



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2016

Mon	29 th February	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tues	1 st March	
Weds	2 nd March	
Thurs	3 rd March	
Friday	4 th March	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 25 th March	Good Friday (school closed)
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday (school closed)
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 1 st April	Non Uniform Day School closes for Easter break

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

All Year 11 students are invited to attend our next Sixth Form Information Evening which will take place on Wednesday 9th March 2016 from 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the subjects they are considering for sixth form. More details, along with a planning sheet to enable students to organise their evening, will be sent out prior to the event.

NORTH WEST BOYS' SCHOOL HOCKEY FINALS

Our U14, U16 and U18 hockey teams played this week in the North West Boys' Schools Finals. Although all the teams played extremely well only the U16s team got through to the final. They defeated King's School, Macclesfield 5- 0 to become the U16s North West Champions and will now play in the North of England U16 finals next Wednesday. Well done to all the teams.

'LIVING STREETS FREE YOUR FEET' WEEK

Next week is 'Living Streets Free Your Feet' week at Calday. All year groups have had assemblies this week from the Pedestrian Association and are being encouraged to walk more next week and log their walking on specific postcards available from their form tutors. All those who participate will be entered into a draw to win £50 of shopping vouchers. As so many students live too far away from school to walk in we have suggested going for family walks in the evening, getting off the bus a stop earlier and walking, helping out with walking the dog and even walking around the school campus during lunchtime. Staff will be participating in their own walking challenge too.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR MEDICINE

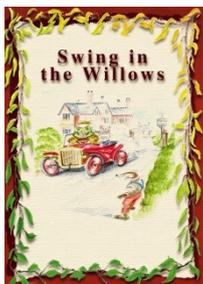
On Thursday 3rd March there will be a talk and Q & A session for any Year 11, 12 or 13 students who wish to apply for medicine. This will take place at 12.15 pm in the conference room and will be delivered by a 5th year medical student who is at Liverpool together with Nick Parsonage, a former Calday student.

SEND CONDITIONS

Parents often ask us about different SEND conditions, how they can support their child and how we help them at school. There is now a set of information sheets about a range of conditions on the Learning Support area of the website. If you are concerned that your child may have one of the conditions mentioned please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Storey SENCo.

E SAFETY SOCIAL MEDIA APPS EXPLAINED

There is a parents' guide to social media apps, provided for us by PC Mark Parry, now available on the school website under the E-Safety section. Please take a look as it provides essential information about the social media sites your children may be visiting.



SWING THE WILLOWS

Tickets are now on sale for the next school production, *Swing in the Willows*. With a cast of over 50 students this is the tale of Mole, Ratty, Badger and Toad and the evil ferrets, stoats and weasels. With some great big band music this is ideal for the whole family. Performances are on 3rd - 5th March at 7pm. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for students and are available via scopy and also from the drama department.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 4 & 5 STUDENTS

We are now taking bookings for a CGC activity day being held at Calday on Saturday 12th March. The event is open to Year 4 and 5 boys and girls and costs £20 per student. Please visit the school website for workshop details and to complete an on line booking form www.calday.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES

Did you know that the average UK household has two unwanted or unused mobile phones? We are working alongside a company called Fonebank, a mobile phone recycling initiative which will raise funds to enable us to support student enrichment activities.

The scheme is very straightforward and Fonebank will pay their current website prices for any handset that is received from us. We are therefore asking if parents could kindly search the cupboards and drawers for those unwanted mobile phones and send them to school with your child. The collection point is outside the dining hall.

We do hope that you might be able to help with the collection. For more information please visit www.fonebank.com/schools

MESSAGE FROM MERSEYTRAVEL

We have been notified that from 3rd May 2016 Happy Al's will not be providing 8 of the 9 services it recently commercialised following the cancellation of these contracts with Merseytravel earlier this month. This involves 628, 711, 620 Wirral services which serve Hilbre High, Ridgeway High, West Kirkby Grammar and Calday Grammar schools.

As the 8 services will not be run commercially after the specified date, Merseytravel will now draw up and consider a number of options to ensure that there is suitable provision from May. We will keep you apprised of progress in relation to this and communicate further once replacement service provision is finalised.

