



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

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| Mon   | 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Biology ISA (Year 11) |
| Tues  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Biology ISA (Year 11) |
| Wed   | 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Biology ISA (Year 11) |
| Thurs | 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Biology ISA (Year 11) |
| Fri   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Biology ISA (Year 11) |

### **YEAR 7 & YEAR 12 TUTORS' EVENING**

There will be an opportunity for Year 7 and Year 12 parents to meet with form tutors on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to discuss how their son/daughter has settled in. Details have now been sent out via SchoolComms.

### **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.

### **'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 kibosh 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 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **YEAR 11 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLES**

Year 11 parents should now have received (via SchoolComms) the timetable for the Year 11 trial examinations. If you have not received the document, please contact the administration office.

### **FINANCE & OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR**

We are currently recruiting a Finance & Operational Director. Further details are available from our school website.

### **YEAR 12 & 13 MATHS DROP-IN SESSIONS**

Maths drop-in sessions will take place for Year 12 and 13 students on Tuesday (P4) in G11 and Wednesday (P5) in G15. Students are invited to come along (bring their lunch) and spend some time having fun whilst doing maths!



### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM

The Year 7B Football Team played South Wirral High School this week and recorded an excellent win. They were 4-1 down at half time and showed excellent character in coming back to win 5-4 with the winner scored a couple of minutes before the end. A special mention should be given to Jack Garland and Matt Bryan who helped coach the team as part of their Sports Leaders Course.



### NATIONAL CURRY WEEK

Its national curry week next week so to celebrate this great dish the canteen will be holding a special curry menu on Friday 17th October. The following special priced meal deals will be available:

Choose from a choice of: Chicken Korma, Chicken Balti, Beef Jalfrezi or Vegetable Tikka. All served with Basmati Rice ... for £1.50

Add an Indian snack selection - 1 each of vegetable pakora, onion bhaji, vegetable samosa, aloo tikki ... for an extra 50p. Poppadoms are also available for 10p

### UPDATE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### Student Welfare

This past year our subsection of the School Council, the Student Welfare Committee, has been working hard to change and improve our school. We have done this because we want to ensure that our fellow pupils are safe, secure and comfortable in their school environment as we believe this to be important because a happy student will not only excel in all aspects of school life but will also help to improve the atmosphere of the school as a whole.

This newsletter is just to show you what we have achieved in the past year to improve our school so it is a better place for your child.

- **Anti-Bullying:** firstly we wanted to tell you about what we have done to help and prevent bullying in our school; we have mentioned this first as we believe this to be a very important issue as it can affect a student on an emotional and physical level. The reason we believe this to be such a serious issue is because it can affect someone in such a way that it may not only impact on their time at school but it could change their whole life, even when at home. Firstly, we decided the best way to prevent bullying was to make all students aware of what bullying is, to do this we sent out a definition poster of what bullying is to be displayed in every form and we then asked all form tutors to read through the poster with their forms and think about how they could prevent bullying. Furthermore, we ensured all students had read and understood what would be deemed as bullying by getting them to sign a form 'contract' which would therefore mean no student in the future would have the excuse that they did not know they were bullying.

The Committee also re-drafted the Anti-Bullying policy after attending the Wirral Youth Voice conference.

- **Student Listeners:** this is a support service which is run by students for students. Student Listeners is a programme where a number of students have volunteered and underwent a six week training course run by the school's Educational Psychologist which has given them the skills to help other students with any problems they are dealing with whether it be struggling with the stress of work or issues with friends or family; the students listeners are there to listen and advise. We believe this to be a very effective service as sometimes students feel nervous and embarrassed about approaching a teacher, and so in these situations they now have a fellow student to talk things through with and to give them advice on how to move forward.



- **Canteen:** On a lighter note, we thought it unfair for students to have no place to go of a lunch time other than the cages. This led us to come up with the idea of keeping the canteen open all lunch so that students who wished to sit down and chat during lunchtime were able to.

This has been a great success as many students have used this option of a lunch time and have passed on their thanks to our committee.

- **Lunch Time Activities:** along the same lines of the canteen we thought that our students needed a greater variety of options of a lunch time; therefore the idea arose that we should invest in table tennis tables for the top yard. Just as with the canteen, we have seen a great success with the table tennis tables as each table has a queue of students waiting to play. Furthermore we have been sent requests for more tables to be purchased. The School library is now open throughout lunchtime and activities such as Film Club have been established.

### What's new this year?

We met on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October and have decided our priorities for this year:-

- Promote the school nurse and other health initiatives, such as smoking cessation further by displaying information in the dining room.
- Set up a 6<sup>th</sup> Form 'Study Buddy' programme to support years 7 and 8 with homework of a lunchtime.
- Work alongside staff to ensure Calday is a homophobia free zone.
- Research careers advice options for years 10 and 11
- Extend the mental health awareness work in year 9 and 10 started last year by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service trained sixth form pupils to other year groups.
- 6 committee members to attend the annual Wirral Youth Voice conference on October 16<sup>th</sup> and use skills and information from the workshops attended to add to our agenda this year.
- Promote Anti-Bullying Week 2014



### The Student Welfare Committee

#### **11 Plus FAMILIARISATION COURSES FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS**

11 Plus familiarisation courses for the autumn and spring terms are now available to book. Please visit [www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/11plus](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/11plus) for further details.

#### **'CAREERS AT SEA' OPEN DAY**

A Careers at Sea open day will take place on Saturday 18 October from 10am to 4.00pm at Liverpool John Moores University at the Byrom Street Campus. Students interested in attending need to register online at [www.lairdsidemaritime.com/CareersAtSeaOpenDay](http://www.lairdsidemaritime.com/CareersAtSeaOpenDay). There will be a number of shipping companies attending to discuss the many different job opportunities available within the maritime industry for both Deck Officers and Engineering Officers.



### **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](http://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.

### **TWITTER**

We have a new twitter feed for anyone who is interested in theatre at Calday with information about current productions, productions featuring students both past and present and links to articles and opportunities. Please follow us @CGGSDrama

### **WOOL AMNESTY**

Do you have any spare wool that you probably won't use? The Queens Park Knitnats would like your wool in order to knit baby clothes and blankets for orphans in South Africa. All the clothes made from donated wool will go directly to the Refilwe Project. They will help clothe abandoned babies who are looked after at Refilwe until a family can be found to adopt them. Students at Calday will deliver the clothes to the Refilwe Baby House on their annual trip in July 2015. Any donations of wool can be left with reception at school. Many thanks for your help.