



Friday 17th October 2014

Mon	20 th Oct	Biology ISA (Year 11)
Tues	21 st Oct	Biology ISA (Year 11)
Wed	22 nd Oct	Biology ISA (Year 11)
Thurs	23 rd Oct	Biology ISA (Year 11) Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Year 7 & Year 12 Tutors Evening
Fri	24 th Oct	Biology ISA (Year 11) Year 12 Geography Fieldwork



LEJoG UPDATE

Thanks to the funds (over £200,000) raised as part of the amazing LEJoG fundraising campaign, Alder Hey Children's Hospital have started a new and exciting leukaemia research project.

Dr Russell Keenan has informed us that they have now appointed a full time post-doctoral scientist, Dr Kate Phillips, are funding a year of a Masters student and in the near future will be funding a PhD student.

They are exploring the body's natural ability of the immune system to fight leukaemia and cancer and have already established in their studies that they can predict prognosis better than any other test available. They are now looking to explore this further with the ultimate aim of harnessing the children's own immune system for a new type of treatment.

The team will be coming into school at some point in the near future to provide a presentation on what they are doing and how they are spending the funds.



BUS CONDUCT

Members of the public have contacted us to say that they have observed bottles and other objects being thrown from windows of our school transport, narrowly missing cars and pedestrians. Any students identified as being responsible for this unacceptable behaviour will lose their right to travel on the bus for a fixed period.



WIRRAL YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE 16TH OCTOBER

4 year 11 students from the student welfare committee of school council attended the annual student voice conference in Wallasey Town Hall on October 16th. We went to various workshops on healthy relationships, homophobia, how the media influences young people, understanding autism, social isolation due to gaming and social media and coping with loss.

As a result of our input on the day, 2 committee members have been asked to attend Wirral Police Youth Panel and 2 other students have been invited to Wirral Youth Parliament on November 11th. We would like to thank Mrs Walsh for coming with us. The day was great and we learnt many useful skills from it and we now have a better understanding of a variety of issues that we will continue to explore through the student welfare committee of school council.

*Tom Donnan 11HS
Secretary of Student Welfare Committee*

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the DofE information evening. This information has now also been posted on the school website. Any students who wish to commence their award should make their payment online. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the community office.

CGC SCIENCE WORKSHOP THINK FORENSIC FOR PRIMARY BOYS AND GIRLS IN YEARS 4 AND 5

The centre for gifted children is holding a science event for gifted and talented children who are in years 4 and 5. The popular 'Think Forensic' workshop will be held on Saturday 8th November, the cost of the full day event is £20 per child. Please visit the school website for further information and details of how to apply, places are limited. <http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops>

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby

- Well done to the Year 10 rugby team who beat St Anselms in the National Natwest u15 Rugby Competition 25-15. Their next match will be against Wirral Grammar School for Boys.
- The Year 8 team played a great game against Audenshaw beating them 55-33

Football

- Year 7 b football team beat Neston High School 5 – 0. Richard Proudman scoring four of the goals!
- The Year 9 football team had two fixtures in the national cup this week - they beat Alsop 3 -1 and Halewood 3 -1.
- The under 18 football team progressed to the 3rd round of the English Schools' Cup with a hard fought 3-0 victory over Neston High School. The goals all came in the second half, beginning with a coolly taken penalty kick from Alex Hughes after Craig Ellis was brought down. Dillon Thomas then scored with a sweetly struck left footed volley from a pinpoint Sam Robinson cross, and Sam completed the scoring with a sharp finish

Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 11 Basketball team who beat Ridgeway High in the National Cup group match 27 – 21.



RECRUITMENT

We are currently recruiting the following staff:-

- Administrator (10 hours per week)
- Finance & Operational Director

Further details are available from our school website.

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 23rd October to discuss how their son/daughter has settled in. Details have now been sent out via SchoolComms.

'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).

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.

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 15th January 2015. Entry is free and there are cash prizes for all winners. Entry forms are available from www.chrissalmon.org.uk and should be returned to Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Library or returned via email to 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.

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!

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 for further details.

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 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.