



# NEWSLETTER

## 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Mon	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Awards Evening (7.00 pm in school hall)
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> December	
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch Christmas Concert (7.00 pm in school hall)
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm in school hall)
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term (school closes at 1.00 pm)

### STUDENT SUCCESS



#### Chinese Speaking and Drama Competition

Team Calday attended the HSBC/IOE Chinese Drama and Speaking Competition (regional heat) in York on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

George Gibb (8GZ) and Alastair Carswell (10GZ) competed in the individual speaking competition. The boys, who have given up numerous lunchtimes and worked hard, performed extremely well but unfortunately were not placed.

The drama team consisting of Christopher Popoola 8GY, Luke Bevan Jones 8GY, Jonny Davies 9GZ, Stephen Scott-Myers 9HS and Thomas Elson 10BW) have been invited to take part in the competition final at the British Museum on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The top prize is an all-expenses paid trip to Beijing later in the year! Well done to everyone who competed.

### THE SUPER WHITE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Our students were delighted to meet Rover yesterday when Tranmere Rovers called at school to pick up the 215 gifts which have been donated by parents, students and staff for the Super White Christmas appeal. Thank you to everyone who has donated and we are still accepting gifts until Monday.

### CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE AT CALDAY!



**Save the Children**

On the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, a Christmas Cake Sale is being held to raise funds for Save The Children's Rohingya Crisis Appeal. If anyone can spare a few mince pies or a cake (shop-bought or homemade), please contact Julian Young at [YoungJ1@gmail.co.uk](mailto:YoungJ1@gmail.co.uk). The sale is being run by L6G3, L6G2 and the Bake Off team.

For more information about the appeal, please visit <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/rohingya-crisis>

### END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The school will close at 1.00 pm on the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. The buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester area (W1, 2, 3 and 4) will leave at the earlier finish time of 1.00 pm. However, the buses operated by Merseytravel are unable to change their pick up times and will be running as normal (i.e. 3.35 pm pick up). We would therefore be grateful if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children to get home.

If you are unable to make alternative arrangements and would like your child to remain in school until 3.35 pm could you please contact Mrs Ellis either via email [Debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk](mailto:Debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk) or 0151 6252727.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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, Caldys 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 Caldys 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 13<sup>th</sup> January, meeting at Caldys 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.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN SHOP WELL FOR LESS?**

We have been contacted by a producer from the hit BBC One series *Shop Well For Less?* They are currently casting for the third series and are on the lookout for fun and lively families and households to take part. This prime time series shows viewers how to spend without the splurge, helping to rein in spending but retain the lifestyle we all want.

*Whether we're hooked by the exquisite whiff of a new pair of shoes, the shiny lure of the latest HD television, or the irresistible promises of beauty lotions and potions, one thing's for sure - as a nation we simply love to buy. With a few simple tricks, we can all learn to buy better and spend less. When should you save your money? And, just as crucially, when should you invest in spending a little bit more? This fun, surprising and perfectly practical series teaches us all the tricks of the trade we need to SHOP WELL... FOR LESS.*

If you are interested in applying or wish to find out more information please contact

0117 970 7670 or e-mail: [shopwell@rdftv.com](mailto:shopwell@rdftv.com)

[www.facebook.com/ShopWellForLess](http://www.facebook.com/ShopWellForLess)

Twitter: @ShopWellForLess

## **APPRENTICESHIPS OPEN EVENING**

TTE (Training) are holding an Apprenticeships Open Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. To book a place call please call 0151 357 6100 or visit their website [www.tteld.co.uk](http://www.tteld.co.uk).

## INVITATION TO LUNCH (LAST YEAR'S U6 STUDENTS)

We are holding a lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for last year's U6 students, which is an opportunity for them to pick up their examination certificates and to catch up with each other. The lunch will run from 12.45 pm until around 2.00 pm and will be held in the Quiet Study area.

The event has been advertised via social media and email addresses but if you are aware of anyone who may not know about the lunch, could we please ask you to provide them with the details. If they are unable to attend, please ask them to contact the school so that we can make alternative arrangements for them to receive their certificates

## VACANCIES

We currently have the vacancies listed below. Full details can be found on the school website.

- Premises Officer
- Exams Invigilators
- Data, Examinations & SIMs Manager (Maternity cover)
- Lunchtime Supervisors



## CALLING ALL BUDDING BAKERS!

We are holding a Christmas Bake-off on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and all students are welcome to enter. The cost is £5 and all proceeds are in aid of Refilwe.

For further details and an entry form, students should see Mrs Wyke in the Learning Support Office. Alternatively, please contact her via email [sarah.wyke@calday.co.uk](mailto:sarah.wyke@calday.co.uk)

## 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.

## ENTRIES INVITED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY COMPETITION

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chrissalmon.org.uk). Students who wish to enter this competition can return their completed entry forms to Miss Jones in the English Department.

## FORTHCOMING DATES

December 2017	
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

## 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.

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

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 and I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Kind Regards, Tom Gillbanks 13B2



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:-**

**Christmas lunch poster**

**Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions**

**16-19 Bursary**





# Merry Christmas from the Catering Team!

FESTIVE HOT BAGUETTE  
WITH TURKEY & STUFFING  
ROAST POTATOES AND  
PIGS IN BLANKETS

DESSERT  
MINCE PIE OR SATSUMA

£2.60

WEDNESDAY  
20 DECEMBER  
CAFE@CALDAY



# 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?

**APPLY NOW AT**

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



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