

CCGS Round-Up

Senior Football

Our Senior Boys Football First Team received some good news this week when they discovered they reached the U19 Kent Cup County Final despite not having to kick a ball. The boys were due to play Langley Park on Wednesday in the Semi-Final, however our opponents were pulled from the competition which resulted in our school being given the win. This is not the way we would've liked to go through but sometimes in sport you receive a little luck and our boys certainly deserve it after their impressive performances in both the league and cup campaigns this year. This is now our second county final in 2 years after our current year 8's reached the final last year and our first ever at Senior level. It's an amazing achievement to reach the final but our boys will certainly be looking to win and bring the cup back to CCGS!

We are looking at getting jumpers for the squad to warm up in on the evening of the game and would be grateful if anyone is willing to sponsor these tops for future senior boys to also use over the next few years. If this is something you would be interested in sponsoring, please could you contact Mr Argyrides - nargyrides@ccgrammarschool.co.uk

We hope to announce details of the final when we return in term 4.

MS Charity Week

A big thank you to all staff, students and parents for your support of MS Charity Week at the Upper School. There were some fantastic fundraising events that took place, ranging from selling 'Hot Chocolate and Waffles', to a 'Wear Your Own Jumper Day', 'Tombola' and 'Soak the Students'.

A special mention must go to Archie R, Callam C, Harry M, Jacob R and Jairus K for offering to be drenched in cold water at the end of January, all in the aid of charity.

Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams

The Y11 GCSE Speaking exams will take place in the weeks of 22nd April and 29th April. Your child will be given a specific date and time for their exam by the 21st February.

It is easy to gain good marks in this exam **IF** you revise thoroughly for the general conversation. Students have their answers and should be practicing them daily for 10/15 minutes from now until the exam so that they know their answers thoroughly by the time they come into the exam room. Please encourage them to be doing this and allow them to practice saying the answers to you. Even if you do not understand the answers they are giving the practice of saying the French / Spanish out loud to someone is invaluable.

'RENT' the Rock Musical

During half term, Wantsum Productions are putting on the rock musical 'RENT' at CCGS. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantsum-productions There is a discount code available to the CCGS community. 'WPCCGS'. The show features current CCGS students, allumini and there are staff also performing in it as well.

We're off to see the Wizard....

This year, the School Production Team took on the challenge of putting on the RSC version of The Wizard of Oz, written by Frank Baum with lyrics and music by Harold Arlen, E.Y. Harburg and Herbert Stothart. The cast worked together superbly to bring the odd assortment of characters to life, supported by the talented students in the Tech Team, the Backstage Crew and the Pit Band. The Cast was led by Carys Weedon in the lead role of Dorothy, captivating the audience with her vocal skills and acting talents. The other leads, Franklin Joyner, George Hall and Matthew Gough complimented each other effortlessly and embodied the different characteristics and physical quirks of Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion. Libby Field as Glinda, Maddy Sales as The Wicked Witch of the West, Sam Kirby as the Emerald City Guard and Cody Strong as The Wizard of Oz all gave fantastic performances and brought energy to the stage. As always, a musical is nothing without the ensemble and it was lovely to see so many returning members of our production family as well as many new Year 7s joining for, hopefully, the first of many productions to come. Special mention must go to Evie-Mae Hulls as she took on the role of Toto Puppeteer. This was no mean feat but through her skill and dedication, she created a personality for Toto who plays a huge part in the story. With the addition of three smoke machines, two industrial size fans, a snow machine and a hydraulic lift this production was one to remember! Congratulations to all who took part, all who supported us and all who came to watch The Wizard of Oz.

The School Production Team

SOS - 50/50 Club

This is a SOS (Support Our School) moment - please look out for the email with information on how to join the fund raising 50/50 Club. How it works: 50% of the money paid in will be paid out to 50 winners during the year with the other 50% going to School Funds to improve school life for all students. But you have to be in it to win it AND more in means more out!!

Only £24 a year (or even £2 monthly if you would prefer) and you may win some of it back too.

Details will be sent out by email shortly. Can't wait for more information? Please email Sue Hurrell now at shurrell@ccgrammarschool.co.uk

And Thank You for Supporting Our School

Uniform Reminder

We have had a number of students arriving to school in incorrect uniform recently. Please can you support us by checking your child has the correct uniform before leaving the house. See below for a reminder of our uniform rules.

Uniform - students should be wearing the correct uniform, green or black blazer, kilt/trousers, a white blouse or shirt, house tie and only a green or black branded school jumper.

Shoes - students should wear formal shoes, no trainers or trainer style shoes or any footwear with a sports brand, apart from PE/Games lessons.

Jewellery - No facial piercings and only one stud earring in each ear, no bracelets or ankle bracelets and any necklace with a cross or other symbol of religious significance should be tucked away and removed during PE lessons.

Hair - hair colour should be a colour which is naturally occurring and not two-tone in nature. Students should not have their head shaved, number 2 on clippers is acceptable.

6th form - should wear business dress

If for any reason your child cannot wear full and proper uniform, please provide them with a note.