



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2017

Mon	20 th March	
Tues	21 st March	
Weds	22 nd March	Year 10 DofE sessions (in school)
Thurs	23 rd March	Year 10 DofE sessions (in school)
Fri	24 th March	Year 10 DofE sessions (in school)

SOCIAL MEDIA, ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH AND CYBER SAFETY EVENT FOR PARENTS

Dr Keri Nixon, a forensic psychologist, visited school today (Friday 17th March) to talk to students in years 7-10 about cyber safety and the impact of social media on the mental health of young people. She will also be in the school hall from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd March for a complimentary follow up event for parents. If you would like to attend, could you please email Mrs Olwen Walsh at olwen.walsh@calday.co.uk so that we have an idea of numbers.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY CAREERS TALK



A group of students from years 9 to 12 travelled to the Withington Girls' School on Thursday 16th March to hear from speakers about "How chemistry can shape your future and our world". We heard from a number of speakers who had completed chemistry Degrees and Masters and then found roles with a multitude of different employers. We also heard about both university and apprenticeship routes to qualifications and how chemistry has influenced the speakers' interests out of school.

With speakers from MEL Chemicals, Astra Zeneca, Unilever and BASF amongst others, we were able to hear about a variety of skills the speakers had gained from the study of chemistry both in and out of the laboratory.

PRIMARY OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We place great importance on the development of links with our valued primary partners and this year Calday has worked closely with a national operator to provide science dome experiences to a number of schools across Wirral. Over 1200 children in key stages 1 & 2 took great delight in a range of topics that brought STEM opportunities into the classroom.

Science dome is a great way to explore science, geology and geography in an interactive way. It provides additional science resource and presents a different learning experience to the children. Through fully digital mobile planetarium and natural history shows (rocks/fossils and dinosaurs) presented in a large inflatable blacked-out dome children benefit from a truly 360 degree experience! The response from both staff and pupils was extremely positive the children really enjoyed the sessions.

Children from Chester, Ellesmere Port and North Wales recently took part in a Science workshop. The workshop for students in years 4 and 5 is part of our busy outreach programme dedicated to enhancing the learning opportunities for the most able students from across the region. We aim to offer stimulating and complimentary sessions giving those involved the opportunity to explore different activities outside of their normal curriculum, whilst having fun!

Last weekend saw the launch of a new workshop entitled 'Animal Antics'. New to our programme for 2017 this workshop features 'Junior STEM' robotics, a hands-on zoo experience and a drama session allowing children the opportunity to invent their own imagined creatures. The whole day is really good fun and has great learning outcomes too!

Primary Activity Day at Calday - Saturday 25th March

A similar day will be held at Calday Grange Grammar School on Saturday 25th March. Attendance is open to all boys and girls in years 4 and 5. Please use the link [HERE](#) for more details of this workshop and how to book your child a place, or email the community office at:community@calday.co.uk. (Charges apply of £20 per child).

YEAR 7 B TEAM FOOTBALL REPORT

Coaches Mr Phillips and Mr Broadhurst took the Calday Year 7 B-team to South Liverpool Academy in Liverpool recently for their latest fixture, following their impressive 5-2 win away at Woodchurch in their previous game.

Despite playing on an unconventional astro- surface, Calday went ahead early with a good strike by in-form striker, Nathan Herrod-Sharkey. Man-of-the-match, Leo Branch, then doubled Calday's lead with a skillful goal, before Calday's artistic winger, Jacob Milner, added a third. It was shortly before half time when Calday scored number four, when Branch finished coolly for his second.

A good effort from the home side brought the score back to 4-2 to Calday, but the men in maroon saw the game out professionally. Well done to the boys, and thanks to the parents who supported the team.

NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Emma Whitely, Education Director for the Everyman & Playhouse Theatres, visited Calday recently to work with the year 10 students on devising skills. This is as part of our Unique Partnership with the theatres which also gives us cheap tickets to all of the theatres' shows, talks and visits from a range of theatre staff, backstage tours for our students and the opportunity to perform on both the Everyman and Playhouse stages at different times throughout the year.

https://www.everymanplayhouse.com/whats-more/2017/03/09/chinese-new-year-spring-festival-production-photographs?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=LEARNING-NEWSLETTER-MAR-17&utm_content=version_A

STUDENTS VISIT RUSSIA



The Russian department took 32 Year 9-13 students on our annual trip to Russia! The eight day trip started in grand and imposing Moscow and then we travelled by night train to the imperial and splendid St Petersburg. The students enjoyed historical sightseeing of Lenin in his Mausoleum and WWII memorials, seeing famous Faberge eggs in Kremlin, taking in a story of a Prodigal Son admiring masterpiece by Rembrandt in the Hermitage, chanting "CKA" at an ice-hockey match and making friends with Russian school kids.

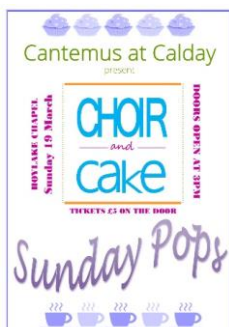
We saw some crazy Russians who sat for hours on ice in the hope of catching fish and others who have a swim in icy waters in the river Neva! Needless to say, we had numerous snowball fights, skating on frozen rivers in the city centre and traditional picnic al fresco by the frozen sea!

Below are some comments from students and parents:

Our son had an amazing time! He returned even more passionate about his Russian studies, full of exciting stories, interesting facts and great experiences, all of which he enjoys sharing - so we are benefiting, too! The trip was extremely well organised and the itinerary impressive. We would be very happy for our son to go again next year!
Parent of a 6th former

The best school trip I have ever been on and I really can't wait to go back. I loved the culture and the food and all of the activity we did! GJ

Going back on the trip for a second time, it was brilliant to see so many different things! Most of the first time! The culture is so rich and being able to put the language I have learnt into practice was the best part for me. After talking to the school children and then actually understanding was breath taking for me. I will definitely will keep in touch with my new friends that I have made. My ultimate highlight however was eating shashlik on the beach of St Petersburg when instead of sand there was snow and the sea was frozen over. It is something I will probably never experience again and for that I can't thank Mrs Hughes and the other teachers enough! Jack B



CANTEMUS AT CALDAY – CHOIR & CAKE

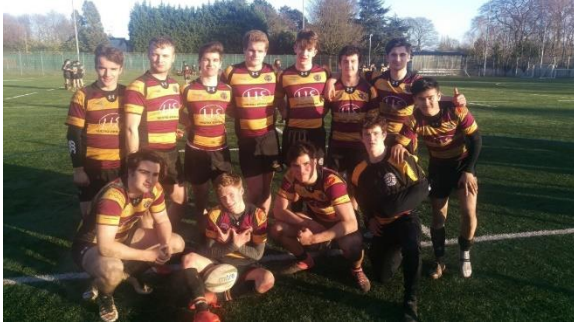
Please join Cantemus at Calday for some homemade cake and entertainment! Sunday 19th March at Hoylake Chapel. Doors open at 3.00 pm. Tickets are £5 and available at the door.

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY

U13 Hockey team have made it to the National Finals, beating Bromsgrove School, 3-1. They now head to the Olympic Village this Friday. A fantastic achievement by the squad, which included a number of Year 7 students. Good luck boys!

RUGBY



U18 Cheshire 7s

Group Stages:

Beat The Grange 17-15

Lost to Lymm – 21-12

Beat Sandbach – 22-19

Semi-Final: Beat Cheadle Hulme 22-15

Final: Lost to Kings Macclesfield – 42-7



U16s Merchant Taylor 7s

Group Stages:

Lost to Wirral: 28-10

Beat Rydal: 38-0

Beat Kirkham School: 24-7

Beat AKEQMS: 32-10

Semi-Finals: Lost 19-17 to Stonyhurst, who ended up
Tournament winners.



U18s North of England 7s

Won 1 – Arnold School

Drew 1 – Manchester Grammar School

Lost 2 – Stockport Grammar School & Pocklington School



U14 Wirral GS 7s

Plate Winners

Q/Final – Beat Birkenhead School

S/Final – Beat St Anselms

Final – Beat Wimslow 40-0

SPORTS NEWS (cont/d..)

