

## WebEds After School Clubs

### Secondary School Students

#### Venue: Huyton CLC

Tuesday: 15.30pm – 17.30pm  
Lights, Camera, Action. Enrol Now!

#### Venue: Kirkby CLC

Monday & Tuesday 15.30pm -17.30pm  
Thursday: 13.00pm – 17.30pm  
Friday: 13.00pm – 15.30pm

#### Specialist Sessions

Weird Science: Thursday 15.30pm – 17.30pm  
Digital Art: 15.30pm – 17.30pm  
GCSE Photography Club:  
Thursday 13.30pm – 15.30pm

#### Venue: Whiston and Prescot CLC

Thursday 15:15pm – 17.15pm

#### Specialist Sessions

Media Madness: Tuesday: 15.15pm – 17.15pm

### Primary School Children

#### Venue: Huyton CLC

Monday: 15.30pm – 17.30pm

#### Venue: Kirkby CLC

Tuesday: 15.30pm – 17.30pm  
Wednesday: 15.30pm -17.30pm

#### Specialist Sessions

Science Mania: Tuesday 15.30pm -17.30pm

#### Venue: Whiston and Prescot CLC

Music Mania: Wednesday 15.30pm – 17.30pm

Parents welcome!  
Why not come and join us?

**During school holidays, WebEds will run  
from 14.00pm – 16.00pm**

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# City Learning Centre News

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## **INSERT: EiC Week / Spirit of the Jaguar Returns**

Firstly I would like to say how pleased I am to be part of such an enthusiastic and dedicated team.

This half term has been very busy with a wide range of significant learning and teaching developments. The response from our schools to the support with transport costs has had a very real impact on their ability to take advantage of the superb resources at all three sites.

At half term The Spirit of the Jaguar really did Return! Feedback from teachers, parents and most importantly our young people has been extremely positive. The team are already working on elearning content and other resources as a result of their prompt and thorough evaluation of the feedback received.

EiC Week has been extended to allow further participation from a greater number of our schools –full details are enclosed.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement in my new role.

Yvonne Sharples  
Associate Headteacher

## **Edexcel Accreditation for Onscreen Testing**

Knowsley CLCs are delighted to announce that we have received accreditation from the Edexcel examination board and are now approved providers of the following Adult and Key Skills onscreen tests:

Adult Numeracy, Application of Numbers, Level 1 & 2

Adult Literacy, Communications Level 1 & 2

Information Technology Level 1 & 2

We are also approved to offer the onscreen tests on behalf of the following schools; Knowsley Hey, Prescot High School, St. Edmund of Canterbury Catholic High, St. Thomas Becket Catholic High, Higher Side Community Comprehensive and Brookfield High School.

## **Ministry of Defence using Chroma Key Technology**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) have been using the T.V. production facilities at Huyton Creative Learning Centre as part of the development for Europe's largest eLearning programme. The programme has been launched under the banner of the MoD's Defence Learning Portal (DLP). The introduction of DLP will enable them to use leading edge technology to deliver world-class training in the largest and most exciting project of its kind in Europe.

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The DLP includes learning management information and an environment for storing, managing and developing

re-usable eLearning courseware. It will be available to everyone in the MoD, both military and civilian, with a potential user base of 300,000 personnel by 2010. It will have a global reach and will be available to all MoD personnel anywhere and at anytime it is needed.

Their aim was to use the Chroma Key technology at Huyton CLC to record videos which will form part of a DVD explaining all about the DLP and how it has been developed.

We look forward to offering our continuing support to the MoD with their programme.

### Gifted & Talented Web Designers

Kirkby CLC was the venue for a class of Year 9 students from Brookfield High School who were part of a web site design project. The project followed a school visit to Kingswood Educational Activity Centre in the Lake District, where students learned about the value of teamwork in a series of adventure activities.

At the CLC, the students used Macromedia Dreamweaver to design linked web pages describing activities they had



taken part in at Kingswood. They learned how to make choices about key design principles such as the appropriate use of fonts, text size and colour schemes.



The session also included an introduction to image manipulation using Adobe Photoshop.

Students learnt how to re-size and re-touch photographs and export them to the correct file format for viewing via the internet.

A Teacher commented: "It is clear that the children really enjoyed the session. They were very enthusiastic about making their web pages."

### Video Links with the Model Girls School in Belfast

This month saw newly trained Peer Mediators from Halewood College and Peer Mentors from the Model Girls School in Belfast taking part in a live video conference organised at Huyton Creative Learning Centre.

The Peer Mentors and Peer Mediators have been trained in each school to support other pupils with issues around their



learning or relationships with other pupils. The girls from Belfast were all in year 10 and the young people from Halewood ranged from year 8 to year 11.



Using the video conferencing facilities at Huyton CLC the groups discussed the benefits of the training,

the sort of skills they had developed and why they thought this work might be useful in their schools.

The event was very enjoyable for both the young people and the adults present. The video conferencing facilities, available at Knowsley CLCs made it possible to bring these two groups of inspirational young people together.

### Millbrook County Primary School – Interactive Control Technology

Year 3 and 4 children from Millbrook County Primary School took part in sessions on interactive control technologies demonstrated by the CLC team.



Then it was the children's turn to 'have a go'. The children used laptop computer and wireless

technology to programme Aibo Robotic Dogs to carry out sequential sets of instructions.



Children also created their own animated stories about the Aibo dogs using Storymaker.

A Teacher commented: "The children's imaginations were stimulated. They were actually talking through their stories. They were 100% engrossed. The children were given time to practice and become confident."

### Microsoft Sharepoint Expert User Training

Knowsley MBC has been using Whiston and Prescott CLC as a venue for rolling out expert user training using the newly implemented Microsoft Sharepoint Portal. Sharepoint expert user training for council staff is currently running every day, Monday to Friday for 5-6 weeks.



Sharepoint will be used as a central point for the sharing of information across the council.

### Study Support - Diploma in Digital Applications

Whiston and Prescott CLC have been offering support to groups of Year 10 pupils from Higher Side Community Comprehensive School whom are studying for the new DiDA qualification.

DiDA (Diploma in Digital Applications) is a revolutionary suite of three paperless qualifications from Edexcel that focuses on



the practical application of technology. The pupils have been using the facilities at the centre to learn how to manage and present their work in an eportfolio and how to use a variety of software such as the Macromedia MX Design Studio, which includes Dreamweaver MX and Fireworks MX applications.

To learn more about DiDA visit: <http://dida.nwlg.org>

### Budding Musicians - Creating a GigaJam

Whiston and Prescott CLC are currently offering a range of after school and extended schools activities. The Guitar Club, now in its six successful month, has a cohort of 28 budding



musicians and teaches beginners to intermediate guitar to children aged 11+. The students have also been using our recently installed GigaJam

Software, which offers guidance through detailed, easy to follow lesson plans and videos of exercises and techniques.

By following the course lesson-by-lesson, students develop their skills to become well-rounded guitarists.