



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 14th June 2019)

Mon	17 th June	External examinations (all week)
Tues	18 th June	
Wed	19 th June	
Thurs	20 th June	
Fri	21 st June	

STUDENT SUCCESS

Swimming

Congratulations to Lucas Horton who won a medal at the North West Regional Swimming Gala but he also attained National qualifying times in three events and goes to Sheffield in August 2019 to compete at the English Nationals swimming gala. We wish him every success

Special Recognition

It is important that the school recognises, acknowledges and rewards students who are worthy of special recognition due to their exemplary behaviour and outstanding commitment to their studies



We would therefore like to congratulate the following Year 11 students who have gone through Years 7 – 11 with an unblemished record:-

Dominic Bell, Caleb Booth, Joseph Cross, William Joy, Hugh Parker, Jonathan Ryan and Steven Tsang.

This is an exceptional achievement of which they should be justifiably proud:

Tennis

Many thanks to the following students for their participation in the school tennis teams. They are Sam Burns, Sam Beenham, Jack Mann, Alfie Weeks, Spiros Aristemdou, Luka Matellini, Sam Owens, Harry Tallents, Matty Matellini, Omid Bhaktari, Joe Fayle, Warren Gautier Price, Oli McGarth, Sean McGarth, Terry Smith, Matthew Forber, Cian Radford and Ryan Gomez.

In the Yr7/8 Division 1 we top the group and now play The Grange School in the next round.

In the Yr7/8 Division 2, we came 4th

In the Yr9/10 Division 1 we came 2nd

In the Yr9/10 Division 2 we have played one game so far.

WIRRAL BIKEATHON

Wirral Bikeathon takes place this Sunday (16th June). Online registration is now closed but cyclists can still sign up on the day at Arrowe Park. The entry fee is £25 for adults and £5 for children under 16.

The Bikeathon helps raise funds for Bloodwise, a charity which is close to the school's heart. We hope that you can support this event to help raise much-needed funds. For more information please visit:-

<https://bloodwise.org.uk/fundraising/events-challenges/wirral-bikeathon>

CHANGE TO MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

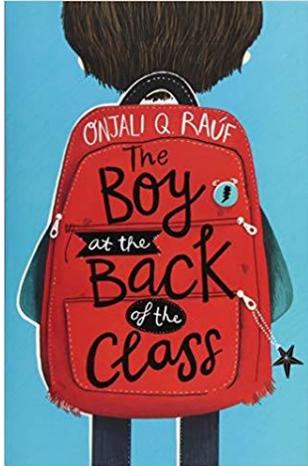
The Government have announced that the Bank Holiday at the start of May 2020 will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The school term dates have been amended accordingly on the school website.

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 19th July 2019, and the buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester area (W1, 2, 3 and 4) will leave at this earlier finish time. 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.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book of the month – a great empathy read



This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).

Through their sensitivity, curiosity, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world.

An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances (the narrator is from a poor background with a single parent mum who struggles to make ends meet), and challenge prejudice and push for fairness, whenever possible.

WINNER OF Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Book Award 2019

On 11 June, the LRC highlighted **Empathy Day**, an exciting new initiative shining a light on the power of empathy to build a better world.

We believe increased empathy is good for society and vital for young people's life chances. Your child needs good empathy skills to form the strong relationships they need to learn and thrive. If you would like to know more please go to www.empathylab.uk.

You might like to use EmpathyLab's *Read for Empathy Guide* – it has useful recommendations for empathy-boosting books to read, share and discuss.

Reading Challenge Update

We NOW have 8 winners SO FAR in this term's challenge – to read 10 different books by 10 different authors by the end of summer term. Congratulations to Manav Desai, Jacob Jennins, Euan Eckford, Tom Jacob all from Year 7, Evan Page, Ethan Prosser Mugerza, Year 8 and Utkarsh Sharma and Chris Popoola from Year 9. They have collected their certificates, achievement points and a small prize this week. Students still have 5 weeks to go to complete the challenge – several boys are already well on their way. Keep reading!

West Kirby Literary Festival Short Story Competition

As part of the West Kirby Literary Festival and in celebration of their 100th book, the Wro Readers Book Club, in conjunction with Lingham's Booksellers, invited budding writers to enter their Short Story Competition. Congratulations to Chris Popoola 9GY who was awarded second prize in his category. For further details of the festival, please see their website. <http://www.westkirbylitfestival.co.uk/>

RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Congratulations to Alex Poulston, Jack Bernham, Leo Nilsson, Sam Williams and Molly Williams on their performances in the recent Seaside run which took place on Wednesday 27th May.
- Thank you to Antony Foster and Ben Sharp for turning up to the Crosby Parkrun last Saturday in preparation for the 'On Tour' visit in the following months.
- The next run in the calendar is the visit to Wepre parkrun on Saturday 22nd June, followed by the seaside run on Wednesday 26th June.
- Finally, the next charity run is Monday 8th July at Glasspool Fields at 7.00pm and is open to everyone. Thank you to all those who have already donated as we have reached over £900 for the North West Air Ambulance charity. You can still donate on the night.

CAREERS

If any students are considering a career as a pilot, there is an exhibition taking place on Saturday 6th July 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at the Concorde Conference Centre, Manchester Airport.

The exhibition will include information from career experts, information presentation and a Pilot Screening Zone, which assesses trainability and to get an honest and realistic impression of candidate's abilities. For further information please visit www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north

Students can also view a video about the event at bit.ly/pilotcareerslive18.

PE KIT

Don't forget to visit the online school shop if you wish to purchase any new PE kit for September. We now also stock a range of accessories and sportswear. Orders must be placed by Sunday 30th June to guarantee delivery for September!

The new PE kit is not compulsory for current students at the school. From September, PE kit for students in Years 8 or above will consist of a long sleeve reversible top, a summer top, a pair of shorts and socks. Students can choose if they are the old style or new. The hooded top will continue to be optional.

A selection of the new kit is currently on display in the school reception or visit the online shop to view the full range. www.caldayshop.co.uk

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 18th 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 (or 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

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office: St Luke's Methodist Church,

19 Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 2BF

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.

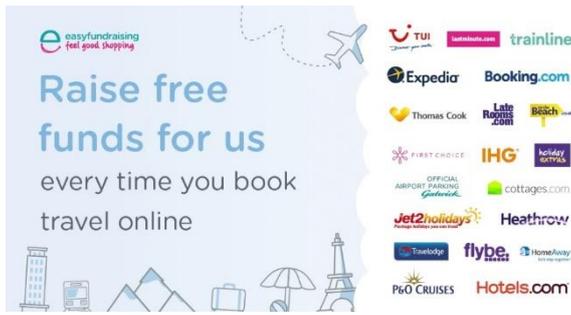
CAPS

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

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS

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

EASYFUNDRAISING



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

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

VAPING

Vaping is not allowed on the school site. Anyone found vaping will have their equipment confiscated and it can either be collected by parents or be destroyed at the end of the year.

BUS TRAVEL

Could parents please ensure that their child has emergency bus fare available in case they should lose their bus pass. The service buses are directed not to accept passengers who do not have a bus pass or money to pay. If a student has difficulty getting home, they should see a member of staff who will be able to assist.

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 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

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