



# Calday Grange Grammar School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Mon	9 <sup>th</sup> October	
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup> October	
Weds	11 <sup>th</sup> October	
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup> October	
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup> October	

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Junior boys who were first and the Intermediate boys who were second in the first round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup held at Woolton Park, Liverpool earlier this week.

### Junior boys

Will Sutcliffe  
Alex Poulston  
Jack Bernham  
Ambrose Sterry  
Sam Frenkel  
Elliot Griffiths

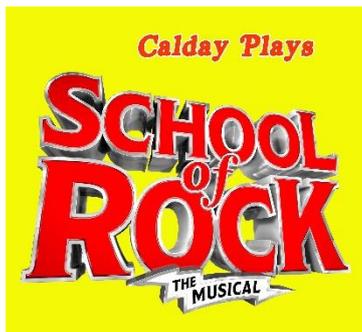
### Intermediate Boys

Daniel Hayes  
Flynn Jones  
Will Wright  
Luke Hampshire  
Rowan Milner  
Sam Brocklehurst

The next round is Saturday 11th November at Sedbergh Prep School with a 12.00 noon start. More details will be provided shortly.

## CALDAY'S BIGGEST CAKE SALE IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER RESEARCH

In support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, the Year 7 students hosted Calday's Biggest Cake Sale on Friday 29th September and sold brownies, cookies, rice krispie cakes and so much more to raise money for this incredibly worthwhile cause. Thank you to all the Year 7 bakers and all the students who bought items on the day, as well as to the sixth form prefects for running the event with Miss Trotter. Together we raised a fantastic £559 for Macmillan - thank you!



Tickets are now on sale for this term's production, *School of Rock*. This new musical follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a supply teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out?

Tickets are available from the online school shop or from the English and Drama departments.



Around 20 Calday students will also be performing as part of this year's Halloween Lantern Parade in Liverpool. The parade is being advertised as "a whopper once-only whirlwind of a night" and "the best trip of your afterlife", with the out of this world visitors, of all shapes and sizes, arriving through a portal in an undisclosed city centre location, for a mysterious tour of the city. "Sources have revealed that hundreds of underworld inhabitants, dressed in the finest Halloween disguise, including illuminated giant beasts, skeletons and ghostly dancing apparitions, deathly street bands and other monstrosities will be crawling up through the cracks and partying through Liverpool's streets like there's no tomorrow."

The parade takes place through the city centre on the evening of Sunday 29th October. More information is available from the Lantern Company website. <http://lanterncompany.co.uk/halloween-lantern-carnival-2017/>

## YEAR 7 & 12 FORM TUTOR EVENING

As part of the settling in process, we like to offer Year 7 and 12 parents the opportunity to come into school to have a short meeting with their child's form tutor. The appointment is not compulsory and is solely focused on pastoral issues. Please note that subject-based information will be shared via the interim report (due out at half-term) and through other reports and parents' evening later in the year. The form tutor evening will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and further details will be sent out via SchoolComms shortly.

## ACADEMIC REPORTS 2017-18

As parents/carers will be aware, we produce a series of academic reports detailing student performance throughout the year. This year in a change to our procedure, parents/carers will receive these reports via EduLink One, the new information portal that the school has moved to. If you have not received an email with your EduLink One log-in details please contact [ithelpdesk@calday.co.uk](mailto:ithelpdesk@calday.co.uk). This change will significantly reduce printing costs and vastly reduce the environmental impact of printing for the school; it should also mean that parents/carers receive their child's reports without delay.

The first set of interim reports for Years 9 – 13 will be sent out to parents/carers before half term and Years 7 and 8 will receive interim reports in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## TRIP TO REFILWE SUMMER 2018

Year 12 students have been invited onto the Refilwe Trip for next summer. Reply slips from parents must be handed in to Miss Gill by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. They will then be emailed an application form to be completed and emailed back to Miss Gill by 4pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Those students who have been successful and are invited onto the trip will be informed by 10<sup>th</sup> November and a non-refundable deposit of £200 will then be required by 17<sup>th</sup> November.



## JEANS FOR GENES DAY

We will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes (preferably including some denim!) for a donation of £2 towards this worthwhile cause.

## UCAS DEADLINE

Please note that the school deadline for all remaining UCAS application forms is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. School will then be able to add predicted grades, a reference and send the application to UCAS before the Christmas holidays.

