



Parents' Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2014

Mon	8 th Dec	
Tues	9 th Dec	
Weds	10 th Dec	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thurs	11 th Dec	
Fri	12 th Dec	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December

Friday 19th December

Senior Awards Evening

Christmas Concert

Non Uniform Day to raise funds for student enrichment

School closes for Christmas break

BEBRAS

Over the last few weeks the school has taken part in the International Bebras computational thinking challenge. Approximately 39,500 students took part in the UK and 120 students got full marks. Two of these students were Adam Stoddart (Year 9) and Alastair MacDonald (Year 11). Congratulations to Adam and Alastair and to all our other students who gained distinctions.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the school hall.

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £4 for students and can be purchased via www.scopay.com/calday.

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

MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Last year we collected about 50 presents to send to Radio City's Mission Christmas appeal. This year we would like to improve on that figure. Presents can be left in reception or left with Mrs Mounsey in D35. The final collection date in order for us to get them to Radio City is 12th December.

Thank you for supporting the Mission Christmas appeal!

Thousands of children in poverty will wake up to a Christmas without presents this year

That's why Radio City, Magic 1548 & City Talk's Cash for Kids have launched Mission Christmas. We're asking you to buy just one extra present this year – a gift that we'll give to a disadvantaged child in Liverpool & Merseyside to make their Christmas morning that little bit brighter.

We're looking for new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0 to 18 years, and you can donate at one of our drop-off points across the region. Visit www.radiocity.co.uk/missionchristmas, www.magic1548.co.uk/missionchristmas & www.citytalk.fm/missionchristmas for full details.

We're also looking for cash donations and have come up with some great festive fundraising ideas for your business, workplace, school or college!

If you've got any questions about the appeal or would like some help with your fundraising just contact the Cash for Kids team.



#MissionChristmas



Making a Difference

Last year we delivered over £557,000 worth of gifts to over 21,700 local children!

Visit us online

radiocity.co.uk/missionchristmas
magic1548.co.uk/missionchristmas
citytalk.fm/missionchristmas

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Thank you to all who assisted with the bag pack at Morrisons last weekend. A fantastic £1002.38 was raised.

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

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.

Merry
Christmas

AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

An information event will be held on Saturday 6th December between 1.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Please visit www.jobs.airbusgroup.com for further details.

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.

If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at reception. Please also let us know if you have changed your mobile number and/or email address so we can update our records.

Merry 
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