



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2017

Mon	17 th April	Easter Monday (school closed)
Tues	18 th April	All students return
Weds	19 th April	Year 8 Options Information Evening
Thurs	20 th April	
Fri	21 st April	

LAUNCH OF THE CALDAY SUPPORT FUND

We are launching the **Calday Support Fund** with the intention of generating additional revenue to support and expand our range of extra-curricular and sport activities. We really hope that you will contribute to the fund to enable these activities to be financially sustainable and not reliant on central government funding.

Students have been given a letter containing further details and this information can also be found on the school website.

How can I support the school?

Parents and supporters are invited to sign-up to the Charities Aid Foundation platform and create an account to make regular donations to the **Calday Support Fund**. We are able to claim Gift Aid to increase your donations and 40% taxpayers will be able to claim additional tax relief on their annual tax return.

We have set an annual target of **£50,000** in the first year. This represents 60% of parents signing up and donating £5 per month (£60 per annum).

What will we use the funding for?

Any funds raised will go to directly support our extra-curricular activities including, but not limited to:

- Combined Cadet Force;
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (school incurred costs in excess of payments received from parents);
- School Sport – we do not charge students for travel to play at away fixtures or for the cost of additional specialist sports coaches;
- Music and drama activities, productions and concerts;
- Robotics and Coding club;
- Lunchtime activities and clubs.

As an example, a monthly donation of £5 per month would pay for 4 hours per year of specialist sports coaching for one of our sports teams.

We will not use these funds to support the general running of the school or for any activities that are funded by a separate funding source.

What do I do?

Sign-up now and help us to keep 'developing the whole student' and make a real difference to the future of our School. Please visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/6116> or use the QR code below.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for our school and your child's future.

Mr Mark Rodaway
Headteacher



STUDENT SUCCESS

TCS Oxford Computing Challenge

Last week 104 of our students sat the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge. This was an invitation only competition offered to the top 10% of students across the country who sat the Bebras challenge in November. We have now received the results and 19 of our students have gained a merit certificate (placing them in the top 30% of the selected students and the top 3% of the country). Congratulations to all the students who took part.

Rocket Car Competition

The school hosted the regional finals of the Bloodhound SSC Microbit Model Rocket Car Competition this week with a number of local primary and secondary schools racing their rocket cars to try and achieve the highest speed. We would like to congratulate our teams who triumphed in the secondary competition, reaching top speeds of 42.77 mph and 42.5 mph respectively.

For more information and photographs please visit <http://www.educatemagazine.com/calday-rocket-car/>

On the Robotic Road to Japan ...

On Saturday 18th March Calday Grange Grammar School took part in the National Final of the RoboCup competition. RoboCup is an international [robotics competition](#) founded in 1997. The aim is to promote robotics and Artificial Intelligence research, by offering a publicly appealing, but formidable challenge. The team from Calday battled their way through the various stages to be crowned winners in the soccer competition. The team are now eligible to represent the UK in the RoboCup Junior International Final, part of the International RoboCup Competition to be held in Nagoya in Japan in late July.

To participate at International level would provide students with an amazing opportunity not only academically but also culturally. However as you might expect the road to Japan is a long and very expensive one. Unfortunately, the competition does not provide funding towards the £12,000 needed to cover flights and accommodation for the group.

Whilst the team will organise many fundraising events in school to try and raise as much money as possible towards the cost of the trip, it is hoped that there may be local and national companies who could offer financial help to make the dream become a reality.

The students involved are Josh Rodgers, Ben Russell (both Year 12) and Jenson Butler (Year 10). For more information on the tournament please visit <http://www.robocup2017.org/eng/index.html>

If you would like to speak to us to offer your support please contact Nicola Mounsey – Computer Science teacher at the school on t: 0151 625 2727 or e: nicola.mounsey@calday.co.uk

Swimming

Many congratulations to Ellis Cleworth who was Merseyside's top performer at the English Schools Swimming Association Inter-Divisional Championships which took place recently at Liverpool Aquatic Centre. Ellis, who swims for the City of Liverpool Club claimed a gold medal in the 200m individual medley and a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly.

QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT IN AID OF REFILWE



Friday 28th April 2017 – 7.00 pm

£5 per head, includes chilli, soft drinks and entry to the quiz
Bar, tuck shop and raffle
Prizes for the top winning teams!

Tickets can be purchased from the school shop shop.calday.co.uk and all funds raised will go directly to the Refilwe Community Project.

FUNDRAISING FOR REFILWE

Bag packing in Morrisons this month raised a tremendous £755! A big thank you to their very generous customers!

We also held a cake sale today which raised £640. Thank you to parents, staff and students who made wonderful homemade cakes for this event and helped raise this fantastic amount.

A number of students and staff also took part in a zip wire experience and have raised over £500 so far. Well done to all who enjoyed this challenge!

DfE DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

In February all parents were asked to complete a data collection sheet for each student to assist the school in providing additional information to the DfE as part of our statutory return. We have so far received responses from approximately half of the school. If we have not yet received the information from your son/daughter, you will be sent an email reminder shortly along with a copy of the form to complete, copies are also available to collect from the Administration Office.