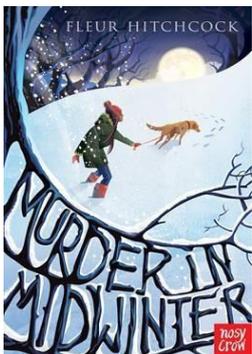
## CALLING ALL YOUNG EVERTONIANS!

Calday's Everton Supporters' Club is held every Friday in H20 for all Everton-related news, views, and activities. We are an OFFICIAL branch of the supporters' club - see Ms Weston to find out more, or just come along!

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

### Book of the Month

As part of the school's promotion of Reading for Pleasure, we have decided to introduce a "Book of the Month". These will be selected to reflect current popularity and from feedback from the students themselves, as well as from reviews in the media. We intend to promote a literary genre each month too. As it was the most popular **Bookbuzz** book, we are starting with *Murder in Midwinter* by Fleur Hitchcock.



Maya is on the bus home from school in London when she spots a man and a woman arguing on the street and the man is holding a gun. She takes a photograph with her phone – and he sees her do it.

The next day a body is found in the River Thames, and he looks a lot like the man with the gun.

Is Maya a witness to a terrible crime? Fearing for her safety, the police send her away to stay on her aunt's farm in the Welsh mountains. But will she be safe even there, surrounded by snow?

This is a fast-paced story with nail-biting action, a mystery to solve, and a heart-racing finish. A thrilling read; you'll be clinging to the sides of your chair by the end.

There are also several other **Mystery** genre books on display at the front of the LRC for students to choose from.

### Reading Challenge

So far this term it seems that 7GZ are the top borrowers, with 7BW and 9GY not far behind. Glegg are storming ahead again. However, it is a long time until Christmas so who knows which class will win the prize?

### New Books

Our first large order of new books has now arrived – there are over 100 titles available to borrow, ranging from *The Ranger's Apprentice* series to the recently televised, *The Cuckoo's Calling* by J.K. Rowling (writing as Robert Galbraith).

## WIND BAND

Wind Band will be starting again on Wednesday lunchtime in C2 at 1.10pm. This rehearsal is in preparation for Remembrance Day on Friday 10th November. If students play a wind instrument and are grade 3 standard or above they are welcome to join us. It is imperative that students attend on time as there is a limited time to rehearse the material that we have to play. Lunch passes must be ordered in advance. If your child requires an early lunch pass please email [clare.gilbert@calday.co.uk](mailto:clare.gilbert@calday.co.uk)

## WORK EXPERIENCE FOR POTENTIAL MEDICS

If any potential medical students need assistance with work experience during February half-term please ask them to see Mrs Montgomery by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## MERSEYSIDE RUNNING LEAGUE

We have entered the Merseyside Running League and the first race is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Croxteth Park. Mr Isherwood and Mr Lamprey will be there from 10.00 am

Order of races is as follows

10.30 am	Years 12/13 boys 5.7k	10.35 am	Year 7 boys 2.5k
11.00 am	Year 12/13 girls 3.6k	11.05 am	Year 9 3.5k
11.22 am	Year 8 boys 3 k	11.40 am	Year 10/11 boys 4.6k

Could students please arrange their own transport to this event which will enable them to turn up, run and then go home. They will need their kit, tracksuit and a drink. Ideally, students should turn up 30 minutes before their race to warm up. These races are particularly important for students who are seeking representative honours and even for people who want to develop their running ability. We have a good chance of doing well in these races and would like to see as many students there as possible.

## STUDENT ENRICHMENT

The new enrichment timetable is now available on line at [www.calday.co.uk/enrichment](http://www.calday.co.uk/enrichment) and students may pick up a copy from the community office.

We would like to express a big thank you to those parents who have already made a contribution to the school enrichment fund. If you have not yet done so may we remind you that we are unable to maintain the full range of activities without your help and support. By contributing £60 per student per year you will enable us to continue to provide the extensive range of enrichment activities for all students. Full details of the varied programme we run can be found on the school website - address shown above.



