



Friday 6th December 2013

Mon	9 th Dec	Year 11 Examinations
Tues	10 th Dec	Year 11 Examinations Year 12 Parents' Evening
Wed	11 th Dec	
Thurs	12 th Dec	Christmas Music Concert
Fri	13 th Dec	

END OF TERM

Please note that the school will close at 2.30 pm on the last day of term, Friday 20th December. We are currently ascertaining from the bus companies whether they will be able to change their pick up times and we will communicate to parents via SchoolComms early next week.

The buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2), Chester and North Wales (W1, 2, 3 & 4) will leave at 2.30 pm due to the need to co-ordinate with West Kirby Grammar School for Girls who are also finishing early.

We will of course be happy to make arrangements for any students to remain in school who are unable to be collected until the usual finishing time of 3.35 pm. Should you wish your child to remain in school, could we please ask you to contact Mrs Ellis at the school.

OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

We will be holding an open evening for prospective sixth form students on Thursday 16th January 2014. The evening will commence at 6.00 pm in the hall with an introduction by Mr Rodaway (repeated at 7.00 pm). This will be followed by the opportunity to visit individual departments to learn more about A-level course content, examination and assessment methods. Current Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend.

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

Parents of students who travel to school on the **C or W** Series bus services from Wallasey and North Wales/Chester are invited to apply for a pass for the Spring Term 2014. An application form can be obtained from the school's website under Travel Information, or from the Administration Office. This should be returned to school along with the payment by Friday 13 December 2013 to ensure that passes can be issued in good time for the new term.

HOCKEY

In Round Two of the England Hockey Boys' Schools U18 CUP NATIONAL Knock-out competition, Calday Grange has been drawn at home against Thomas Telford School, Shropshire. This match will be played Friday 24th January 2014 starting at 6.00pm. Please put the date and time in your diary and come along and support your Calday Grange U18 team.

TTE (Training Tomorrow's Engineers)

On Thursday 12th December we will be holding an information session for Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students on accessing engineering and laboratory apprenticeships. This will be delivered by TTE Training Ltd in the Library during lunchtime. It will involve two sessions running from 11.50 am to 12.30 pm for 6th Form students and 12.50 pm to 1.30 pm for Year 11 and interested Year 10. Parents are welcome to attend if you are available.



TABLE TENNIS

The Merseyside Schools Table Tennis Championships took place at Formby High School on Saturday 30th November 2013.

We had two U13 teams competing (A & B). Both teams won their group to reach the finals with the A Team winning the Merseyside U13s Championship. Well done to all who played, Arthur Cooper, Alec Robinson, Tom Jones, George Walker, Akil Thiruselvan, Jack Taylor, Matthew Webster, George Kearns and, Jake Norton. The A Team will now go on to compete in the North-west Championships taking place in January.

A very young U16s team consisting of Johannes Rietbrock, Robert Green, Arthur Cooper and Mahesh Vallabhaneni played extremely well but unfortunately did not win their group. Well done to all.

Two teams withdrew from the competition so our U19 team of Joe Pilkington, Matthew Clewitt, David Eckl and Dan Owen only had one match to play against King George V which they won. Many congratulations to them as they are now Merseyside Champions and will also compete in the North-west Championships in January.

CALDAY SUCCESS IN WEIGHTLIFTING

Calday celebrated success recently, with fantastic success from both staff and students.

Jalaal Miller, a Year 11 student and GB talent squad athlete, was the only junior competing against the seniors in his weight class at the recent Northern Senior Weightlifting Championships in Wakefield. Jalaal secured the British U16 record of 94kg in the snatch and backed that up with an excellent clean and jerk to also secure a new record total of 204kg. This was Jalaal's 8th national record in what has been an incredible first year in the sport and he isn't showing any signs of slowing down. Currently, Jalaal is on a mission to qualify for the European under 17 championships in 2014 and we wish him the best of luck with this.



Mr McGing, teacher of Mathematics and one of Jalaal's weightlifting coaches, also celebrated success after securing a 240kg total in the 94kg class, thus qualifying for the English weightlifting championships - this will be the final qualifier for the Commonwealth Games next summer in Glasgow.

Alex Dillon, a former student and assistant coach at school, also competed. This was Alex's first weightlifting competition and he showed nerves of steel, not missing a lift and securing an impressive debut total of 190kg in the 77kg weight class.

MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Medical work experience (in February half-term) is offered to lower sixth students who do not have any medical contacts who can assist them with obtaining a placement. If any student is interested please see Mrs Montgomery by Friday 13th December.

WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE

Many congratulations to Hugh Kinnear, Joe Tobyn, Joe Burton, Liam Howse, Sakib Rahman and Joel Cannon who took part in the Wirral High School Chess League on Thursday 5th December at Thingwall Recreation Centre. They defeated the opposition, Wirral Grammar School for Boys by 4 points to 2.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who supported the hampers for HelpLink. Approximately 50 hampers were despatched on Thursday morning and these will now be distributed across Wirral to those in need over the Christmas.



PEER MENTORING PROGRAMME

Students - are you an empathetic, caring person? Are you a good listener? We are starting a peer mentoring programme with training sessions taking place after school on Tuesdays from December 10th. If you would like to know more about the initiative please come and see Mrs Storey in my office by the Quiet Study or give your name to your form tutor.



WIRRAL FUSS

Thank you to those parents who continue to support Wirral FUSS. If you have any items of uniform or sports kit at home that no longer fit your child, please bring them into school and these will be collected by Wirral FUSS and passed onto families who struggle with the cost of purchasing a new uniform.

For further information about the organisation please visit www.wirralfuss.co.uk. They will also be holding an open day at St Luke's Church in Hoylake on Saturday 4th January from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm – please feel free to attend and find out more details.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

- **Mersey Interactive (www.merseyinteractive.com)** This offers web based independent careers advice and guidance. It covers a range of areas from Advanced Levels and university entry to apprenticeships and employment.
- **Student Ladder (www.studentladder.co.uk)**. This website provides information on over 2500 work placements, graduate schemes and internship opportunities for 16-24 year old students.

NEW FAMILY & ADULT LEARNING CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY

Have you ever thought of taking up a new hobby or improving your knowledge of an existing skill! Then why not try one of our new leisure evening courses for families and adults. New 10 week courses start in January for Photography, Dressmaking, Family Cooking and Cake Baking. Learn in a relaxed and sociable environment with our enthusiastic and knowledgeable tutors. Please contact the community office for further details.

E:community@calday.wirral.sch.uk or T:0151 625 2727 extension 289

MISSION CHRISTMAS

This year several Year 7 forms have decided that instead of sending cards to each other they will donate the money to Mission Christmas. We will then use the money to buy toys to donate to the appeal. The charity which is organised by Radio City aims to make sure that no children in the North West wake up without presents on Christmas Day.

If any other pupils would like to make a donation or send in any toys (new and unwrapped) they can be dropped into reception or into D35 to Mrs Mounsey

ADMISSIONS POLICY

We are proposing changes to our Admissions Policy for 2015 onwards and therefore are currently consulting with interested parties. The policy is available from our school website and any views/comments can be sent to admissionspolicyconsultation@calday.wirral.sch.uk.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING FAMILY PORTRAIT OFFER

Details of the family portrait offer have now been sent home with students. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please return your completed form to the school along with your donation of £25 in an enveloped marked 'Family Portrait Offer'. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

PARENT VIEW

Parent View provides parents with the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. By sharing your views you will be assisting the school to improve and you will also be able to see comments from other parents.

Please take the opportunity to visit Parent View at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk