



Friday 31st January 2014

Mon	3 rd Feb	
Tues	4 th Feb	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wed	5 th Feb	School group photographs (am)
Thurs	6 th Feb	Senior Maths Challenge Chemistry Olympiad
Fri	7 th Feb	



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 still take place despite the wet weather.

It will start at approximately 7.00pm this evening, 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.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The school has recently been recognised as the 4th best state school in the country for our sporting achievements and our attitude towards providing excellent sporting opportunities for the students.

<https://twitter.com/CGGSNews/status/426617495622287360/photo/1>

The news was confirmed in this month's 'School Sport' magazine and will be seen by a huge audience nationally.

It is a truly excellent performance but one that is reflective of the personalities and commitment shown by the students, staff and parents of CGGS. This year has also been a fruitful one on the sporting front and we are again doing more activities than ever before.

SPORTS RESULTS

Well done to all students who have represented the school in matches this week. They should all be justifiably proud of their performances.

- Year 7 Rugby teams beat Christleton High School 45-17
- Year 8 Rugby team beat Christleton High School 22-19
- Year 7 Football team were runners up in the Merseyside 5 a side Finals
- Year 11 Basketball team won the round robin to qualify for the Wirral Schools Final
- Year 9 Hockey team beat Sedbergh School 8-0



HSBC CHINESE SPEAKING & DRAMA COMPETITION

Calday have eight students taking part in the final of this year's British Council/HSBC Chinese Speaking & Drama Competition to be held at the British Museum, London on Monday 3rd February. Two candidates are entered in the individual category and six students will compete in the group drama section. Calday has a proven track record of doing well in this national competition, the winners will be rewarded with an all expenses paid trip to China during the Easter holidays. We wish this year's entries the very best of luck, results will be announced on the day.

Students taking part this year are; Joshua Powell, Joanne Kenny, Alex Gill, Dan Vilela, Dan Brown Ben Hamlett, John Kitchen and Jack Cryer.

CHESS CLUB

Many congratulations to CGGS Chess Club members: Joseph Burton 9GZ, Antony Davidson 9HT, Hugh Kinnear L6G3 and Sakib Rahman L6G3 who, on Thursday 23rd January, successfully retained the High School Chess Trophy at the Thingwall Recreation Centre.



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.

ONESIE DAY

The grand total from onesie day is £2,268.40! Well done to everyone and thank you so much for all the donations!

CCF

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is currently looking for a female member of CCF staff. For further details please see the document at the end of the newsletter.

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



TERM DATES

The term dates for September 2014 to July 2015 will be available on the school website from Monday 3rd February.

FEEDBACK ON NEW WEBSITE

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!

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

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

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**



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.

CCF Vacancy – please see next page for details.



CALDAY GRANGE COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

VACANCY FOR A FEMALE MEMBER OF STAFF

INTERESTED? THEN PLEASE READ ON

The Calday Grange CCF Contingent is currently looking for female to assist with the management of the CCF. There are two options for those who are interested:

Option one. Become a uniformed member and receive up to 28 days CCF pay attending a varied selection of training events (roughly 5 weekends per year) and July Annual Camp (in term time).

Duties within the CCF would be:

- Supervision of cadets during training evenings (Thursday parade at school 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs during term time) and days away from school.
- Assisting female cadets with uniform issue and any situation where a female adult is required.
- Helping with the administration of the CCF section
- Attending training courses you assist with: IE; First Aid, Map reading,

Option two. Become Civilian Instructor (CI) (unpaid) and assist as above but not in uniform and only assist when required to do so. Some of the likely areas of assist are:

- Escort female cadets when sailing at West Kirby Marine Lake, or Flying and odd training days in term time. There is no requirement for you to take part in any of activities unless you choose to do so.
- Your main duty during the above activities is purely to be there to observe and assist female cadets when required.
- In time you may wish to help out on parade evenings and maybe even move across to become a uniformed member of the team.

We are not looking for "***G I Jane***" just someone who wishes to assist at whatever level they can. This is a tremendous opportunity to do something 'a little different'. Both options will enable you to attend various adventure training / sailing / diving / flying and shooting and many more courses if you wish to.

Find out more

Call down to the CCF on Thursday between 4:00pm and 6:00 pm 'civvy time' (basement level of Hawkins Block) **or contact Derek (Del) Adcock, the Contingent Commander (anytime)** telephone: 07803596460 or e-mail: ccf@calday.wirral.sch.uk