



Calday Grange Grammar School Newsletter

12th January 2018

Mon	15 th January	
Tues	16 th January	
Weds	17 th January	CAPs Meeting (6.00 pm in quiet study area)
Thurs	18 th January	
Fri	19 th January	

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good Luck to Matthew Forber, George Gibb, Josh McCoy and Callum Poe who are travelling to Blackburn on Saturday to take part in the under 13 regional finals of the English Schools Team Table Tennis Championship.

SKI TRIP – WAGRAIN 2018

We arrived in our destination of Wagrain, some 78km south of Salzburg, after a short trip through the Austrian mountains with 51 students all excited for the week ahead. After a fantastic New Year's Eve meal at the hotel, the students and staff were all feeling the effects of a long days travelling and headed to bed early ready to attack the slopes.

The boys began skiing at 9am each morning and had 5 hours of lessons on the slopes. Throughout the week the students were pushed to their limits and received high praise from their instructors for their attitude to learning and behaviour. All groups made excellent progress, with the beginners progressing from the nursery slope to the red slopes in just 5 days.

Whilst they loved every minute of being on the slopes, there was also great fun had of an evening. On a couple of occasions there were highly competitive games of volleyball in which students and teachers competed together. In addition to volleyball, there were also trips to a local Italian restaurant for our pizza night and visits to the local town. One particular event the students looked forward to each evening were the 'Plonker' nominations. The students would recall hilarious events from the day in an attempt to ensure their friends would have to wear the luminous t-shirt of shame the following day. One final highlight came on the way back to the airport as the group got to visit the hugely impressive Allianz Arena in Munich. A hugely successful trip with next year's already in the planning.



HOUSE DRAMA

After a two-year hiatus, the last week of the Christmas term saw the return of the House Drama Competition with talented actors from all years in Hollowell, Glegg and Bennett competing for the glory of being titled House Drama Champions.

The junior students performed incredibly creative and hilarious, works from '*Our Day Out*' to compete for glory in the Junior Piece. All students impressed with their work, whether in a leading or chorus role and had the audience in absolute stitches. Bennett emerged victors in the Junior Piece - well done Bennett!

The Senior Piece was wonderfully varied, including an emotion-packed duologue from Tom Pridgeon and Zoe Heimann, and monologue from *Othello*, performed by Head Boy, Dan Vilela. Ben Newman and Alejo Vieja produced a wonderful piece from '*Moth*', Zac Elliot-Jones with an incredible portrayal from Richard III, 'a hilarious '*Elementary Guide to Courting*' by James Kelly and Ed Brown, finishing off with a very impressive and soulful piece of physical theatre titled '*Addiction*', performed by Matt Browning and James Youngson from Glegg, the ultimate winners of the Senior Piece.

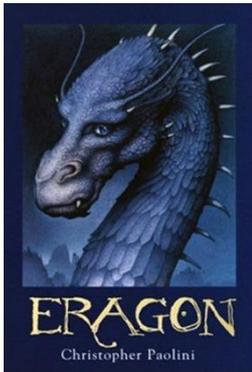
The competition was capped off with a showdown 3 Musical Pieces, with Glegg performing songs from *Moulin Rouge*, Hollowell with *Hoedown Showdown*, and Bennett with *The Showman* from the film *Blues Brothers*, Bennett again being crowned the winners of this piece.

All the actors and actresses should be very proud of their talents but there can only be one winner, which was Bennett! Congratulations to all of Bennett and Mr Marsh who are now one step closer to getting their name back on the Winners' Board! Special thanks to Miss Banfield, along with the help of the House Drama Prefects and helpers Joe Mann, Chris Faulkner, Leah Smith, Tom Pridgeon, Orion O'Brien and Ben Newman, for organising and reintroducing a truly spectacular festival.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book of the Month

This month's genre is Fantasy and we are lucky to have a fantastic range of books in our library. One of the best is *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini, first of the *Inheritance* cycle.



One boy . . . One dragon . . . A world of adventure.

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

Overnight his simple life is shattered and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller for guidance, Eragon and the fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. Can Eragon take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Riders? The fate of the Empire may rest in his hands...

2018 Reading Challenge

We are launching a slightly different challenge for the rest of this academic year. Students are tasked with reading 12 library books following the list below:

- An award winning book
- A scary book
- A funny book
- A graphic novel
- A book by an author you have not read before
- A book set in a country you have never been to
- A bestseller
- A book published 100+ years ago
- A book that became a film
- A book someone else recommended
- A book based on a true story
- A book you can read in a day

Participating students need to fill in a Reading Challenge card and anyone who has completed the challenge by the end of the summer term will receive a prize and achievement points!

