



Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle

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SIR GAWAIN & THE GREEN KNIGHT

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 7.30 PM

Come and enjoy a family show for adults and children (aged 8+)

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight tells the haunting human story of a young knight's epic journey through the changing seasons to find the Green Chapel and keep his appointment with fate. It's a tale of temptation, romance and chivalry, shot through with action and humour, and brought to life with the help of puppets and live music – a dazzling theatrical treat for young and old from critically acclaimed New Perspectives Theatre Company.

Tickets are available from the School Office and on the door.

Family and group £7, concessions also available

Sponsored by the Parents' Association

Part of Lincolnshire Rural Touring Arts programme.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND RAFFLE



The annual Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday 28 November at 6.30 pm with the popular Grand Auction beginning soon after 7.15 pm. We are very grateful to local businesses for donating a wonderful selection of special items and services for the Auction. We will also be running a number of other stalls and activities which help to make the evening an enjoyable family occasion. Please come along and support the Committee at what is always its most important fund-raising event.

To help make the evening a success, the Parents' Association is asking for help with the following:

- ❖ Please sell your raffle tickets and return the stubs to school as soon as possible. You should have received seven books but can obtain more from the school if you have sold out.
- ❖ Please also return any books of unused tickets so that these can be redistributed. There is an individual family prize for the most tickets sold and a form prize for the highest average sales.
- ❖ We would be grateful for any donations for the raffle, the tombola (especially bottles) or for the Auction itself. All donations can be brought to the school office during the week of the Fayre.
- ❖ Donations for the Cake Stall would be especially appreciated. The stall is very popular and sells out quickly. Please deliver cakes on the day to the school office.
- ❖ Remember to support the Fayre on the night and bring family and friends. We want as many people as possible to attend. This is the major Parents' Association fund-raising event of the year.
- ❖ Please display the attached poster prominently.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN IN NEED - NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

At a request from the School Council, we have set aside Friday 14 November as a Non-Uniform Day in aid of "Children in Need". Students not wearing school uniform are asked to bring in £1.00 for this very good cause. Please ensure that clothing is tidy, sensible and suitable for school. There will also be some "Children in Need" biscuits and cakes made by the kitchen staff for sale.

HORNCASTLE MUSIC CENTRE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The traditional concert given by Horncastle Music Centre students will be taking place at Banovallum School on Monday 24 November at 7.30 p.m. We usually manage to fill the Hall for this popular Christmas event but all parents and friends of the Centre are very welcome.

PRIZEGIVING TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

By now you should have received your invitation to Prizegiving at which Professor David Chiddick, Vice Chancellor, University of Lincoln is to be the chief guest. Please let Form Tutors know if you are able to attend by returning the reply slip by Friday 12 December.



CAROL CONCERT THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

Once again we are holding our Carol Concert at St. Mary's Parish Church, from 7.00 - 8.15 p.m. This is always a popular and enjoyable occasion and we hope that as many parents, pupils and friends will attend as possible.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

The staff in the school kitchen will be producing our traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 17 December. Pupils will need to buy their tickets (£4.00) in advance **from the Finance Office before Friday 12 December.**

PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who returned their completed questionnaires. Kirkland Rowell have now produced an analysis of your returns and it is clear that parents are very happy with the overall quality of education our students receive. The majority of subjects were rated good or better as were all key areas of school life, e.g. facilities and school meals. The analysis did provide some areas for us to action such as parental perception of the work of the music department, the delivery of Personal Development and how we reward student effort. These have been incorporated into our School Development Plan. A more detailed analysis of the survey will appear shortly on the school website.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 300 CLUB

We are delighted to report that our 250 Club has exceeded all expectations with 300 participants signed up. Thank you for your generous support. There will be 10 draws through to July. Normally there will be three prizes of £25, and three prizes of £15 and three prizes of £10. The names of the lucky winners will be posted in subsequent newsletters and on the website.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

Special Open Afternoons for prospective sixth formers from other schools are being held on two occasions this term: Wednesday 19 and Wednesday 26 November, starting at 2.00 pm and finishing by about 3.30 pm. Parents are invited too, and there is a chance to discuss career plans with a senior member of staff. If you know any students in Year 11 from other schools who would be interested in attending please ask them to contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

12 [Wednesday] Y11 → 6th Form Parents' Information Evening, 7.00p.m.
18 [Tuesday] U6 Parents' Evening 7p.m.
19 [Wednesday] 6th Form Application Afternoon
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight - 7.30pm
26 [Wednesday] 6th Form Application Afternoon
28 [Friday] QEGS Parents' Association Christmas Fayre 6.30p.m.
24 [Monday] Music Centre Concert Banovallum School 7.30p.m.

DECEMBER

16 [Tues] Prizegiving, 7.30p.m.
17 [Wednesday] Christmas Lunch for pupils & staff (£4)
18 [Thursday] Carol Concert 7.00pm

End of Term FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

Spring Term starts on TUESDAY 6 JANUARY (Week 2)