

Yoghurt and mint
sauce &
cucumber salad

Mushy peas

OR

Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings and salad

A warm panini - fillings include:
tuna melt, cheese, cheese and passata,
passata and cheese and ham

Served daily as a hot alternative.

OR

A selection of fresh sandwiches, wraps and salads prepared in-house are available every day!



DESSERTS

Greek yoghurt
topped with
mango puree &
honey

Home-baked
shortbread

Strawberry
mousse &
whipped cream

Iced school cake

Ice cream

Fresh fruit served daily along with a selection of drinks.

ALL DISHES HAVE GLUTEN FREE, VEGAN, VEGETARIAN & DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.



Week Two



MONDAY



CURRY DAY

Creamy homemade chicken korma made with a blend of spices and coconut for a rich flavour.

TUESDAY



PASTA BOLOGNAISE

Lean 100% Beef served with a rich homemade tomato and vegetable sauce.

WEDNESDAY



ROAST DINNER

Turkey crown, roasted in-house served with fresh home-roasted potatoes.

THURSDAY



BURGER DAY

100% lean beef or oven-baked chicken burger.

FRIDAY



FISH & CHIPS



An oven-baked MSC fish fillet
OR
chicken nuggets

Served with chips.

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SIDES

Wholegrain rice, naan bread & green beans

Sweetcorn & garlic bread

Carrots & broccoli

Homemade potato wedges & corn on the cob

Mushy peas or baked beans

OR

Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings and salad

A warm panini - fillings include: tuna melt, cheese, cheese and passata, passata and cheese and ham

Served daily as a hot alternative.

OR

A selection of fresh sandwiches, wraps and salads prepared in-house are available every day!



DESSERTS

Greek yoghurt topped with strawberry puree & honey

Home-baked cookie

Butterscotch mousse & whipped cream

Home-baked apple cupcake

Banana flapjack

Fresh fruit served daily along with a selection of drinks.

ALL DISHES HAVE GLUTEN FREE, VEGAN, VEGETARIAN & DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.



Week Three

MONDAY



CHILLI CON CARNE

Made with 100% lean minced beef, chilli peppers, tomatoes, and beans. Seasoned with garlic, cumin, chilli, paprika, oregano, and cayenne pepper.

TUESDAY



CHICKEN PIZZA PASTA BAKE

A comforting dish that combines the flavours of pizza baked with boneless tender chicken cooked with mushrooms, mozzarella cheese and pasta.

WEDNESDAY



ROAST DINNER

Pork joint, roasted in-house served with fresh home-roasted potatoes.

THURSDAY



CHICKEN FAJITAS

Marinated chicken strips served with peppers and onions served on a tortilla.

FRIDAY



FISH & CHIPS



An oven-baked MSC fish fillet
OR
chicken nuggets

Served with chips.

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SIDES

Wholegrain rice & corn nachos

Garlic bread & garden peas

Baby carrots & broccoli

Wholegrain rice & green beans

Mushy peas

OR

Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings and salad

A warm panini - fillings include: tuna melt, cheese, cheese and passata, passata and cheese and ham

Served daily as a hot alternative.

OR

A selection of fresh sandwiches, wraps and salads prepared in-house are available every day!



DESSERTS

Greek yoghurt topped with mango puree & honey

Home-baked melting moment

Chocolate flavour mousse & whipped cream

Apple crumble & custard

Ice cream

Fresh fruit served daily along with a selection of drinks.

ALL DISHES HAVE GLUTEN FREE, VEGAN, VEGETARIAN & DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.



Week Four

MONDAY



**CHICKEN IN
SINGAPORE
SAUCE**

Chicken served on long-grain rice cooked in chicken broth. Accompanied with dark soy sauce, tangy ginger, fresh chilli and zesty sauces.

TUESDAY



**MEATBALL
PASTA BAKE**

Combines succulent pork meatballs with a creamy tomato and mascarpone sauce. Cooked with Italian pasta and topped with gooey mozzarella.

WEDNESDAY



ROAST DINNER

Beef joint, roasted in-house and served with fresh home-roasted potatoes.

THURSDAY



PIZZA DAY

Home-baked wholemeal pizza with a homemade tomato, vegetable and lentil sauce topped with cheddar & mozzarella cheese.

FRIDAY



FISH & CHIPS



An oven-baked MSC fish fillet
OR
chicken nuggets

Served with chips.

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SIDES

Rice & garden peas

Garlic bread & sweetcorn

Baby carrots & broccoli

Potato wedges & Mediterranean vegetables

Mushy peas

OR

Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings and salad

A warm panini - fillings include:
tuna melt, cheese, cheese and passata,
passata and cheese and ham

Served daily as a hot alternative.

OR

A selection of fresh sandwiches, wraps and salads prepared in-house are available every day!



DESSERTS

Greek yoghurt topped with strawberry puree & honey

Home-baked chocolate crunch

Banana mousse & whipped cream

Sticky toffee pudding & custard

Ice cream

Fresh fruit served daily along with a selection of drinks.

ALL DISHES HAVE GLUTEN FREE, VEGAN, VEGETARIAN & DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

CCB can deliver aspects of Inclusion, Personal Development and Well-Being (part of the new Ofsted Framework) allowing every young person to belong & thrive.

We provide therapy for local primary, secondary and alternative education settings in multiple ways, including:



Qualified & Registered Therapists

offering therapeutic targeted support i.e. low mood, trauma, neurodiverse related challenges.



Bespoke Formats

1-1 or in small groups for peer support



Subsidised/ part funded provision available



Specialists in therapy from age

7+

Flexible Therapists

on site for fixed periods e.g. one day a week for a term.



Online CBT Courses & Signposting



For more information please email contact@ccbmentalhealth.com or phone 0151 662 0715

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CCB can deliver aspects of Inclusion, Personal Development and Well-Being (part of the new Ofsted Framework) allowing every young person to belong & thrive.

Weekly inclusive boxing-style coaching sessions delivered on-site by our experienced & qualified boxing coaches.



Mental Health First Aider Trained



For groups of up to

10

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Ideal for targeted groups e.g. vulnerable or disaffected



For girls and boys aged

8+

All equipment provided



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Banking



Savings &
Investment



Loans &
Credit Cards



Rent &
Mortgages



Income Tax, NI
& Budgeting



Pensions



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We have delivered to more than 800 students aged 14-19 across the Wirral, improving financial well-being, knowledge, confidence and decision-making.



**61% of
young adults**

surveyed 'did not
recall receiving any
financial education
in school.'

For more information please email contact @ccbmentalhealth.com
or phone 0151 662 0715



Term Dates

Term Dates 2026–2027

Autumn Term 2027	
INSET	<i>*School closed to students Monday 1st September (Inset day).</i> <i>*School closed to students Tuesday 2nd September (Inset day).</i>
Open	Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October 2026
October Half-term	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
Open	Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December 2026
INSET	School closed to students Friday 27 th November 2026
Christmas holiday	Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2026

INSET DAYS (school closed to students):

- Monday 20th July 2026
- 1st September 2026
- 2nd September 2026
- 27th November 2026
- 4th January 2027
- 2nd July 2027