Design a Bookbuzz book jacket competition

Last call for entries – final deadline is Monday 15th January

Mrs Rachel Eckford, Learning Resource Manager



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

The next CAPS committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th January from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm in the Quiet Study area in school (just behind the new reception). Everyone is welcome to attend but could we please ask you to confirm your attendance by emailing CAPS@calday.co.uk.

KEEP THE DATE FREE

We will be holding a CAPS Quiz Night on Friday 23rd March from 7.00 pm in the school hall. Further details about tickets will be sent out soon. Please email CAPS@calday.co.uk if you are able to assist at this event and/or can offer a raffle prize.

BLOODWISE

At the end of last term we held a non-uniform day in aid of Bloodwise and collections were also held at the end of the two music concerts. A fantastic £2625.69 was raised for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to students, staff and parents for your continued support.

AIRBUS CRAFT APPRENTICESHIPS EVENT

Date: Thursday 25th January 2018

Time: From 17:00 to 19:00 (Presentations will be held at 17:15 and 18:15, and tours of the college workshops will run throughout the evening)

Venue: Coleg Cambria, Kelsterton Rd, Connah's Quay, Deeside, Clwyd CH5 4BR

Airbus invites students, parents and anyone interested in Craft Apprenticeships to join them at their Open Evening (details above). This is an opportunity to speak to current Airbus Apprentices about what it takes to become a skilled aircraft fitters and machinists. There will also be representatives from Airbus and Coleg Cambria on hand to tell you more about their apprenticeship programmes.

There is no need to book a place; please just turn up!

Apply for an Airbus apprenticeship at www.company.airbus.com/careers

MESSAGE FROM YEAR 13 STUDENT, TOM GILLBANKS

Dear all,

My name is Tom Gillbanks, I am currently in year 13 and have been a student at Calday since year 9. In 2018 I will be running the London Marathon now that finally I meet the minimum age requirement! Those who know me are aware that running is one of the primary passions in my life and so I have decided that I will be fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity very close to my family's heart. If you could please take the time just visit our JustGiving page (please see link below) to read our story, it would be greatly appreciated by ourselves as well as countless others supported by this incredible charity and the people that run it.

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of ordinary people so far & would like to thank anyone that has donated already. Thank you very much for reading my message. Kind Regards, Tom Gillbanks 13B2

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matt-gillbanks>

CALDAY GRANGE AQUATHON

Entries are now open for the Calday Grange Aquathon taking place on 4th March 2018. Participants should be aged 16 and over and it is £12 for 400m swim and 5k run. Profits will be used to support Calday Grange Swimming pool.

Please get involved www.fabian4.co.uk

UNILEVER APPRENTICESHIPS INSIGHT EVENT

Unilever is hosting an Apprenticeships Insight event for their September 2018 intake at the Port Sunlight site on Wednesday 31st January 2018, 4-6pm. The evening is aimed at those in Years 11-13, and is an opportunity to find out more about Unilever's apprenticeships including Supply Chain, Research & Development and Business & Technology. There will be an opportunity to ask current apprentices and hiring managers any questions throughout. Refreshments will be provided.

If students are interested in attending they should register using the link below:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-41045988657>

Please bear in mind there is a limited amount of spaces due to health and safety so registration is essential to gain access to the event.

UNILEVER WORK EXPERIENCE 2018

Applications welcomed from Year 12 Students

Unilever R&D Port Sunlight is now accepting applications for its 2018 Work Experience Programme. The Work Experience Programme will run w/c 18th June, 25th June, 2nd July and 9th July 2018.

The programme is focussed on, and suitable for, Year 12 students studying some sciences at A level / BTEC Level 3, who are interested in a career in science. There are no plans to offer Year 10 or Year 11 work experience placements in 2018. The week will include an overview of Unilever as an organisation, the types of careers available in R&D, and the recruitment routes, including apprenticeships and Year in Industry. It will provide an overview of the product development process, through formulation, testing, packaging design and consumer insight. Where possible, it will give students practical experience of working in labs.

Application forms are available from form tutors. All applications should be endorsed by a teacher to confirm the suitability of the student for the programme offered and must be returned to Unilever by **31st January 2018**. Please note that any applications received after this date will not be considered.

When assessing applications, priority will be given to the children of Unilever R&D Port Sunlight employees. Please note, to maximise access to our Work Experience Programme we are not accepting students who have attended previously.