JUMP FOR CLATTERBRIDGE!

Two of our fantastic year 10 boys in Hollowell House, Matt Martin and Dan Wallace, have come up with a hair-raising idea to raise money for the school charity ... by bungee jumping off a 300 foot high crane!! On the 23rd April this year, Matt and Dan will be throwing themselves (literally) into this fundraising event in an attempt to raise at least £350 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

When asked what inspired them to do such an event, they replied: "...it is a charity that is very close to our hearts as we have family members and friends affected by cancer.... Clatterbridge does *amazing* work with people affected by cancer and so, any money that you could spare to donate to this awesome cause via our mad adventure would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to support the school charity through sponsoring Matt and Dan, please visit their Justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee>

PARKING

We have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding inappropriate parking around the school. Could we please ask parents to ensure that they park legally and do not obstruct pavements and driveways.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise the impact of our fundraising activities and would like to draw your attention to a donation website we are currently signed up to where we can benefit from your shopping.

The easyfundraising website rewards shoppers who purchase from various online retailers by making donations to good causes. Calday Grange Grammar School qualifies as a good cause and by using this site one of our parents has already contributed £37 for 6 months of shopping. Imagine the impact on funds if a significant number of others followed suit!

Could we please ask you to take 5 minutes of your time to take a look at the following link and sign up to the website via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

SAFETY OF STUDENTS

Students are entering the school site via the exit route from the school car park (adjacent to the old caretaker's house on the school property). Could you please remind your child that this is an unsafe practice as there are no pavements and also a blind corner for outgoing traffic. We would also ask that parents take extra care when driving out of this exit.

TERM DATES

The term dates for September 2016 to July 2017 have now been agreed and will be placed on the school website shortly.

SCHOOL SPORTING HONOURS

An important part of the school culture is to honour individuals who have shown exceptional sporting achievement. Many students are successful without us knowing about it and we would like to add their names to the honours board. If your son/daughter has achieved a level of national recognition we would very much like to celebrate it. Please email geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk with the details.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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. The next census date is January 2016 and we encourage all eligible parents or carers to complete their applications ahead of this date to ensure that the School receives funding in 2016/17. Please visit the parent section of the school website for more information.

100 YEARS OF CADETS AT CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2016 will see the centenary of the formation of the First Cadet Unit at Calday Grange Grammar School



In the spring term of 1916 a unit of the Officers' Training Corps (OTC) was established to help train young men to take their place in the ranks of the Army embroiled in the First World War. The successor to this OTC unit is today's Combined Cadet Force Contingent which has both a Royal Navy Section and a Royal Air Force Section.

The CCF has clear objectives; to develop leadership qualities amongst its cadets, to foster a team spirit, to develop personal qualities of self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance in cadets and to instill a commitment to service.

To celebrate this event there will be a parade at the School on the morning of Saturday 19 March 2016, during which a new Contingent Banner will be dedicated. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and demonstrations of cadet activities in the afternoon. We also hope to install a stained-glass window to mark the anniversary and this will be unveiled during the day. Guests are invited to arrive at 09:30. The daytime event will finish at approximately 15:30.

Please get in touch with Major Adcock via ccf@calday.co.uk. Please inform your friends and relatives of the event.



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

If you would like to join CAPS and assist in planning and organising events to benefit the students in the school and the community at Calday please email CAPS@calday.co.uk or visit www.calday.co.uk

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

As part of a review aimed at improving the health of students we are monitoring the food we serve in the canteen through direct sales and through the vending machines. In addition we are noting the type and quantity of food brought in by students. In this respect we have observed a disturbing number of students bringing in whole packets of biscuits and multi-packs of sweets and chocolate bars. Clearly excessive eating of highly processed sugar rich food is damaging to teeth and health and may impact negatively on learning/concentration through sugar highs. In response to this, and to support a healthier lifestyle, we will confiscate foodstuffs that are being brought into school and consumed in excessive amounts until they can be returned at the end of the day.

