



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Armistice Day Service
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	

## **ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE**

We will be holding our Armistice Day Service on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The service this year will be special as we will be unveiling two new memorial stones dedicated to former students who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars. We are also delighted to confirm that the Royal Artillery Museum have kindly agreed to bring the VC medals of Cyril Edward Gourley to the school on this day for viewing by students, parents and guests. Mr Gourley was a former student who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1917. The excerpt below outlines his bravery:-



*For most conspicuous bravery when in command of a section of howitzers. Though the enemy advanced in force getting within 400 yards in front, between 300 and 400 yards on one flank and with snipers in the rear, Sergeant Gourley managed to keep one gun in action practically throughout the day. Though frequently driven off always returned, carrying ammunition, laying and firing the gun himself, taking first one and then another of the detachment to assist him. When the enemy advanced he pulled his gun out of the pit, and engaged a machine gun at 500 yards, knocking it out with a direct hit. All day he held the enemy in check, firing with open sights at enemy parties in full view at 300 to 800 yards, and thereby saved his guns, which were withdrawn at nightfall.*

Parents and the local community are invited to view the medals and our displays between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm in the school reception.



## **REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL**

On the last day of term (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October) 12 of our students who had produced some fantastic poetry and descriptive writing surrounding the theme of WW1 had the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Festival held at the Floral Pavilion where they read their work to an audience. They received positive feedback and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done to Arthur Cooper, Joe Scullion, Patrick Groves, William Quirk, Chris Myatt, Jonathon McEvoy, Joe Gawith, William McKechnie, Ben Millard, Theo Eglin, Sebastian Swinburne and Dylan Gallagher.

## **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**

We will be holding an open evening for prospective sixth form students on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The evening will commence at 5.45 pm in the hall with an introduction by Mr Rodaway (repeated at 8.15 pm). This will be followed by the opportunity to visit individual departments to learn more about A-level course content, examination and assessment methods. Current Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend.



### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographs have now been received in school and have been distributed to students via their form tutor.

### CHARITIES

#### ▪ Update on sweet sale to raise funds for teenage cancer trust

Further to our last update regarding the sweet sale, we can now confirm that a fantastic £478.14 was raised for Teenage Cancer Trust. Thank you to all those who assisted.

#### ▪ Macmillan Cancer Support

Staff and students have also raised a tremendous £496.78 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

#### ▪ House charity

This year's House charity will be Wirral Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

### 'OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR'

This term's drama production is 'Oh What A Lovely War', the classic entertainment based on the songs of World War I. This will be one of several events and exhibitions with which the school is marking the hundredth anniversary of the declaration of war. If you are not sure which Archduke was shot and why this provoked the war or if you are in doubt as to how exactly Belgium put the kybosh on the Kaiser this show will not be much help. If, however, you are in the mood for songs, battles and a few jokes, this is for you.

Performances will take place on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November at 7.00 p.m and tickets are now available from Mr Lewton in G3 or from Mr Meigh or Mr Kavanagh in the drama studio priced at £8 adults, £5 students, £20 family ticket (2 adults 2 students).

### MERSEYSIDE POLICE VOLUNTEER CADET SCHEME

Merseyside Police are currently recruiting for their 2015 intake (recruitment lines are open until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014). The scheme presents a unique opportunity for personal development, the development of good citizenship and insight into the work of the police and criminal justice system which can be of benefit to all young people, not only those interested in a career in the police service. For more information please visit the 'Join Us' section on [www.merseyside.police.uk](http://www.merseyside.police.uk) or email [Volunteer.Police.Cadets@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:Volunteer.Police.Cadets@merseyside.police.uk)

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Entry is free and there are cash prizes for all winners. Entry forms are available from [www.chrissalmon.org.uk](http://www.chrissalmon.org.uk) and should be returned to Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Library or returned via email to [dianemitchell@wirral.gov.uk](mailto: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.