



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2017

Mon	24 th April	UCAS Evening for Year 12 students 7.00 pm School Hall
Tues	25 th April	
Weds	26 th April	
Thurs	27 th April	
Fri	28 th April	Quiz & Chilli Night in aid of Refilwe 7.00 pm School Hall

STUDENT SUCCESS



Congratulations to Year 9 student, Will Colwell, who has been re-selected for this season's U14's Cheshire Cricket team. Additionally, Will has been appointed as the team captain. This has come on the back of last year's debut season where he scored 357 runs, finishing as the ranked number one batsman and winning the accolade of U13 Batsman of the Year at the end of season awards. We wish him well for the season ahead.

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.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

We are holding an information evening on Tuesday 2nd May for parents of children who are currently in Year 5 at Primary School and who are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools from September 2018. The event will take place between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm and will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about the 11+ process and to have a look around the school.

CALDAY RECEIVES AWARDS

We have been notified that the school has been awarded an Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM)/ ISM Trust Bronze Certificate in Music. This recognises entries and attainment in GCSE music across the Key Stage 4 cohort. Thank you to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Powell for all their hard work in helping the school attain this award.

We were also informed by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT) that we have been nationally recognised with an SSAT Educational Outcomes award for our exceptional 2016 performance. Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that we are in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress. The award will be presented at a regional celebration event in due course.

CALDAY SUPPORT FUND

We recently launched the **Calday Support Fund** to generate additional funding to support and expand our range of extra-curricular and sport activities. Many thanks to those parents and supporters who have signed up already.

Whilst we are pleased with the initial interest, we still need many more parents and supporters to sign up to support the school. If we are unable to raise the target annual funding then we may have to consider the options for reducing the range or frequency of our extra-curricular and sport activities.

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 just £5 per month (£60 per annum).

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 opposite.

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



CHANGE OF BUS OPERATOR AND REVISED TIMING OF 614 SERVICE

Merseytravel have asked us to inform parents that on Monday 24th April there will be the following changes to some bus routes that service Calday Grange Grammar School.

Change of bus operator

Service 620 (PM journey) now operated by Al's Coaches.

Service 621(AM journey) now operated by Eazibus.

Re-timing of service

Service 614(PM journey) is re-timed 10 minutes later and will depart school at 1600 (timetable attached).

Should you have any queries please contact Traveline on 0151 236 7676.

VACANCY FOR TEACHER OF SPANISH

We currently have a vacancy for a Teacher of Spanish (maternity cover) commencing in September 2017. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in this vacancy please direct them to the school website for further details.

THE FOOD CUBE



The Food Cube was installed over the Easter break and will be open for business from Monday lunchtime selling a range of cold items such as sandwiches, cookies, crisps and drinks.

It is hoped that in the future we will be able to sell a limited range of hot items. The prices will be the same as charged in the dining room and all payments are cashless.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

130 Year 10 students will take part in their Bronze practice walking expedition between 20th - 28th April. The students have prepared their routes in advance and are keen to put their map reading skills in to practice! They are hoping for warm, sunny days with no rain! We wish them the best of luck and we look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return! The DofE Team

LRC NEWS

Congratulations to 7BW who, for a second term running, have been the most active borrowers in our Reading Challenge. Super reading boys!

As exam season looms, the Learning Resource Centre continues to be well used throughout the day. May we remind students to work quietly, respecting the rights of others at all times.

Please consider using our website <http://library.calday.co.uk/> to aid your revision. You can search the catalogue from here, giving you access to over 9000 resources but don't forget that you will also need to take some time out to relax and instead of the ubiquitous gadgets, why not immerse yourself for an hour or so in an exciting story? After all, there is so much published research that shows that those who read for pleasure, consistently perform better academically than those who don't.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KID VOUCHERS

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a post box situated in the dining room for the students to place vouchers in or they can hand them into the admin office. The deadline for donating vouchers is 30th June 2017. Thank you for your support.

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.

CALDY GOLF CLUB

Caldy Golf Club have a limited number of vacancies in its junior section. If any students are interested in joining please contact Gail Copple on 625 5660.

SPANISH EXCHANGE TO TORRLAVEGA, CANTABRIA

In March 2017, Year 10 Spanish students from Calday took part in a joint exchange with West Kirby Grammar School to I.E.S Garcilaso De La Vega school in Torrelavega, Cantabria. We flew from Manchester to Bilbao and then took the coach to Torrelavega, which is an hour away. We stayed with our exchange partners in apartments and houses near the school.

On our first day we were welcomed at the school and then at a reception in the town hall. We had the chance to work with the Spanish students in their lessons and to attend local primary schools to help the children with their English.

During our visit, we visited some spectacular attractions in the region including Santillana del Mar, a medieval village, and the Altamira Caves, known as the "Sistine Chapel of the Paleolithic Age" and declared World Heritage. We also enjoyed visiting el Capricho designed by Gaudi. A highlight was our trip to Santander, the capital of the region, located on the coast.

We found the experience invaluable as we were immersed in speaking Spanish, which has improved our language skills. Above all, we have made good friends with our exchange partners and are looking forward to their return visit in May when our partners will go on visits to Liverpool, Chester and Port Sunlight, as well as spending time in school.

Year 10 encourage other students to take part in the exchange as "you make lifelong friends and discover the real Spain and Spanish culture".



