



Wednesday 16th July 2014

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| Mon | 1 st Sept | Staff Training (no students in school) |
| Tues | 2 nd Sept | Year 7 and Year 12 students only return |
| Wed | 3 rd Sept | All students return |
| Thurs | 4 th Sept | Individual school photographs |
| Fri | 5 th Sept | |

MESSAGE FROM MR RODAWAY, HEADTEACHER

We have again come to the end of a very busy academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff for the support and work which has taken place during this year. The list of student achievements is impressive, many of which have been reported in the Parents' newsletters over the year and students should be justifiably proud of these successes.

Intake September 2014

We will be welcoming 175 new Y7 students in to the school in September. These students are drawn from a wide catchment area (North Wales, Chester, Deeside, Wallasey and Liverpool).

Sixth Form numbers appear to be healthy for next year. We are anticipating having a Sixth Form of approximately 400. This consists of approximately 225 in the Lower Sixth (164 internal and 111 external) and 170 continuing in the Upper Sixth.

It is important to recognise that school funding is directly linked to student numbers (a general rule would be that each student brings with them £4,000). This figure has been reduced by nearly £1000 per sixth form student over the past two years. This means that the school has had a cut in income of approximately £400,000.

Fining for holiday during term time

Please be aware that from September 2014, any parent who takes their child out of school during term time for unauthorised holidays will be subject to a fixed penalty notice and possible fine as set by the Local Authority under Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, Education Act 1996 and Education and Inspectors Act 2006.

"Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their potential" **Wirral Council Children and Young People's Department**

Installation of bell system

In order to maximize learning time we have decided to return to the use of bells to create specific start and finish times for lessons. This initiative will begin in September.

Uniform

From September 2014, all Sixth Form students (male and female) will be required to wear a suit. We also ask that lower school students follow the uniform requirements as indicated in our 'Respect' leaflet and in the Caldeian handbook available on the school website.



Staff Changes

Sadly, we will shortly be saying farewell to the following staff who are moving onto pastures new. We would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment and to wish them every success for the future.

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| Mr McGing | Teacher of Mathematics |
| Mr Beardwood | Teacher of Biology (Maternity cover) |
| Mr Allen | Teacher of Physics |
| Mrs Voice | Teacher of History (Maternity cover) |
| Mr Roscoe | Teacher of DT (Maternity cover) |

We welcome the following new staff:-

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| Miss McClure | Teacher of Physics |
| Mr Robinson | Teacher of Mathematics |
| Miss Sutton | Teacher of Mathematics |
| Mr Holden | Teacher of Geography (Maternity cover) |
| Mr Griffiths | Teacher of RE (Maternity cover) |

Remembrance Day 2014

Clearly, the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 is an important event nationally and for the school. We are working on plans for 11th November which include the VC of Sgt Gourley being displayed at the school. Further details will follow in due course. In preparation for this anniversary we have created a 'poppy garden' at the back of school. We will be rededicating the Oak tree at the back of the school, with the names of former students being displayed.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a long and well deserved restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming students back for the autumn term on Tuesday 2nd September (Year 7 and L6) and Wednesday 3rd September for all other students.

Mark Rodaway
Headteacher

SCHOOL PLAY - BURYING YOUR BROTHER IN THE PAVEMENT

This was another outstanding production by our students. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the staff involved.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST FUNDRAISING

Mr Lamprey completed the Tour of Merseyside (52 miles in 6 races over 7 days) in 7hrs 24m and 44 secs, which beat his time by 20 mins from last year.

Sunday 6th July Southport Half marathon- 1.56.29
Monday 7th July Thurstaston Multi terrain 6 miles-50.49
Tuesday 8th July Walton 10 mile 1.22.04
Thursday 10th July Hale 5 mile- 39.02
Friday 11th July Cross country Knowsley 6 mile-49.12
Saturday 12th July Hoylake 12mile- 1.46.03

The total raised for teenage cancer trust fund stands at £426.20 (£501.50 with gift aid) for sponsoring him during this and the Rock 'n' Roll half marathon. He would like to say ' a massive thank you for your sponsorship and hopes that Adam, Josh and Ryan will benefit from your generosity'. He will keep the donation page open until the end of July. For any final donations please use <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ColinLamprey>.



ANIMATION 14

On Friday 11th July we took 4 students to the annual animation festival in Manchester. This is a national competition which had 1400 entries from around the country with about 30 awards given out in 4 age categories. To enter the pupils make an animation which is a minute in length. The standard of entries was very high and we were pleased that our students collected a total of 8 awards on the day between them which is an amazing achievement.

Michael Burnett-Lee (Year 7) won the Key Stage 3 individual competition and was also the runner up in the e-safety category sponsored by BCS (British Computer Society) with "How not to stay safe on the internet"

Amy Simpson (Year 13) came runner up in the Key Stage 5 individual competition with "Night Visitor".

Oliver Bradley-Baker (Year 13) came joint first place in the Key Stage 5 individual competition and also received a special recognition award from EA Games with a shortened version of his "Television" animation.

Max Tillotson-Home (Year 13) also came in joint first place in the Key Stage 5 individual competition, received the award for best music in an animation and finally took the "Hollywood Beckons" award from EA games for "Teamwork".

All of the winning animations can be seen here <http://animation14.cs.manchester.ac.uk/gallery/winners/>

FUNDRAISING

A very big thank you to everyone who organised or supported the fundraisers and charity events at school this year. We have bag packed, climbed mountains, run marathons and collected for charities very poignant and dear to our hearts. We also raised £14,000 this year for our school charity Refilwe! Thank you to staff, pupils and parents who helped raised this exceptional amount of money. Thank you for giving so generously. Mrs Rowlands