MASTER SPORTS COACHING IS BACK THIS EASTER AND WILL BE DELIVERING THE FOLLOWING CAMPS:

4th – 6th April: Hockey Camp and Rugby Camp @ Calday Grange Grammar School

11th – 13th April: Rugby Camp @ Chester RUFC

Cost - £80! (£140 if you send two of your children!)

Between us we have over 20 years of coaching and playing experience. Our aim is to deliver elite sports camps for enthusiastic, passionate sportsman, giving them an opportunity to experience what it is like to train like a professional athlete, irrespective of their ability. We offer a completely different type of sport camp; bringing in a number of qualified, high achieving sports professionals to give the boys an insight into sport at the highest level. This is an opportunity not to be missed for any sporting enthusiast. Our Easter Rugby and Hockey Camps will include the following:

Rugby:

- Level 2 RFU Coaches who are currently PE Teachers who have played Semi-Professional rugby and coached at County and North of England level.
- **Rotherham Titans** – We will have 3 professional players attending the camp. They will be delivering a Q&A session on life as a professional, as well as delivering coaching clinics for the remainder of the day
- **S3 Fitness** – Current sponsor of Chester RUFC will be delivering TRX training sessions to all the players
- **Fitness and rehab pool sessions** (@ Calday Grange Grammar School Camp)

Hockey:

- 'Pro-day' coaching session led by Premier League hockey players.
- **S3 Fitness** – Current sponsor of Chester RUFC will be delivering TRX training sessions to all the players
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Extra information regarding the camp:

Chester RUFC & Calday Grange Grammar School Rugby Camps:

Start: 8:30am Finish: 3:00pm

Cost: £80

- Packed Lunch required
- Rugby kit
- Waterproofs
- Trainers & Boots
- Gumshields
- Towel

Calday Grange Grammar School Hockey Camp:

Start: 8:30am Finish: 3:00pm

Cost: £80

- Packed Lunch required
- Waterproofs
- Trainers
- Gumshields
- Shin Pads
- Towel
- Hockey stick (we can provide hockey sticks if your son/daughter does not have one)

Safeguarding

When you drop your son off and pick him up, you will need to sign him in/out with one of the Masters Sports Coaching staff. We will be giving out a different password out each day to you in which you will need to you when collecting your son. Our previous camps at Calday Grange Grammar School and Chester RUFC last year were a huge success and highlights of the camp can be viewed on our Twitter page (@masterssports) and Facebook page (Masters Sports Coaching).

If you are interested in your son attending the camp, please complete the application form at the end of the newsletter and return it, with the payment, to Mr Hayes or Mr Miller, who can be found in the PE Department. There is also an address at the bottom of the application form if you would like to send the form and payment via post.

We believe that your son will have a fantastic experience and we are thoroughly looking forward to working with them.



Masters Sports Coaching **Easter Rugby and Hockey Camps 2016**

- Outstanding coaching for 8-16 year old boys
- 'Guest Day' coaching sessions by Rotherham Titans rugby players
- TRX training session from S3 Fitness
- Fitness and rehab pool sessions

4th-6th April

3 day course £80

@ Calday Grange Grammar School



To book, complete the form on the reverse and return with the course fee. Further info:



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coaching@gmail
.com



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Our aim— "To show you what you can be, rather than what you are."

Name of Child

DOB

Camp Options (Please Tick)

Date	Time	Venue	Sport	Selection
4th April—6th April	8:30am— 3pm	Calday Grange G.S. Grammar School Lane	Rugby	
4th April—6th April	8:30am— 3pm	Calday Grange G.S. Astro turf Paton Field opposite Caldby Rugby Club	Hockey	
11th April—13th April	8:30am— 3pm	Chester RUFC	Rugby	

Home address

Home Tel

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Number

Email address

Any specific medical Issues?

Is your child able to swim 25m (Calday camp only)? Yes No

I have enclosed a cheque/ cash for the amount of £80
(cheques made payable to Masters Sports Coaching)

Please send this form and enclosed payment to the following address:

Paul Miller, Calday Grange Grammar School, Grammar School Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, Ch48 8GG.

Please tick the following box if you do not give consent for your child's image to be used in Masters Sports Coaching's social media and marketing campaigns.