

# CHILDWALL SPORTS & SCIENCE ACADEMY

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# WELCOME FROM MS. VINCENT



Welcome to Childwall Sports and Science Academy, part of the Lydiate Learning Trust. Here at Childwall Academy it is paramount to us that our children are happy, safe, and enjoy their learning.

Childwall is an ambitious Academy that is on a journey to outstanding. We are delighted to be judged a 'Good' school by Ofsted inspectors in May 2022.

Our school has a diverse community where difference is valued, accepted, and celebrated. We have a broad and ambitious curriculum that is adapted for all students, and we are proud of our engaging personal development programme which is an integral part of our school offer. Children at Childwall are respectful and have warm and supportive relationships with staff.

Strong leadership across the school, governors and the Trust ensures that our passion to provide the best education possible for all our students is pursued every day.

'Learning without Limits' is our mission statement at Childwall. Every member of staff in the school contributes to the foundations of your child's future success. We ensure that all students are well informed about the full range of choices for their future education, employment, or training.

Ms J E Vincent  
Headteacher

# OFSTED GOOD PROVIDER

Staff, pupils, parents, and governors at Childwall Sports and Science Academy achieved an Ofsted 'Good' rating, following a two-day inspection in May 2022.

Leaders were recognised for 'working hard to improve the quality of education that pupils receive' and introducing a 'broad and ambitious curriculum for all pupils'. The report also praised the 'wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.'

The school achieved 'Good' across the board for quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership, and management and Sixth form provision. Ofsted observed that 'Pupils are happy at school. They value the diverse community and welcoming ethos of the school.'

Ms. Vincent, Headteacher, Childwall Sports and Science Academy, said: "I'm enormously proud that we've achieved a 'Good' rating in all aspects of students' education. Our students and staff always work incredibly hard, and it is excellent to have their achievements recognised by Ofsted. We are on the journey to outstanding and with the support of the Lydiate Learning Trust, our leaders and staff will continue to do all they can to enable the school to flourish."

Mrs. Stahler, Executive Headteacher and CEO of Lydiate Learning Trust, added: "This outcome is well deserved and is recognition of the determination, resilience and hard work of students and staff. The Trust joined forces with Childwall Academy in 2015 and we are delighted to support the school on its quest to deliver academic excellence and an ambition to engage, enable and empower all students."

A student from Y8 said: "This is great news; it makes me proud of what we have achieved in our school." A Year 10 student added: "This result makes me feel so proud. I know that my future is in safe hands at Childwall Academy."

A parent commented: "I know I have chosen the perfect school as my son as he comes home bubbling with enthusiasm about all the things he's learned in class. The Ofsted Good rating is just the icing on the cake for me."

Scan the QR code to read the Ofsted report.





# OUR VISION

Childwall Sports and Science Academy drives ambition and aspiration whilst embedding the core values we share with Lydiate Learning Trust to ENGAGE, ENABLE and EMPOWER all learners. We aim to be outstanding in everything that we do.

Our Academy provides high quality and effective teaching and learning opportunities for all. We expect students to be engaged and enthused by their day-to-day learning, alongside their involvement in the wider character-building opportunities that we offer.

It is important that all members of our Childwall community are empowered to lead and learn from the experiences and opportunities we provide. 'Learning Without Limits' is our intention for all students.

Full engagement within our school helps to prepare our learners for future success.





# OUR CURRICULUM

Childwall Sports and Science Academy provides a broad and ambitious curriculum for all students. We have thought carefully about the knowledge and skills we intend students to learn. The curriculum is ordered to enable students to build up their knowledge step by step.

We have a mature reading programme in place for all students, which allows them to read for pleasure and supports full access to the curriculum.

Leaders work closely with Lydiate Learning Trust partners and other outstanding schools to ensure we are at the forefront of educational developments.

We teach a wide range of subjects at Key Stage 3, 4 and 5. Core subjects are English Language, English Literature, Maths, Science and PE & Sport.

Other subjects; Art, Business Studies, Catering & Hospitality, Computer Science, Construction, Drama, Geography, Health & Social Care, History, ICT, Music, Physical Education & Sport, Product Design, Sociology, PHSE, Religious Education and Spanish.

Scan the QR code below for more information about our curriculum.





# LEARNING



Leaders ensure that teachers at Childwall have strong knowledge of the subjects and courses they teach.

Teachers present subject matter clearly and skilfully, and the resources staff use reflect our ambition for all our students.

Students with SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) progress through the curriculum as well as their peers.

Teachers are ambitious in their use of vocabulary and the teaching of literacy within lessons.

We encourage students to use debating and questioning skills whenever possible.

Remote education is now integrated across the school to ensure there are no missed learning opportunities for any students whatever their circumstances.