For further information, please contact the Work Experience Co-ordinator – Jackie.Davies@Unilever.com

10K RUN IN MEMORY OF MR PETER WALLACE

Mr Lamprey is organising a 10k run to raise funds to purchase a memorial bench for Mr Peter Wallace, a former Caldeian and parent of one of our current students, who sadly passed away recently at a very young age due to cancer.

Mr Wallace played rugby for school, Caldy Rugby Club and Prenton Rugby club. Whilst he was at school, he played prop but him plus the whole squad had to complete the 'Elastic' Mile to be in chance of selection. The 'Elastic' mile was used many times before the arrival of the astroturf, as an alternative when the pitches were unfit for use. The students would run from Glasspool fields to the Wirral way, via Caldy Village. Once on the Wirral Way they had to run to the visitors centre, up station road and then back down to Glasspool fields which was approximately 4 miles. The senior rugby player had to complete this from school!

The run will take place on Saturday 13th January, meeting at Caldy Rugby Club at 10.15 am and starting at 10.30 am. The minimum donation is £5 with all proceeds going towards the purchase of a memorial bench in memory of Peter.

It is not a race and runners will be responsible for their own safety crossing the roads and being fit enough to complete the run. Further details of the route can be obtained from Mr Lamprey. We hope that you can support this run.

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.

ENTRIES INVITED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY COMPETITION CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 19th JANUARY 2018

The Christopher Salmon foundation and Wirral Libraries are once again pleased to announce that the Christopher Salmon poetry extravaganza will be returning for 2018 following the event's huge success last year. The annual poetry competition, now in its 8th year, began as a tribute to former Calday student, Christopher Salmon, who tragically lost his life to a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009, aged just 15.

The theme for this year's competition is "memories" and is open to Wirral residents of all ages. Both winners and runners up in each age category will be awarded cash prizes and will be given the chance to attend a workshop with renowned local poet John Hughes. The prizes will be presented by Mr. Hughes at an awards evening for the winners and their families at Birkenhead Town Hall. The overall winner for the aged 18 or under category will also become Wirral's Young Poet Laureate for the following 12 months; with all winning poems being published in an anthology which will be available for purchase.

Full details of this year's competition and official entry forms will be available from Wirral libraries and on the charity's website, www.chrissalmon.org.uk. Students who wish to enter this competition can return their completed entry forms to Miss Jones in the English Department.



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](#)

Please see next pages for:-

Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions

16-19 Bursary



Calday Grange Grammar School

Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions

We are committed to minimising disruption to the education of our students and we will always endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible but there are rare occasions when we will find it necessary to close the school. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community.

Decisions on whether or not to close the school are never taken lightly. They involve both the Senior Leadership Team and representatives of the school's Governing Body. The first consideration is always the safety of the students and staff. If, due to adverse weather conditions the staffing complement is too low, health and safety risk assessments may mean that we cannot open the school to all year groups.

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents.

In the event of adverse weather prior to the start of the school day:-

A decision will be made between 6.00 am and 7.00 am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed. In the event of closure, by 7.30 am (wherever possible), the school will ensure that:-

- an automated text or email message is sent to parents and staff via the SchoolComms system
- the school website has been updated
- an update is available on our social media sites

Note: Please be aware that during bad weather the school will run all external examinations at the published times and students should continue to monitor the school website for details.

In the event of adverse weather during the school day:-

If the school is open in the morning but the weather conditions deteriorate during the day, we will continually assess the risks. The decision whether to close the school will be made taking into account:-

- School transport (these are often cancelled during periods of snow and ice)
- Condition of the local roads
- Weather updates through the local authority and MET office

Should the decision be taken to close the school we will inform parents via:-

- an automated text or email message sent from the SchoolComms system
- a notice on the school website
- information on our social media sites

We understand that it may be difficult for some parents to collect their child and therefore contingency plans will be put in place to ensure that the school remains open until all students are collected.

In the event of prolonged closure due to weather, parents should continue to monitor the school website as it will be updated on a regular basis with the latest information.

As we draw students from a large catchment area, parents should always assess if it is safe for their children to leave for school based on their local weather and their safety in travelling to and from school. If you decide not to send your child into school, we ask that you notify the school on the day of absence via the absence line or email. This will then ensure that the absence is recorded as authorised.

We will always do everything in our power to avoid school closure and would greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times.

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?

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OR CALL INTO THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR A FORM



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