Please visit our donate page [www.calday.co.uk/donate](http://www.calday.co.uk/donate) or use the scan code for more information on how you can make your contribution to the fund. Thank you for your support

## FORTHCOMING DATES

October 2017	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Years 7 & 12 Tutor Evenings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jeans for Genes Day/Refilwe cake sale School finishes for half term
November 2017	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Maths Challenge
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice Day Service
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Play (all week)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Information Fair for prospective sixth form students (6.00 pm – 8.00 pm)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Parents' Evening
December 2017	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Examinations (until 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	House Drama Festival
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Awards Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Uniform Day (House Charities) School closes for Christmas Break

## **PARKING & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS**

We ask that parents do not drop-off their children within the school car park, as this causes unnecessary congestion. Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing and therefore we also request that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated

## **YEAR 13 STUDENTS – APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION TESTS**

If students need to apply for a university admissions test, such as BMAT, then they will need to check the deadline and apply via the exams office before the specified deadlines, some tests also have fees attached to them. For more information, please visit the admissions testing website <http://www.admissionstesting.org/>

It is the student's responsibility to check with their university if they need to take an admissions test and which one, however Mrs Montgomery will be able to assist them if they are unsure.

## **CHINA TRIP OCTOBER 2018**

The Chinese Department is organising their annual China Exchange. It will be coordinated together with Hangzhou Foreign Language School, our exchange school in China since 2000. The dates for this exchange are likely to be from 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (two weeks, starting one week before the half term holiday starts). The estimated cost for the trip will be around £1650 (the exact amount will be communicated once bookings are finalised). The cost include everything the students need apart from any extra pocket money (i.e. air tickets, food, accommodation, entrance fees and all transports in the UK and China).

During the trip, we will explore the great cities of Hangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai and surrounding towns and villages. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience the real China and to make friends with Chinese students in one of China's top secondary schools in the beautiful and vibrant city of Hangzhou.

Places are open for Year 7 up to Year 12 and we envisage taking about 12 students in total. Please contact Ms Gan as soon as possible for further details. The deadline for enrolling is in November but once we have a full group we will no longer be able to accept more students.



Students in receipt of Free School Meals receive a daily credit of £3.40 on their cashless catering account. This allows them sufficient credit to purchase a snack and a drink at break and a hot meal and a drink at lunchtime.

Free school meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition, the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £935 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the free school meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term.

If you don't apply our School will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for free school meals for our School to receive the Pupil Premium funding.

If you think that you might be eligible, please complete your claim online at: [Wirral Council Free School Meals Application](#)

## **YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS COMPETITION**

UCL IOE CI (University College London, Institute of Education, Confucius Institute) 4th Annual Young Photographers Competition has started to accept entries. Any student aged 18 years and under is welcome to enter. Entries will be exhibited in the main IOE building, as well as at another exciting venue in London which will be confirmed shortly. Prizes for winners and runners-up include up to £200 worth of Amazon vouchers.

### **Categories**

- China in Bloom – Single photo category
- China in Fashion – Single photo category
- China on the Move – Portfolio Category (5 photos)
- UCL IOE CI 2017 China Study Camps – Single photo category
- My Life and China – UK-based single photo category

Entrants should include a title with all single photo categories and should include a paragraph of approximately 100 words about the photographs for portfolio entries. Enquiries and entries should be sent to Miss Lu, [yishan.lu@calday.co.uk](mailto:yishan.lu@calday.co.uk) by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK**

**UPDATE: Thank you to all parents who have supported the school. To date 141 of you have signed up and helped raise over £1000.** To join please follow the simple steps below:-

1. Head to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cggs](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cggs) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, simply go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and then start shopping. The donation reminder will remind you.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Calday Grange Grammar School for no extra cost whatsoever!

We will use any income from easyfundraising to help support and develop sport, extracurricular activities and student enrichment.

Download the App and/or install the [donation reminder](#) on your web browser. There are no catches or hidden charges, it won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

## **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.

# Calday Grange 16-19 Bursary Fund

Learner must be aged 16 or over and under 19 at 31 August 2017

**AWARDS OF £800 TO £1,200 AVAILABLE**

**Financial support is available to help students overcome specific barriers so they can remain in education.**



Are you in receipt of Free School Meals at any point in your Sixth Form studies?

OR



Is your household income less than £25,000?

OR



Are you Looked After, a Care Leaver or in receipt of benefits in your own right?

**APPLY NOW AT**

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**OR CALL INTO THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR A FORM**



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