



PARENT'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th December 2014

Mon	15 th Dec	Senior Awards Evening
Tues	16 th Dec	
Weds	17 th Dec	Christmas Concert
Thurs	18 th Dec	
Fri	19 th Dec	Non Uniform Day to raise funds for student enrichment School closes for Christmas break at 2.30 pm

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school will close at 2.30 pm on the last day of term, Friday 19th December. We have now received confirmation from Merseytravel that the bus companies are unable to change their pick up times and will be running as normal. We would therefore be grateful if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children to get home.

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.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH PAYMENT DEADLINE

Please note the payment deadline for students who wish to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Programme is the end of this term. Should your son wish to join the programme please go straight to your scopay account and make your payment for the appropriate level. If you have not used scopay before please email the school and we will send you instructions on how to open your account and complete this transaction. Further details about DofE can be found on the school website: www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/dofe Thank you, DofE Team

CAKE SALE IN AID OF BERLIN TRIP

In order to raise more funds for the Sixth Form trip to Berlin in March 2015, we are having a cake sale on 18th December at break and lunchtime. If you could provide us with any cake donations, these would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks, Miss Scott.



MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have supported this year's Radio City Mission Christmas Appeal by sending in presents. We have received 102 gifts which will be collected by 'Santa and his helpers' on Monday morning!

VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies:-

Cleaner

10 hours per week – 7.00 am to 9.00 am each day. Please see website for further details.

Catering Assistant (Bank)

We are looking to employ bank staff who are able to provide cover as and when required. If you are interested in these positions please contact Mrs Ellis on 0151 6252727

Technician (Design & Technology)

This vacancy has been readvertised. Please see website for further details.

NEWS OF FORMER STUDENTS

3 of our former students are involved in this year's BBC Sports Personality of the Year which takes place on Sunday evening. Adam Duncan is the Lead Production Co-ordinator for the BBC and Luke and Jack Patterson who are both members of the band, Clean Bandit, will be performing.

REMOVAL OF BAGS FROM BAG RACK

Could you please ask your son/daughter to ensure that they remove any bags from the bag rack at the front of school before the last day of term (next Friday). Any bags left after this date will be disposed of.

NEW SCHOOL SCARF



We have commissioned a new school scarf which is available for students and parents to buy. We currently have a limited number in school; further supplies will be made to order. The scarf is available in one size, (W23cmxL151cm) and made of 100% pure new wool, the cost is £18 per scarf. You can purchase a scarf by making payment via your school Scopay account; you will receive an email when your scarf is ready to be collected from the Community Office.

COMING SOON - our new online shop will shortly be added to the school website, please go to: www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/shop

11 Plus FAMILIARISATION SESSIONS

Qualified tuition, small groups, individual feedback on course completion
Saturday and Thursday sessions available (£10 per week)

Places still available for courses starting January 2015. Summer term options also now available for booking, for further details and how to apply go to:

www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/11plus

Merry 
Christmas

CHRIS SALMON POETRY COMPETITION 2014

The Chris Salmon Poetry Extravaganza takes place annually in memory of poetry-loving Chris Salmon, a student at Calday Grange Grammar School who tragically died from a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009 aged just 15.

The theme of the competition for 2015 is 'Light'. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2015**. Entry is free and there are cash prizes for all winners. Entry forms are available from www.chrissalmon.org.uk and should be returned to Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Library or returned via email to dianemitchell@wirral.gov.uk. Alternatively, students may submit their entry to either Miss Sweet or Miss Jones in the English office but it must be attached to an entry form.

BAE SYSTEMS HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Do you have a son, daughter, relative or friend who might be interested in the chance to "earn while you learn" on our Higher Apprenticeship (HA) Trainee Scheme?

This is designed for A-Level or equivalent qualified individuals, offering the opportunity to learn on the job in a busy working environment. All HA Trainees are fully funded to study on day-release towards a Higher Education opportunity relevant to their function, providing local students with the chance to receive a university education without the burden of debt.

This year we will be taking on trainees in Finance, IMST (Information Management Systems and Technology), Project Management, Nuclear, Cost Engineering, Welding Engineering, Metrology, Naval Architecture and NAVED (Noise and Vibration Engineering Department). Applications are now open. Please visit <http://www.baesystems.com/careers> for further information.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER APPRENTICESHIPS

Jaguar Land Rover is looking for up to 200 new recruits to join the 620 currently undertaking the schemes across its five UK sites. To apply for an apprenticeship go to www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/jlr-roles/apprentices/

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise the impact of our fundraising activities and would like to draw your attention to a donation website we are currently signed up to where we can benefit from your shopping.

The easyfundraising website rewards shoppers who purchase from various online retailers by making donations to good causes. Calday Grange Grammar School qualifies as a good cause and by using this site one of our parents has already contributed £37 for 6 months of shopping. Imagine the impact on funds if a significant number of others followed suit!

Could we please ask you to take 5 minutes of your time to take a look at the following link and sign up to the website via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

PARENT VIEW – YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Parent View offers parents the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school which in turn provides the school with valuable information to help us improve. Last year only a small number of parents (approximately 20) provided their feedback so we would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the short questionnaire. You simply need an email address and a password to register. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to choose answers to 12 short questions about the school.

Please remember that you can give your opinion through Parent View at any time during the school year. At the time of an inspection, you can refresh or resubmit your views and the facility will overwrite your previous response so that only one 'view' for each parent, per school, is held.