We ask that these forms are returned during the first week back after the spring break to allow us to meet our deadline in May. For more information on the data being collected, please refer to the original email and the information on the form.

REPORTING ABSENCE FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

Could we please remind parents of sixth form students that they should contact the school to report an absence, it should not come from students themselves.

FOLK CONCERT

Heswall Rotary who support our Refilwe charity are organising a Folk Concert on Saturday 6th May. Please see poster at end of the newsletter for full details.



The Food Cube

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition to design the new food outlet at School. The winner is Lewis Hughes from Year 7 whose design impressed the judges, and in particular, his creativity in coming up with a clear and well defined logo. The new outlet is called 'The Food Cube' and will use Lewis' design elements on the exterior. We hope to open The Food Cube to students for break and lunch purchases from Friday 21st April 2017.

Price Changes

We are pleased to confirm that despite the decline in sterling, and continued price rises from suppliers, the majority of our in-house produced main meals and snacks are held at their current prices until at least September 2017. This means that:

- A freshly cooked meal is available for just £1.80 everyday
- Our freshly prepared sandwiches will continue to be just £1.40 or £1.70 each
- Warm and tasty paninis will be available on Wednesdays for £1.60 each
- Our famous Calday burger (supplied by Hintons family butcher, West Kirby) is still just £1.40

We work hard to keep our prices affordable, whilst delivering fresh and tasty food to our students at the quality you would expect from us. However, given the food price inflation that we have experienced from our suppliers the price of some bought-in items will increase with effect from Tuesday 19th April 2017 including 5 or 10 pence on some drinks, 5 or 10 pence on some cake and confectionary items and 20 pence on fish fillets and chicken kebabs served on a Thursday. Full details can be found on the school website or by visiting [Cafe at Calday](#)



Thinking of booking a holiday, online shopping, organising a day out or doing some DIY over the Spring Break?

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Calday Grange Grammar School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Please join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

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.

UCAS INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a UCAS Information Evening on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the school hall. All Year 12 students and their parents are welcome to attend. Mrs Rivett will provide information about the university application process and our Careers Advisor, Mrs Montgomery, will also be in attendance to answer any questions.

CCF

We are currently experiencing issues due to the lack of adult staff which is affecting the cadet standards and training. We are therefore now looking for staff or family who are able to assist during parade evenings (Thursday 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm). You do not have to be a GI Jane or Rambo – just keen enough to help in anyway that you can!

We also have vacancies for uniformed officers - one Army (male or female) and two RAF (one male and one female). If you are able to assist or would like more information please contact Major Del Adcock via ccf@calday.co.uk.

ADVENTURE IN MOROCCO – SUMMER 2018

Calday Grange Grammar School is delighted to announce that an exciting expedition to Morocco will take place in summer 2018!

Aimed at students in Years 10, 11 and 12, this will be an exhilarating 11-day expedition, a real adventure of a lifetime! After flying into the fascinating city of Marrakech filled with bustling market souks, the team will be transferred to the High Atlas Mountains for a 3-day community project. This stunning mountain region is home to the native Berber community and the team will have plenty of opportunity to interact with locals and explore the fascinating Moroccan culture. After some time to familiarise and prepare, the team will head off on their Atlas Mountains trek, which may be used as the Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition. The trekking will take the team through some beautiful Moroccan landscapes, through barren hills and fertile valleys – it will certainly be an experience to remember! The expedition is topped off by an ascent of Mount Toubkal – the highest peak in North Africa at 4167m, a challenging but rewarding achievement. The team will then return to Marrakech for some time to explore, before heading home with a camera full of fantastic pictures, memories of a rewarding community project and trek, and an impressive summit under their belts! Some students will have also completed their Gold Qualifying DofE Expedition, a fantastic achievement!

This expedition will give all participants a real sense of challenge and adventure, being a unique opportunity to learn about leadership, teamwork, self-reliance and decision-making – all crucial life-skills in this uncertain world. This kind of expedition, especially a completed section of the Gold DofE Award, also looks great on UCAS applications! It makes the applicant stand out from the crowd by showing a broadened experience of the wider world and in demonstrating key qualities of dedication, determination and self-motivation.

There will be a parent and student presentation and briefing evening by the organisers, Far Frontiers Expeditions, who have 20 years' experience in running school expeditions, on **Monday 24 April 2017 at 18:00 in the dining hall**. Both parents and students are invited to attend. There will be time for parents and students to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Please register your attendance at www.farfrontiers.co.uk/caldaygrangemorocco by 15th April 2017.

This trip will cost £1495, and includes international flights, accommodation, food, in-country transfers, local guides, plus school staff and a Far Frontiers Expedition Leader. Booking forms to join the expedition, plus a full itinerary, will be handed out at the presentation evening. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via ccf@calday.co.uk. Major Del Adcock

SPORTS NEWS



Tennis

Our Senior Boys beat Kings Chester in a knockout competition



Football

Wirral School boys 4-1 Liverpool FA

Following Saturday's win over Liverpool in the Semi Final, Wirral School Boys go on to the National Final at Birmingham City's ground early May to play Swansea SFA.

