



Friday 14th February 2014

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| Mon | 24 th Feb | All students return after half-term break Biology A2 Trip Manchester University A Level Recital Evening |
| Tues | 25 th Feb | |
| Wed | 26 th Feb | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Thurs | 27 th Feb | Year 9 Options Evening |
| Fri | 28 th Feb | |



LAND ROVER 4 x 4 COMPETITION

The school 4 x 4 team (Drop test Kings) consisting Paul Halliwell, Sam Prescott, Samson King, Miles Knoop, Zach Coburn and Alex Cartwright recently took part in the regional final of the Land Rover 4x4 competition on Wednesday. The judges were very impressed with their car stating that they had used technology in the model which is not used in car manufacturing at the moment. They won the best engineered car award on the day and have qualified for the National Final which will take place at the Land Rover Design Centre in March. You can follow their journey (and help them towards a social media prize) on twitter @DTK4x4 or liking them on Facebook [facebook.com/dtk4x4](https://www.facebook.com/dtk4x4)

NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS

On 6th, 7th and 8th March we will be presenting a double bill of plays. We are taking part in the National Theatre's Connections youth theatre festival and will be performing 'Heritage' a comedy specially written for the festival by Dafydd James. It's May Day, and a group of misfit children are specially chosen to close the day's festivities; but as they gather together in uniform to rehearse the village anthem, all is not well. Tubbsy's hiding a cat in his bag; Deirdre-May's grieving her Nanna and Mark's turned up as Stegosaurus. As the rehearsal breaks down, they soon begin to suspect that they've been chosen for a far darker purpose...

On Friday 2nd May at 8.00 p.m. we will perform the play again at the Lowry Theatre in Salford, along with other groups from the area. A representative from the National Theatre will attend one of our school performances and will review the show. There is a slim possibility of being invited to perform at the National Theatre in July. The competition is fierce.

The second play in our double bill is 'Shut Up' by Andrew Payne. It is a more darkly comic piece also written for Connections back in 2006.

Both pieces offer the rare opportunity to see our students performing in plays written specifically for young actors in which most of the characters are their own age.

Tickets for the school performances are now on sale and can be obtained from the admin. office, Mr Lewton, Mr Kavanagh or Mr Meigh. They cost £8 for adults, £5 for students, with a family ticket (2 adults, 2 students) at £20. Tickets for the Lowry performance will be available soon on the Lowry web site only.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS AT THE CENTRE FOR GIFTED CHILDREN, CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Saturday Workshop Programme (£20 per child)

Gifted, Talented and..... Bored then why not attend our SCIENCE WORKSHOP for students in years 4 and 5 being held on Saturday 15th March, 9.30am - 2.30pm at Calday Grange Grammar School.

'Bang Goes the Laboratory'

Chemical Reactions, Bunsen Burners, Bangs and Smells! An exciting day as we investigate the fun that can be had with chemistry using ordinary (and not so ordinary) chemicals, many you will find lying around your kitchen!

11+ Familiarisation Programme (8 week course - £80)

After school and Saturday morning familiarisation sessions. Places are available starting after Easter for students in year 5 who wish to take the 11+ exam in September 2014.

For more information or to book a place on either of these workshops please contact e: community@calday.wirral.sch.uk or telephone 0151 625 2727 extension 289.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music Competition took place this week and yet again we were totally overwhelmed by the outstanding talents of all those we competed. Many congratulations to all students who took part and to the winners (listed below). We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Powell and Mrs Gilbert for all their hard work in organising this event.

| CATEGORY | NAME | HOUSE |
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| JNR INSTRUMENTALIST | LUCA HUGHES PIPER | BENNETT |
| SNR INSTRUMENTALIST | MATTHEW KITTERINGHAM | HOLLOWELL |
| JNR PIANIST | MATTHEW SUDLOW | GLEGG |
| SNR PIANIST | HARRY MCSWAINE | GLEGG |
| JNR VOCALIST MUSICAL THEATRE | ARTHUR COOPER | BENNETT |
| SNR VOCALIST MUSICAL THEATRE | MATTHEW WRIGHT | BENNETT |
| JNR VOCALIST FREE GENRE | JAMES YOUNGSON | GLEGG |
| SNR VOCALIST FREE GENRE | MAX TILLOTSON HOME | BENNETT |
| HOUSE CHOIR | BENNETT | BENNETT |
| HOUSE ENSEMBLE | GLEGG | GLEGG |
| JNR ROCK BAND | BENNETT | BENNETT |
| SNR ROCK BAND | GLEGG | GLEGG |

FINAL SCORE: GLEGG – 217 BENNETT – 216 HOLLOWELL - 213

SPORTS NEWS

U12s Rugby: CGGS 27-17 Kirkham School

U13s Rugby: CGGS 27-25 Kirham School.

Two fantastic results against a very strong rugby school!

U16s Rugby: Cheshire Cup Quarter Final: CGGS 31 - 0 Bridgewater

Semi Final opponent: Altrincham Grammar School for Boys



LIVERPOOL CHAMBER TRAINING – APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAYS

Liverpool Chamber Training are holding Apprenticeship Open Days at 1 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9HG on:-

Wednesday 19th February

Monday 3rd March

Wednesday 16th April

Wednesday 28th May

Sessions take place on each of the days between 10.00 am – 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm. For further information contact recruitment@liverpoolchamber.org, telephone 0151 235 3222 or visit www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk

DONATION TO RSPCA

Following the Summer Fete last year we were pleased to donate £500 to the local branch of the RSPCA. Mr Hattam from the RSPCA has asked us to pass on the following message:-

Thank you for your kind donation of £500.00 and your continuing support, which is very much appreciated. Please pass on our thanks to all the students, staff, parents and sponsors who supported the "fun" dog show on the 6th July.

As you may know, the Branch relies on the donations made by yourself and other members of the public, as well as special events and legacies. They help us to maintain our services in the Wirral, Ellesmere Port and Chester areas, via the Animal Centre in Wallasey, where we re-home unwanted or neglected animals.

Without these facilities and your continuing support, many animals in these areas would go untreated or would suffer.

Your support helps us to continue to re-home the animals in our care, and to help to prevent cruelty and suffering in our patch - so a big Thank-You from all of the animals, staff and Branch Trustees.

*Yours sincerely
P J Hattam*

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

A reminder that Year 7 parents evening will be held on Wednesday 26th February.

TERM DATES

The term dates for September 2014 to July 2015 are now available on the school website.

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!



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

Could we please ask parents to refrain from using the car park across from the main school park as a turning point when dropping off students. Due to the lack of space, parents are reversing onto the main road at extremely busy times which could result in a serious accident.

Also, could we please remind sixth form students that they should not park in either of the school car parks as they are for staff and visitors only. They should also ensure that they respect our neighbours by parking legally and safely. Thank you for your assistance.



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