



Calday Grange Grammar School Newsletter

22nd September 2017

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STUDENT SUCCESS



Swimming

Many congratulations to Nathan Young (U6G2) who travelled to Samsun in Turkey recently to compete in the 23rd Deaflympics. As a swimmer, the Deaflympics was Nathan's ambition with it being the 3rd biggest sporting event in the world that features thousands of athletes. We are delighted that Nathan not only achieved his ambition but also came away with personal best times, English records and ultimately a bronze medal.



Day one saw Nathan qualify alongside 3 of his team mates into the final of the Mixed 4x100m Freestyle Relay and securing Deaflympics GB's first medal, bronze in the final going over 7 seconds faster than the heat placing the team 3rd in the world. He also competed in the 50m Backstroke on the same day, which saw him ranked 17th.

Day 3 saw Nathan compete in his most favoured event, the 100m Freestyle ranking him 16th. Day 4 he competed in 200m Freestyle coming away ranked 10th. Day 5 saw Nathan compete in the 50m Freestyle gaining a place in the Semi-Final and a new British Record, ranking him 14th and 100m Backstroke, gaining a PB and ranked 10th in the world. Finally day 6 was the 4x100m medley men's relay coming 5th, just missing out on a podium.



Hockey

We would also like to congratulate Tom Russell who, following his performances at the Futures Cup and School Games earlier in September, has been selected for the England U18 Boys Hockey Squad.

THANK YOU TO STUDENTS WHO ASSISTED ON OPEN EVENINGS

Our Open Evenings took place on Wednesday and Thursday this week and both evenings were extremely busy. We would like to thank all the students who volunteered as tour guides and within subject areas. These evenings are our opportunity to showcase the school and our students are the best ambassadors for ensuring that the excellent reputation of the school is maintained. The feedback we received from prospective parents was very positive with particular emphasis on how helpful, knowledgeable and enthusiastic our students were.

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

We would also like to remind parents and students that parking on some parts of Column Road is illegal and that cars parked inappropriately may be ticketed by the police who are now conducting regular checks on the area. Please ensure that cars are parked sensibly elsewhere and that they do not block access for those who live in the vicinity of the school. Thank you for your assistance.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new reward scheme to encourage and reward healthy eating by our students. Each half term we will give away prizes to our healthiest eaters:

- 10 x Gold Card 'fast passes' for Dining Hall entry that will be valid for the next half term.
- £50 of  vouchers to the student with the highest points total
- £10 of  vouchers to each of the two runners up

All of our food and drink purchases are tracked by our till systems and each item has a points value of between zero and ten points assigned to them. We encourage all of our students to make balanced and healthy choices over the course of a week. To support this the following items have been given a maximum score of 10 points:

- ✓ Freshly cooked main meals
- ✓ Freshly prepared sandwiches and wraps
 - ✓ Fruit pots
 - ✓ Fresh fruit
- ✓ 500 ml plain water

Items such as bacon, sausages, chips, crisps and pizza score zero points so they will not count towards any prizes. Other items are scored between zero and ten points to ensure that their value within a balanced and healthy diet is recognised.

It is hoped that this initiative will lead to more students choosing to eat a freshly made hot meal or a sandwich and fruit. We have had some success over the last year with our daily fruit/fruit pot sales increasing from 40 to 120 portions per day. What we have found is that our students are much more likely to choose fruit if we provide them with fruit pots made using fresh and seasonal fruit. Our team are working hard to provide a variety of fruit pots in all outlets at both break and lunchtime.