U15 Cheshire 7s – Cup Semi-Finalists

Group Stages:

Beat Lymm, Altrincham Grammar, Woodchurch and The Grange

Semi – Final: Lost to St Ambrose 22-0

FOOTBALL

Year 10 Football Cheshire Cup Q/Final vs Alsager School Won 7-1

Year 8 Wirral Cup vs St Marys Won 7-1

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION RESULTS

Year 7 Winners: Will Sutcliffe, Tom Vasey

Year 8 Winners: Luke Hampshire

Year 9 Winners: Rowan Milner

Year 10 Winners: Ciaran English – 12:19, Tom Jordan & Jake Quarmby – 12:21

Year 11 Winners: Alex Norton – 12:20

NORTHERN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY - SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017

Year 7

Will Sutcliffe was 2nd with good runs from Sam Frenkel (43rd), Sam Gawith (49th).

Year 8

Daniel Hayes finished 3rd, Will Wright 8th, Luke Hampshire 13th and a magnificent performance from Ewan Head in 55th giving the team 3rd place overall.

Year 9

Sam Brocklehurst finished a good 14th.

Year 10/11

Tom Jordan finished 5th, with Alex Norton 8th, Jake Quarmby 9th, Cieran English 11th, Matthew Arnold 14th and Josh Quarmby 24th. The team finishing a brilliant 2nd.

Year 12/13

Tom Gillbanks who finished 13th.

SPORTS NEWS

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

CAREERS INFORMATION

(*NEW*) AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIPS

Airbus Engineering, Commercial and Higher Chain Logistics Apprenticeships will be closing 31 March. For further information please visit <http://www.airbusgroup.com/int/en/people-careers/apprentices-and-pupils.html>

(*NEW*) 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

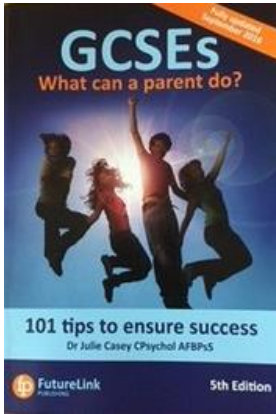
The Unilever apprenticeship opportunities for September 2017 are now live on their website <https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/>.

EASTER SOCCER CAMP

To give students in years 7-9 the opportunity to enhance their football skills KH SoccerSchool is hosting an Easter Soccer Camp (see flyer at the end of the newsletter). The camp will take place from 10th-12th April at Glasspool Fields and will be run by Kevin Holsgrove, an ex Caldeian and professional footballer (also one of the school's football coaches).

The course will focus on a mix of technical drills, fun activities and mini world cups. The cost of the course is £80 and there are a number of registration details required. To pay online visit www.khsoccerschool.ml or alternatively send a cheque into school marked for the attention of Kevin Holsgrove, enclosing your son's name and form

A GUIDE TO GCSE EXAM SUCCESS



'A guide to GCSE exam success' which was discussed at the recent study skills evening is now in stock and available to purchase through the school shop. The booklet contains good suggestions and strategies for students and parents at all levels, not just in years 10 and 11. It offers additional tips on setting up a work corner, establishing routines and expectations, dealing with excuses, handling a lack of motivation, dealing with stress and much more. Useful appendices list the best websites, clearly explain the GCSE system and offer a 'what to do if...' guide.

Written by an Educational Psychologist with four children who have all undertaken GCSEs (with varying degrees of motivation!), the book includes a wealth of tried, practical and 'do-able' tips and ideas to support parents in supporting their children through the GCSE years. To purchase a copy please go to the online school shop at: shop.calday.co.uk. The booklet is priced at £2.75 and available for either collection from the school shop (open to students each day between 1:00pm - 1:45pm) or by first class post, postage costs £1.50.

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



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

Are you a talented singer, magician, dancer, comedian? Would you be willing to perform on the school stage to help raised funds? CAPS (Calday Association of Parents & Staff) are looking for entertaining parents and students who would be willing to offer their services for the benefit of the school.

We don't have a date set for a CAPS event of this nature, but once we have a pot of talent we would be looking to arrange a fundraiser at some point this year. If you, or family and friends, have the skills we are looking for then we would love to hear from you! Please email the CAPS Secretary on CAPS@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 to complete the short questionnaire.