



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

Mon	8 <sup>th</sup> July	New Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Awards
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup> July	New Year 7 Induction Day School Play
Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Play
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Sports Festival School Play

### Forthcoming events

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**    Physics Olympics for students (school hall)  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**        Non-uniform Day in aid of Gourleys Trust  
School closes for students (12.15 pm)

### STUDENT SUCCESS

This weekend, over 20 Calday students from years 7-12 will be performing as part of the Hoylake Festival of Firsts. They are part of the cast of *The Magnificent*, a dizzying journey through the American midwest (with the help of some warriors) to fight off a gang of evil bandits. There will be silly accents and stick fighting galore.

The performance is at 3pm on Sunday next to the Lifeboat station and is free of charge.

### BUS PASS DEADLINE LOOMING!

If you have not set up your direct debit for the C or W bus service in September 2019 please be aware that seats are selling fast. **The deadline to purchase a pass and guarantee a seat on the bus is Sunday 7th July 2019!**

Annual bus passes are available to purchase online at [www.calday.co.uk/buspass](http://www.calday.co.uk/buspass). If you have experience any difficulties doing this, please contact the school at [gocardless@calday.co.uk](mailto:gocardless@calday.co.uk)

### JUNIOR AWARDS EVENING

We would like to make parents aware that unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Junior Awards Evening scheduled to take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July has postponed until early September. Further details will be sent out in due course.

### LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



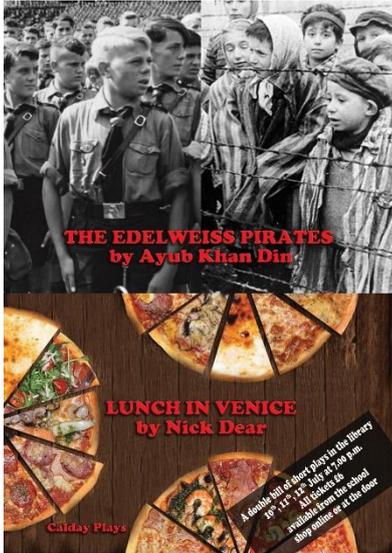
#### Another Successful Book Fair

We have had another fantastic week at the Book Fair - thank you so much to parents who have contributed. The commission we raise from the fair will mean we can help to re-stock both G16 Junior Library and the main LRC for next year. The final deadline for payments is 9.00 am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We will do our best to order and supply any outstanding books to students before the end of term.

### Summer Reading

It is important to keep reading over the long summer break. With this in mind, we are pleased to allow students to borrow books over the holidays.

## SCHOOL PLAY



This term's drama production is a double bill of short plays originally written for the National Theatre's *Connections* festival.

The first is *Lunch in Venice* by Nick Dear. It is about the relationships between a group of students on a school trip to Venice and how they react to the art, the history and the pizza.

The second play is *The Edelweiss Pirates* by Ayub Khan Din. It is set in Germany during the Nazi era and is based on the true story of a group of anti-Nazi teenagers who, with incredible bravery, set up a subversive network to fight fascism. It is a serious piece and may be upsetting in places. It is not really suitable for young children. There is some infrequent strong language.

The performances are in the library at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased online at <https://www.calday.co.uk/shop>

## UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TESTING – CURRENT YEAR 12 STUDENTS (YEAR 13 – SEPTEMBER 2019)

Registration for BMAT August is now open. Students wishing to take the early sitting must register themselves on line and find a test centre (please be aware that not all BMAT institutions accept BMAT August results) visit the admissions testing website for further information [www.admissionstesting.org](http://www.admissionstesting.org)

UCAT testing is also now open however, registration must be done personally and cannot be done through school. See UCAT website for further information [www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/](http://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/)

Further registration for University Admissions Tests (such as BMAT, CAT, HAT, MAT, MLAT, ELAT, TSA etc.) opens at the beginning of September, if your son or daughter needs to sit an admissions test for their chosen University they should visit the admissions testing website [www.admissionstesting.org](http://www.admissionstesting.org) for information and entry dates/deadlines, costs and test dates. Students can register through the examination office when school returns after the summer break. It is the student's responsibility to check on all the information and to come to the examination office to register within the deadlines.

Please note that the test date of 30 October 2019 falls in the middle of the October half term break.

## RAISING MONEY FOR REFILWE TRIP



Ben Kana (L6H1) is raising money to help fund the trip to Refilwe and has recorded an album 'Refilwe 2019'. All of the music was recorded by Ben and a group of friends and the songs are pop/rock with African influences. Copies of the CD are available at £4.00 from the Administration Office.

## RUNNING

**A date for your diary:** On Thursday 11th July from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm, Mr Lamprey is organising a 14 hour relay on Glasspool fields in aid of the North West Air Ambulance charity. The aim is:-

- To see how many miles in total can be completed on that day
- How many miles can be completed as a relay

Donations via parentpay would be greatly appreciated (thank you if you have kindly donated for the £5 for 5k and there is no need to donate again but if you wish to that would be brilliant). We do also need runners otherwise it could be a long and tiring day for Mr Lamprey!!! If you would like to run a mile (1 lap) or more please contact Mr Lamprey via [colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk](mailto:colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk). We would also welcome any donations of refreshments to keep the runners going.

## YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENTS

West Kirby Grammar School for Girls has extended an invitation to our Year 12 students and parents to attend the following information events:-

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (5.30 pm – 6.30 pm) in Main Hall at WKGS  
Finance & Budgeting (presented by Catherine Shillito, LJMU)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (6.30 pm – 7.00 pm) in Main Hall at WKGS  
Apprenticeships (presented by Dave Armson, ASK)

## ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

The school will close at 12.15 pm on the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and the buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester area (W1, 2, 3, 4 & 6) will leave at this earlier finish time. The W1 to Neston and 674 (Al Coaches) will also pick up students earlier. 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.

## CHANGE TO MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

The Government have announced that the Bank Holiday at the start of May 2020 will move from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. The school term dates have been amended accordingly on the school website.

## CAREERS

- Aon are currently advertising apprenticeship opportunities for students with 112 UCAS points who are interested in Finance/Insurance/Actuarial Science. For more information please visit <https://www.aonearlycareers.co.uk/apprenticeships>
- Easyjet are also advertising Cabin Crew Apprenticeships. For more information please visit [https://targetcareers.co.uk/employer-hubs/easyjet/1034414-cabin-crew-apprenticeship?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=client+mailing](https://targetcareers.co.uk/employer-hubs/easyjet/1034414-cabin-crew-apprenticeship?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=client+mailing)
- If any students are considering a career as a pilot, there is an exhibition taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at the Concorde Conference Centre, Manchester Airport. For further information please visit [www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north](http://www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north)

## DAVID CRYSTAL 2019 – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LECTURES

The English Department are delighted to announce that world-renowned linguist, Professor David Crystal, will again be visiting Calday. He will present three lectures to our English Language students on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will also be selling tickets to interested parents and members of the public. Full details will be provided in due course. Watch this space!

## WIRRAL FUSS & FUPS (Free uniform for Secondary & Primary Schools)

As summer approaches **please don't forget to donate any school uniform your children no longer need**, via our donation drums at our **local uniform Hubs** (see: <http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk>), or at **participating schools**, or the **Wirral Uniform Centre**, 2A Princes Pavement, Birkenhead CH41 2XY, or the **Conway Centre One-Stop-Shop**. **If you need uniform for your child**, contact us on [wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk) (or [uniform@wirralfuss.co.uk](mailto:uniform@wirralfuss.co.uk)), or leave a message on **0151 632 6524**. **Secondary Uniform** can be requested at <http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk>.

**Primary Uniform** can be obtained at local hubs in Moreton, Wallasey and Birkenhead - see website for details. Our **Free Shop Hub** at 3-5 Borough Pavement, Birkenhead CH41 2XX (open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10.30-1.00) also stocks secondary uniform for Birkenhead High, Prenton High, Ridgeway High and Woodchurch High. We have a NEW Primary Hub serving schools in Wallasey.

*In 2017-18 Wirral FUSS & FUPS helped 1722 families with their uniform needs, gave away nearly 11,000 items of clothing, and waste-prevented 4.8 tonnes of textiles. We can only supply what is generously donated to us. Help others and the environment by donating uniform and encouraging your children's schools to participate.*

**The Wirral FUSS & FUPS Team**

## RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS AT CALDAY

Crisp packets are difficult to recycle unless separated from other waste. TerraCycle and Walkers have partnered to create a free recycling scheme which accepts all crisp packets. Calday is now a public drop off point for crisp packet recycling. We have a yellow bin next to our main reception for the public to pop in and drop off their crisp packets. You are welcome to pop in between 9am and 5pm on a normal school day, or you could ask your child to drop them off on the way in to School in the morning.

TerraCycle will collect the crisp packets at no cost to the School. Once collected, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

We have asked all of our students to recycle their empty crisp packets and a number of recycling bins have been installed around the School to support this scheme. Please do not drop off any of the following items as they are not suitable for this recycling process: Popcorn bags, Pretzel bags or Pringles tubes.

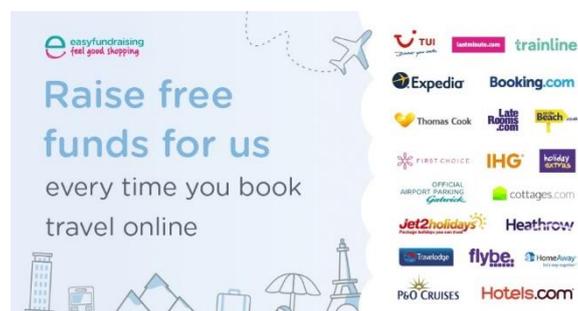
## CAPS

We are always keen to recruit new members to our association and therefore if you are interested in being part of CAPS or perhaps just helping out at events, please do not hesitate to contact us via [CAPS@calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@calday.co.uk)

## SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS

Information for students regarding the Wirral Young Carers Project can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## EASYFUNDRAISING



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Raise free funds for us every time you book travel online

Please follow this link to raise funds for our School every time that you shop online:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cggs/>

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR URGENT SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If parents have an urgent safeguarding concern outside of school hours they should call the Local Safeguarding Board Central Advice and Duty Team on the following numbers:-

Monday to Friday 9-5                    606 2008  
Outside of these hours                677 6557  
In an emergency, please call 999

## POLITE REMINDERS

### ▪ COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

At Calday Grange Grammar School, we are committed to treating everybody with respect and courtesy, and to giving you a polite and effective response should you contact us. Our staff also have the right to work in a safe environment, free from verbal abuse and other intimidating behaviour directed at them. We will take effective measures to support any employee who is subject to any inappropriate behaviour. We therefore ask that parents respond to this by showing polite, respectful behaviour when in contact with our staff either in person, in written correspondence or via a telephone conversation. Thank you for your support.

### ▪ COLLECTING STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL

Could we please remind parents that if any students (including Sixth Form) are ill and wish to go home, then they must report to First Aid in the first instance and not ring their parents directly to ask them to

collect them. The Administration Team will then ensure that the normal procedures are followed to arrange for students to go home due to illness. Thank you for your support.

#### ▪ **PARKING & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS**

We ask that parents do not drop-off their children within the school car park, as this causes unnecessary congestion. Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing and therefore we also request that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated

We would also like to remind parents and students that parking on some parts of Column Road is illegal and that cars parked inappropriately may be ticketed by the police who conduct regular checks on the area. Please ensure that cars are parked sensibly elsewhere and that they do not block access for those who live in the vicinity of the school. Thank you for your assistance.

#### **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. 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.

**Please see following pages for:-**

Are you a Calday Young Carer?

Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020

# Are You a Calday Young Carer?

What is a young carer?

A young carer is any child or young person under 18 whose life is affected significantly by the impact of caring for a family member with a disability, chronic illness or dependency on drugs or alcohol.

'Affected significantly' ranges from the absence of ordinary childhood experience for very young children, to the need for older children to take extraordinary roles and responsibilities.

Sometimes, family circumstances mean that that some young people get a lot more involved in running their home or looking after members of their family than most others do.

If you:

- look after a relative
- help out a lot at home
- find it hard to go out without feeling guilty

... then you are not alone and you don't need to stay silent. If you need support or just a friendly chat then Wirral Young Carers Project may be able to help.

## **A young carer may know what it's like to:**

- do the housework or the shopping, or look after a relative who is sick, elderly, disabled or has mental health needs
- take care of someone older than themselves who would usually take care of them, but can't because they are upset or feeling down
- miss school, or not be able to go out with friends because there are things that have to be done – and there is nobody else to do them
- be away from the relative/s for even a short time and feel worried or guilty

## **Young carers should be able to:**

- have time off from caring
- have the choice not to be a carer

Like other young people, young carers should have the chance to grow up in their own time and to be free to enjoy the experience of growing up. This might include:

- time out with friends
- time to be alone
- time to be ill
- holidays
- time for rest and leisure
- time for homework
- hopes and plans for the future
- education
- opportunities to be outrageous
- someone to care for them

## **Young carers support**

If you are a young carer, Wirral Young Carers Project is able to give friendly advice about all sorts of things that may worry you.

You can tell them about your problems and difficulties and they will listen. You might like them to meet your family so that they can help sort out problems together.

Wirral Young Carers Project can also help you to see that you are not alone, and you can meet other young carers who understand exactly how you feel. They can help to arrange for you to have some free time to do the things that are important to you now and things that you would like to do in the future.

If you're a young carer or think you might be, why not get in touch and see how it might help.

Wirral Young Carers Service - Barnardo's

Tel: 0151 678 7790

Email: [wirralervices@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:wirralervices@barnardos.org.uk)

Wirral Young Carers

Ganneys Meadow Nursery School & Family Centre

New Hey Road

Woodchurch

Wirral CH49 8HB

alternatively, students can see Mrs Storey, Director of Student Services, at the school for further details

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## Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2019</b>	
Staff Development Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019 (school closed to students)
School reopens for Y7 and L6 students only	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
School reopens for all students	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Staff Development Day	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 (school closed to students)
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>HALF-TERM: Monday 28th October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>	
School reopens for all students	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
School closes for Christmas break	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Christmas Break: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</b>	
<b>SPRING TERM 2020</b>	
Staff Development Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (school closed to students)
School reopens for all students	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>HALF-TERM: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>	
School reopens for all students	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
School closes for Easter break at the end of	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
<b>EASTER BREAK: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	
<b>SUMMER TERM 2020</b>	
Staff Development Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 (school closed to students)
School reopens for all students	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019
<b>HALF-TERM: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	
School reopens for all students	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
School closes for Summer break at the end of	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020