We will report back to parents on the impact of the new rewards scheme before Christmas. If you have any feedback, you are welcome to contact the School via parentpay@calday.co.uk

FORTHCOMING DATES

October 2017	
Friday 6 th	Year 7 Gideon assembly
Thursday 19 th	Years 7 & 12 Tutor Evenings
Friday 20 th	Jeans for Genes Day/Refilwe cake sale School finishes for half term

November 2017	
Tuesday 7 th	Senior Maths Challenge
Friday 10 th	Armistice Day Service
w/c 13 th	School Play (all week)
Thursday 23 rd	Information Fair for prospective sixth form students (6.00 pm – 8.00 pm)
Tuesday 28 th	Year 13 Parents' Evening

December 2017	
Monday 4 th	Year 11 Examinations (until 14 th Dec)
Friday 15 th	House Drama Festival
Monday 18 th	Senior Awards Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Friday 22 nd	Non Uniform Day (House Charities) School closes for Christmas Break

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 12th - 26th 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.

TALK FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN FLYING

One of our former students, Owen Johnson, who is an Ambassador for the Aviation Skills Partnership has kindly offered to give a talk to those students interested in flying. This will take place on Friday 6th October at 1.15 pm in G9. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are welcome to attend.

CANTEMUS AT CALDAY – COMMUNITY CHOIR

Our community choir is currently recruiting new members. If you are thinking of joining a choir why not pop along next Tuesday for a free taster session. Don't worry, no auditions are held. The choir meets in the Common Room from 7:30pm to 9:30pm during term time. www.cantemusatcalday.co.uk

FOR THE ATTENTION OF 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 also be able to assist them if they are unsure.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



For Year 7 and 8 students

To encourage reading for pleasure in the transition from Primary to Secondary School, the Book Trust runs the 'Bookbuzz' scheme; each participating student can select up to a maximum of 5 books for the greatly reduced cost of £3 each from a short-list of 12 popular titles. Students will have the chance to browse the books and if they wish to purchase one (there is no obligation) then parents will be asked to pay via the Bookbuzz payment item on ParentPay. There is a limit of 100 books this year. Further details will be sent via email to parents and students in due course. For further details see <https://www.booktrust.org.uk>.



Free School Meals

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](#)

CROSS COUNTRY AND RUNNING

Mr Isherwood and Mr Lamprey are organising the cross country and running in school. All students are welcome to attend the running sessions which are Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes. Students should meet in the Gym changing room at 1.00 pm. They are also using the Birkenhead Parkrun as a training session. If any students wishes to participate in the Parkrun they will need to register and print off their barcode.

We will shortly be looking for runners to help us fulfil the fixtures. Students should see Mr Lamprey or Mr Isherwood if they wish to run.

EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER AS PART OF BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

There is an opportunity for those wanting to study brain research and neuroscience, including biology, cell physiology & pharmacology, genetics, health sciences, medicine and psychology to attend an event at the University of Leicester on Wednesday 14th March as part of their brain awareness week. This is suitable for potential medics/scientists/psychologists etc. For further details please visit <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/npb/news-1/baw>

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 by Monday 6th 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 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 to complete the short questionnaire.

Please see next pages for information on:-

Wirral Junior Dodgeball

Calday 16-19 Bursary Fund

WIRRAL JUNIOR DODGEBALL



WHAT? Dodgeball sessions for women & juniors aged 5-14

INFO? Ages 5-11: Sunday 12-1pm @ Bebington Oval [View here](#)

Ages 11-14: Wednesday 7-8pm @ Pensby High [View here](#)

Women's: Wednesday 8-9pm @ Pensby High [View here](#)

* Women's and 11-14 sessions start 20th September 2017. All sessions from 5pm only.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO BOOK A PLACE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

WOMEN'S DODGEBALL

THE NEW AND ENJOYABLE WAY TO KEEP FIT!

When? Wednesday 8-9pm (starting 20th September)

Where? Pensby High School (CH61 6XN)



FOR INFO & TO BOOK A PLACE, CONTACT MIKE:



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Search 'Wirral Junior Dodgeball'



**FIRST
SESSION
FREE**



DELIVERED BY?

Qualified coaches who are police checked (DBS/CRB), with First Aid and Safeguarding training. Club holds necessary insurance.

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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