



Friday 17th January 2014

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| Mon | 20 th Jan | |
| Tues | 21 st Jan | |
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| Thurs | 23 rd Jan | |
| Fri | 24 th Jan | 'Wear your onesie to school day' |

OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

Thank you to all students and parents who attended the Open Evening yesterday. We hope that you found the event informative. All the documents that were issued are now available on the school website. We would appreciate if you could take some time to provide us with feedback on the evening and any suggestions on how we can improve. An electronic feedback form is available in the 'contact us' section on the school website.

All our Year 11 students will be having an individual interview with senior staff during the next few weeks. During this interview we will be reviewing their option choices and offering advice and guidance. Parents will also be able to use the results from the mock examinations to help their son make choices.

For students considering higher education, the 'Informed Choices' documents from the Russell Group provides useful information on the entry requirements which may determine choices of subjects at A Level (a link to this document is available in the Admissions/Sixth Form/careers section of our website).

Another useful source of information is the Mersey Interactive website which provides links to an extensive range of careers based information (particularly useful for those students who may be considering apprenticeships or employment opportunities).

FEEDBACK ON NEW WEBSITE

Our new website (www.caldaygrangegrammar.co.uk) has now been operational for a few weeks and we would therefore appreciate any parental feedback. This can be provided by completing an online feedback form available in the 'Contact us' section of the website.

TWITTER

The school now has a Twitter account @CGGSNews. Please follow us to keep up to date with our news!

WEAR YOUR ONESIE TO SCHOOL DAY!

There are currently two boys in Form 11HT who are being treated at Alder Hey Children's Hospital for Lymphoma. In order to raise money for the unit where they are being treated, and to help raise morale, Form 11HT is organising a 'wear your onesie to school' fundraiser. This event is open to all students across the school and you may even see some staff members wearing theirs too! Please pay £1 to wear your onesie on Friday 24th January to support this worthwhile charity.

BAG PACKING AT MORRISONS - SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

On Sunday 2nd February we will be bag packing at Morrison's West Kirby. Students and staff will be raising money for our school charity Refilwe. After last year's amazing success at fundraising, we hope to raise thousands of pounds this school year for our 2014 trip in the summer. Parents, family, friends and students are all welcome to come along and help.



SPECTACULAR CHINESE NEW YEAR FIREWORK DISPLAY

Come along and see a spectacular firework display to celebrate Chinese New Year and welcome the Year of the Horse!

The display will start at approximately 7.00pm on Friday 31st January, on the school playing fields, opposite the main school entrance on Grammar School Lane. Entrance to the display is FREE all are welcome to attend, tickets are not required.

Welfare of local residents is a primary consideration and therefore to minimise congestion on the night we would ask those attending to approach the school on foot. Limited parking will be available in the school grounds. If travelling by car we would encourage family and friends wherever possible to car share, your co-operation and help is greatly appreciated.

Do come along and join us!

CAREERS EVENT (Working in the NHS – it's more than just doctors and nurses!)

Wirral Community NHS will be holding a careers event for Year 10 and 11 students (parents welcome) on Wednesday 12th February from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm at St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, CH42 7HA. There is no requirement to book a place – please just turn up.

MEASLES AND CHICKEN POX

Please may we ask for your co-operation in a vitally important matter. Two of our students are currently receiving medical treatment which puts them at serious risk if exposed to measles and chicken pox. If your child is suspected of having either of these illnesses could you please inform the school immediately

HOUSE MUSIC 2014

Rehearsal day : Tuesday 11 February all day
House Music Festival : Thursday 13 February all day
House Music Festival Concert: Thursday 13 February 7pm in the school hall

All students taking part in the festival must be able to take part in the evening concert. Tickets are available from the Music Department priced at £3.50/ticket. The categories in the festival this year are:

- House Ensemble
- House Choir
- Junior Rock Band
- Senior Rock Band
- Junior Pianist
- Senior Pianist
- Junior Instrumentalist
- Senior Instrumentalist
- Junior Vocalist
- Senior Vocalist

Students are invited to audition for any of the categories above. Audition dates and times will be advertised by form tutors and in assembly notices. Students do not need to audition for the house choir and house ensemble. However, it is important that they sign up for these categories and attend the rehearsals run by the sixth form music prefects. **This is a fantastic opportunity for all students with an interest in music**



INFORMATION FROM THE EXAMINATIONS OFFICE

The Summer GCE & GCSE timetable (for reference only at present) is being put onto the school web site. The final timetable showing room details etc will be issued at a later date.

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| November Results: | Last date for remarks is 30.1.14 Last date for original scripts is 11.2.14 |
| GCE Summer results: | Entries during 20.1.14 to 24.1.14 |

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

PARKING

We have been notified by the Road Safety Office that they have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding the inconsiderate parking around the school vicinity. Could we please remind those sixth form students who drive to school that they must ensure that they respect our neighbours by parking legally and safely.

We would also ask that parents avoid dropping-off their children at the bottom of the school steps, as this causes unnecessary congestion in the car park. Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing, and therefore we request that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives. Thank you for your assistance.