**“Teachers use activities to help pupils remember what they have learned. They use assessment information effectively to identify gaps in pupils’ knowledge. Teachers then adapt how they deliver curriculums to address pupils’ needs.” Ofsted, May 2022**



"Pupils are happy at school. They value the diverse community and welcoming ethos of the school. Pupils are respectful of one another and polite and friendly to staff and visitors. They benefit from warm and supportive relationships with staff, who they trust will help and support them" Ofsted, May 2022









# LEADERSHIP

Leaders at Childwall work together to ensure that all aspects of our school provision are of the highest standard.

Leadership and management at Childwall Sports and Science Academy are highly effective. Leaders ensure that teachers receive focussed and highly effective professional development.

Staff within our school actively engage in research, training, and development opportunities to improve standards and knowledge of leadership and teaching, which improves the outcomes for our students.

Students at our school have many opportunities to lead others, developing essential skills and contributing to the substantial progress the school is making in all areas.





# YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Childwall Sports and Science Academy has a comprehensive transition programme for new students.

Each year, the transition team and senior leaders visit our feeder primary schools to talk to new students and their teachers. We then host a Transition Evening, where parents and their children meet the Headteacher, Form Tutors and learn about school systems and expectations.

On Transition Day, we invite new Year 7 students to engage in a fun day of learning at Childwall.

All Year 7 students are invited to our Summer School in late August. This helps students build strong and positive relationships with staff and other students, whilst also reducing anxieties they have about starting secondary school.



**"The teachers and staff are kind and friendly and make you feel really at home."**

**"Coming to Childwall means that there is something to look forward to every day."**

# SIXTH FORM



Many Childwall students and those from other schools progress to our successful and growing Sixth Form.

We provide excellent quality study programmes that accommodate students' interests and ambitions.

The Sixth Form curriculum is organised into 'Pathways to Success' and offers A-Levels, vocational courses and GCSE resits in Maths and English.

Students are encouraged to study independently in our personal study area within our Sixth Form resource base.



We offer an enrichment and study skills programme which includes sports, drama, leadership and many other activities.

Our advice and guidance ensures that students leave us with the skills and the qualifications they need to succeed at top universities, apprenticeships and jobs.

Scan the QR Code below for more information.





# ENRICHMENT

Childwall Sports and Science Academy strives to provide opportunities that develop the whole person. We build character and develop transferable skills through a wide range of extended learning opportunities that are available throughout the year.

We believe that engagement in new and different experiences enables our students to develop people skills which are essential for work, life, and social success.

Each term, we run a large number of lunchtime and after school clubs covering a wide variety of sports, subject areas and personal interests. Scan the QR code below for details.



We are a centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, enabling us to give students the opportunity to achieve this prestigious award alongside academic success.

Extra-curricular opportunities include Student Council, sporting teams & activities, field studies and visits, school bands & choir, art, dance and drama clubs and visits to local businesses and universities.



# SUPPORTING STUDENTS

The health and happiness of every student at Childwall is of the utmost importance to us. Childwall Academy has an excellent team in place to support our students. Our designated senior leader is responsible for mental health and wellbeing. We teach students health management awareness and strategies as part of our PSHE programme.

Form Tutors are students' first point of contact, supported by pastoral leaders and our large safeguarding team. We will ensure your child is safe and receiving personal development opportunities that build resilience and acceptance.

Our experienced SENDCo team guide and support any student assessed as having special educational needs.

We enable every student to reach their potential and provide them with a positive environment where they are happy and engaged in learning and school life.

Many students are most able in at least one area of the curriculum. Our planning ensures that these students are given appropriately challenging opportunities in the relevant subject areas.

We are proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, and put children's rights into practice every day.





# SCHOOL CULTURE

Childwall Sports and Science Academy is at the heart of our local community. Our students, staff and families support local and national charities, local residents and community groups. Our student ambassadors support projects such as charity fundraising, the environment and inclusion.

School systems and our empowering routines are underpinned with a restorative approach that is intended to encourage students to be responsible, strengthen character and become well rounded citizens.

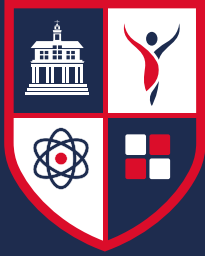
Our location and our diverse intake give us opportunity to embrace different cultures and experiences to enhance our learning.

We hold an annual World in One Week festival which celebrates global cultures and enriches education, including Brazilian dance and Samba drumming.

Parental engagement can strongly support a child's academic success and personal development and we encourage parental engagement.

We have regular Parent Forum meetings, both in-person and online to keep parents informed, find out about their experiences and to involve them new developments.





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