Boys in the 16 Man Squad from CGGS were Luke Robinson, Will Mckechnie, George Nugent, Jack Gibson and Jake Bickerstaff

Football (cont/d)

Year 7 and 8 both won the 8-a-side Tournament at Woodchurch run by Everton FC and both are now through to Finch Farm for the Merseyside Finals

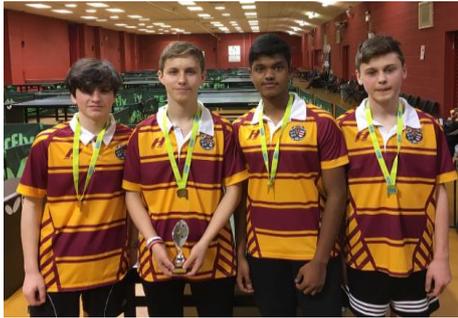


Table Tennis

Congratulations to our KS3 and KS4 table tennis teams who recently qualified for the final of the Merseyside County Finals competition held at Halton Sports Centre, Widnes. The KS3 team consisted of, Cason Brady, Thomas Connolly, George Rowan and Joseph Fayle. The KS4 players came first in their category and the team were Alec Robinson, Akil Thiruselvan, Matthew Webster and Jake Norton.

Well done to all players.

Rugby

Congratulations to the 7's squad on their fantastic achievement in winning the Wirral Grammar school Plate competition. The RFU policy is that competitions will follow a 'waterfall' format. This means that after the first group games, all the first placed teams will play in the cup, the second placed teams will play in the Plate, the 3rd place will play in the shield and the 4th placed in the vase. In our first round games, we lost 1-0 to Kirkham (our first game), Beat Altrincham GS 3-0 and Lymm Hs 2-0, placing us second in the group. In the Plate competition, we beat Birkenhead school 2-1, St Anselms 2-0 and Merchant Taylors 1-0. A fantastic set of results.

Hockey

This season has been one of the best we have had for years with all year groups doing well.

U12's

This year group are just starting off but they are already showing a great deal of promise. A number of boys have already played for the u13's with two boys playing for the u14's. Large numbers do turn up for the training sessions.

U13's



They have had a tremendous season and were runners up in the Cheshire 7 a side finals and the North of England Finals. They are now going through to the National Finals of the In2Hockey Competition to be held in May

The boys also had a trip down to the Lee Valley Olympic Centre in London earlier this month in the inaugural ISHC Cup and finished third. A large number of parents went down to support the boys and really enjoyed the whole occasion.

Four of the boys were also members of the u14 Squad all season.

U14's

The u14's have had a really good season as well as winning the Wirral Cup Final and being runners up in the North West and the North of England Finals. Last week they went to Repton School in the play off for the National Finals. Repton probably have the best record in the country for Hockey but the boys lost 1-0 to a goal scored in the last minute of the match. They do have a tournament now in Holland to look forward to at Easter.

U16's

The u16's won the Wirral Cup and were runners up in the North West of England Finals

The U18's

For a number of boys this was their last season at school and they acquitted themselves really well in the National KO with wins over Kings Chester, Rossall and Kings Macclesfield before going out finally to a strong Oakham team.

These boys throughout their time at Calday have had some fantastic moments and have really been a credit to the school in the way they have gone about their hockey. We wish them well for their future hockey ambitions.

Don't forget that you can follow us on twitter @CGGSport for the most up-to-date sports news.

CAREERS INFORMATION

(NEW) LEGAL APPRENTICESHIP

Any students wishing to pursue a career in the legal profession may be interested in a Legal Apprenticeship, Level 3 Paralegal Trailblazer with DWF LLP. Entry requirements, equivalent of 3 C's at A Level. Further details can be found at <https://www.dwf.law/join-us/legal-apprenticeships/>

PILOT CAREERS LIVE

Pilot Careers Live is Europe's largest independent flight training exhibition for anyone who is interested in a career as an airline pilot. This takes place on Saturday 22nd April from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm at the Sofitel Hotel, Terminal 5, London Heathrow.

UNILEVER APPRENTICESHIPS

The Unilever apprenticeship opportunities for September 2017 are now live on their website <https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/>.

16-19 BURSARY FUND

Many thanks to the parents of sixth form students who have responded to our recent emails and updates. Your action has allowed us to allocate a number of bursaries to support our sixth form students.

As a reminder, the school administers a 16-19 Bursary Fund on behalf of the Education Funding Agency. The fund is to provide support to students aged 16 to 19 who might struggle with the cost of full-time education. We are still accepting applications for financial support in the 2016/17 academic year.

Parents of sixth form students who are in receipt of Free School Meals are particularly encouraged to read this information and consider applying for the fund due to the high likelihood of receiving an award. Details of the 16-19 Bursary Fund can be found on the school website: www.calday.co.uk/bursary

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.

ROTARY CLUB OF HESWALL

FOLK CONCERT

8PM START

SATURDAY 6th MAY 2017

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