



### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Year 11 Trial Examinations (all week)
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	
Weds	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Year 9 Immunisations
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	



#### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who supported the hampers for HelpLink. 67 hampers were dispatched on Thursday morning and these will now be distributed across Wirral to those in need over the Christmas.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Year 12 Parents' Evening  
Senior Awards Evening  
Christmas Concert  
Non Uniform Day to raise funds for student enrichment  
School closes for Christmas break

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm in the school hall. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £4 for students and can be purchased via [www.scopay.com/calday](http://www.scopay.com/calday).

#### LAUNCH OF THE PTA

Thank you to all parents who attended the launch of the PTA on Monday evening. We had a great turnout of parents and a steering group has now been identified to investigate and write the constitution for the PTA. We will keep parents informed of progress.

#### CHARITY EVENTS.

**Refilwe:** We will be bag packing at Morrison's on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, in aid of Refilwe. Staff and students will be helping to raise money for this important charity. Everyone is welcome to come along and help.

**Mission Christmas:** Radio City is collecting toys again for the underprivileged children in the North-west. Our school is going to be a collection point with year 7's leading the collection. If you are able to donate any new unwrapped toys to Mission Christmas please send them in to Mrs Mounsey in D35.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

You can now make payment for the DofE scheme, please visit the school online payment site at [www.scopay.com/calday](http://www.scopay.com/calday). If you would like further information about the scheme, full details can be found on the school website; [www.caldaygrangegrammarschool/dofe](http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool/dofe) or please email the team if you have any questions: [dofe@calday.co.uk](mailto:dofe@calday.co.uk)

Once payment has been received students will be issued with a participants handbook and login details and invited to attend an eDofE training session to activate their account.

Please note that skill/volunteering and physical activities cannot count towards an award until the account becomes active.



### **AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME**

An information event will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 1.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Please visit [www.jobs.airbusgroup.com](http://www.jobs.airbusgroup.com) for further details.

### **VACANCIES**

We are currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant. Please see our website for further details.

### **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TALK**

There will be a talk on chemical engineering by an ex Calday student (Tom Hanneman, currently studying at the University of Manchester) and a qualified, experienced Chemical Engineer (Ron Hilditch). This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11.50 am in the L6 Quiet Study area. All L6th interested students are welcome to attend, they just need to turn up. This will be suitable also for general engineering

### **OXBRIDGE 2014 -15 (Message from Mr Byrne)**

This year there are 14 Upper Sixth students applying to Oxford or Cambridge. We take them down in June/July and stay overnight in college so that they can attend the Open Days, and we also arrange mock interviews with judges, scientists, lecturers, vicars and other specialists in November. I am still looking for someone to do a Biology interview for a very good candidate, so please contact me at school if you are able to assist.

We will be arranging a meeting for the current Lower Sixth students during the first week back in January to talk about the application process. If your son/daughter is interested please encourage them to attend. You don't have to be push to go to Oxbridge - I went to King's College, Cambridge from a council house in Birkenhead! *Mr L Byrne*

### **FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!**

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise the impact of our fundraising activities and would like to draw your attention to a donation website we are currently signed up to where we can benefit from your shopping.

The easyfundraising website rewards shoppers who purchase from various online retailers by making donations to good causes. Calday Grange Grammar School qualifies as a good cause and by using this site one of our parents has already contributed £37 for 6 months of shopping. Imagine the impact on funds if a significant number of others followed suit!

Could we please ask you to take 5 minutes of your time to take a look at the following link and sign up to the website via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

### **CHESS**

There are a couple of events coming up shortly:

1. Wirral High School Chess Congress on Saturday 29th November
2. Wirral Schools' Chess League on Thursday 4th December

Both events are open to all students and further details are available from Mr Isherwood.

### **BODY PARTS WANTED!**

The CCF are looking for any unwanted mannequin body parts or a complete mannequin to help with their first aid training. If you are able to assist, items can be dropped off at reception addressed to the CCF.