UNDER 14 ROTTERDAM HOCKEY TOUR (written by Captain of the Team, Mark Hodgson Yr 9)



Both Mr Walker and Mr Proctor selflessly took 12 year 9 students and 4 year 8 students over the recent Easter weekend to Rotterdam. Whilst there, we competed in the annual boys' U14 Rotterdam Easter International Tournament.

After a very early start, we arrived in Amsterdam and had a few hours to explore the city and experience the culture. To aid us with this, we were liberated from the care of Mr Walker and Mr Proctor. After most students had foolishly wasted their money on items that shout 'I'm a tourist', we headed to Rotterdam and checked in at the Easy Hotel.

Shortly after, we played our first game against Wiesbaden. Due to our early start and time spent travelling, the game started off slowly. However once into it we scored - yet the finisher has yet to be decided between Brunskill and McGrath.

After this confidence booster we had many more opportunities in the offensive 'D' yet were not clinical enough to find the back of the net again. Shortly after followed a disastrous shootout with CGGS conceding 4 and scoring 0.

After a decent sleep, we returned the next morning to play Yperburg. Yet again, we started off slowly by conceding 2 foolish early goals. However, McGrath's strong reverse into the roof of the net gave us confidence to dominate the rest of the game although we conceded a LATE goal.

We proceeded to play Mannheim, a strong German opposition, who tested us. The game finished with a 2-0 loss yet I felt the team put in their most hard working performance in that match and should be proud.

Shortly afterwards we played a Dutch team who certainly had a height advantage. After starting strongly, we scored the first goal however the opposition soon scored and levelled the game. After multiple attacking chances wasted, our opposition scored a late goal. The wise words of a 'knowledgeable' player stood out in that match of 'outcomes in the 'D'!

Later on we played our hosts, Rotterdam. As a team we decided it would be great to beat the hosts. An early first time 'screamer' from Ross gave us confidence yet the Dutch decided the embarrassment of losing to the English was not an option. They repetitively rolled in goals as if there was no opposition. Although a game highlight was Corkhill with a tremendous tackle on a '6-foot Dutch machine'.

The next day we played Wiesbaden and Hamburg. We successfully won both games playing very relaxed hockey. Shortly afterwards we watched the finals and were fortunate to see a top quality Austrian boys' team rip apart a Dutch team, witnessing some of the best hockey we have ever seen. On returning to the hotel, we were treated to the cinema showing of 'Fast and Furious 8'.

At the end of a fantastic tournament we retired to our hotel in preparation of another very early wake up call for the dawn flight home. The U14 team has had a great year of hockey and the tour gave us a great finish to our season. We all had an amazing time and would very much encourage Mr Walker to make this an annual event

PARIS TRIP 2017



The Easter weekend saw the arrival of 20 year 10-11 French students to the famous City of Light, Paris. Over three and a half days, the boys visited every sight possible to see in Paris, walking over 25km around the city learning enough to fill an encyclopedia, as well as navigating the Paris metro system like pros! One Day One they took the Eurostar to central Paris before taking a riverboat cruise down the River Seine followed by a delicious dinner of pizza and ice-cream near the hostel, overlooking the Eiffel Tower.

Day Two, which happened to be Easter Sunday, (and Dan Frenkel's birthday!), saw them visit the soaring towers of gothic Notre Dame during Easter Mass, admire the incredible 12th century stained-glass windows at La Sainte Chapelle, learn about the gory French Revolution at Place de la Bastille, and visit an authentic weekend food market where they boys exercised their already excellent language skills to buy their lunch – fresh snails anyone?! After this, they wandered through Medieval Paris in the quaint district of Le Marais, watched in awe some Parisian street performers, browsed the books on sale at the river-side stalls of Les Bouquinistes, payed their respects to Victor Hugo, Emile Zola and Jean-Jacques Rousseau at the Panthéon, got competitive at (le) bowling, finishing off with a night climb of the Eiffel Tower after another tasty pizza and ice-cream dinner; truly a memorable thing to view at night.

Day Three started off with a climb to the 56th floor of the 2nd tallest building in Paris, the Montparnasse Tower, for incredible views over the city (and some delicious brownies in the café!) followed by an interesting tour of Les Invalides – a complex of buildings that relate to the military history of France, culminating in a visit to the lavish tomb of Napoléon Bonaparte. Onwards to the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, ending the evening with a walking tour past the historic Moulin Rouge, known as the birthplace of the modern Can-Can (of which the boys performed beautifully on the metro platform while waiting for their train) and through Montmartre, famous for inspiring artists such as Renoir, Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec. Sunset views over Paris set against the backdrop of the stunning Sacré-Coeur, were enjoyed before a scavenger hunt and crêpes, snails and frogs legs.

Day Four was a bit of a morbid, but fascinating start, as we ended our trip with a visit to the Catacombs of Paris - an underground burial site for more than 4 million Parisians since the 18th century. 1.5km of underground tunnels allowed the boys to delve deep into Parisian history, figuratively and physically, all the while surrounded by the skeletons of its former inhabitants. A quick trip home via the Eurostar and then back to reality the very next day at school! I would like to thank Mr Pickstone for his company and assistance on the trip, as well as his endless knowledge of all things history, and all the boys for their superb behaviour.

Grand merci à tous!!
Miss Trotter

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

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.



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.

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.

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

CAREERS INFORMATION

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

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