



Friday 24th January 2014

Mon	27 th Jan	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tues	28 th Jan	
Wed	29 th Jan	Year 10 Immunisations in E Block
Thurs	30 th Jan	
Fri	31 st Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations

GCSE SUCCESS

We are delighted that Calday Grange Grammar School has been recognised nationally for our GCSE success in 2013. Please see the article published in the Liverpool Echo:

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/students-across-merseyside-celebrate-gcse-6554061>

We are very proud of the students' achievements and are very grateful to them, their parents and staff for their hard work in making these results a reality.

BUTTERFLY NATIONAL SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Many congratulations to the following students who recently competed in the North West zone finals in Blackburn.

Under 13's - Alec Robinson, Thom Jones, George Walker, Jake Norton

Under 19's - Joe Pilkington, Matt Clewett, David Eckl, Dan Owen

The U19 team beat the Lancashire, Shropshire and Greater Manchester teams to become the Champions of the North West and will now compete in the North of England championships in Blackburn on 22nd February.

The U13 teams played in group 1 of two groups of three. They won one but unfortunately lost 3-5 to become runner ups in their group. They then played the winner of group two and beat them thus playing in the final against the first team but losing 3-5. As runners up they will take part in the regional final at Grantham on 23rd February.

HOCKEY

The result of the NATIONAL U18 cup match was Calday Grange **14** Thomas Telford School **1**. In the next round (Round 3) Calday Grange play AWAY in Yorkshire against the winners of the Yarm School versus Ampleforth College fixture.

ONESIE DAY

A huge thank you to all students, parents and staff for their support with the onesie day last week. You were all so kind with donations and we have managed to raise over £1800 for the Alder Hey Unit. Form 11HT and Miss Scott

BAG PACKING AT MORRISONS - SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

The bag pack will take place this Sunday (2nd February) at Morrison's West Kirby between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. 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.



STUDENT SUCCESS

James Riordan

In December several of our students took part in the British Information Olympiad - this is the most prestigious programming competition at Secondary School level and sets out to find the best young programmers in the country. Congratulations to James Riordan in U6 who has been selected to attend the final of the competition in April this year. Last year 13 pupils from the UK were selected for the final so this is an amazing achievement. If James places in the top 4 in the final he will represent the UK in the International Information Olympiad which this year is held in Taiwan. We wish him every success for the final.

News of former students



Brothers, Jack and Luke Patterson are both now professional musicians. They are part of the band, Clean Bandit, and their latest single "Rather Be" is currently No. 1 in the charts.



Sam Dickinson currently plays rugby union for Northampton Saints. He represented England A last weekend against Ireland A. Another former student reaching a level of excellence!

IS YOUR SON WONDERING WHAT DO FOR THE 'SKILLS' SECTION OF THE BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD?

Does attending a six-week radio course at studios on the Wirral, writing and editing magazine articles, supporting fundraising events and going on a guided tour of BBC Media City in Manchester sound interesting and fun?

If so, why not encourage your son to help out on the second issue of The Vibe, Calday Grange's school magazine? They will learn lots, have fun and it will count as the Skills Section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Places are limited and there will be a charge of £60 to cover the costs of the radio course and the BBC tour. The six week radio course kicks off on Tuesday 25 February and will take place between 6-8pm. This programme is run by parents of students involved in The Vibe, not the school.

For more information, please email Julian Young, Editor, The Vibe at Julianyoung1234@gmail.com. Closing date: Thursday 6 February

FEEDBACK ON NEW WEBSITE

Our apologies but there was an error on last week's newsletter and the school website address is www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk.

Our new website (www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.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!



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.

Last date for original scripts is 11.2.14



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.