



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 24th May 2019)

Mon	3 rd June	Students return to school External examinations (all week)
Tues	4 th June	
Wed	5 th June	
Thurs	6 th June	
Fri	7 th June	

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ben Shoebridge (Year 8) for being presented as a finalist in this year's Echo Environment Award. This was a nomination via Wirral Borough Council in recognition of Eco work in and out of school spanning 8 years, including the initiation of our now established Eco Council in 2017.

CGGS Eco Council follows the global Eco Schools Programme with a view to improving the school environment and encouraging collective sustainability. With a combined effort, students and staff have achieved the Bronze Award, currently working towards the Silver level then hopefully, the Green Flag status for the School and its community will not be far behind. The Eco Council meets regularly and always welcomes new members and ideas. Please email caretakers@calday.co.uk for more information.



We would also like to congratulate Matthew Forber (Year 9) who recently won the Lawn Tennis Association Young Volunteer of the Year in recognition of all the work he does at Wallasey Manor Tennis Club. He was presented with his award at a ceremony in Chester. As a result of this, he has now been invited to a VIP lunch at Wimbledon and complementary Centre Court tickets during the championship on Tuesday 9th July.

7HS HELP THE ENVIRONMENT



In PHSE, we have been discussing the environment and damaging effects of plastics. We contacted the High Tidiers, a local group who organise litter picks in and around West Kirby and we made arrangements for a form litter pick on Monday 20th May. It was a lovely sunny evening and about 10 of us turned up (some parents too) to meet Pete and Sandra who supplied us with all the equipment we needed. We picked litter from the beach and the grass area towards Red Rocks and found pieces of polystyrene, plastics, fishing equipment and other items that will stay in our environment for thousands of years. Pete was great in showing us items and explaining their impact on the oceans, birds and marine life.

The High Tidiers do regular litter picks and you can find details of dates and locations on their Facebook page: The High Tidiers, or via petewxyz@gmail.com

Pete Woodall, from the High Tidiers, posted this lovely message on their Facebook page:

"We just spent a gorgeous evening on West Kirby Beach with form 7HS from Calday Grammar School. We went to the grasses towards Red Rocks and examined the weed rafts that had been left behind by the tide. We found pieces of expanded polystyrene, fragmenting brittle plastic, pieces of plastic fishing net and various items that will stay in our environment for thousands of years. We discussed the number of dead birds that would be found to have stomachs full of these materials and the harm to marine life from plastics in the ocean. It was sad showing these young people what had been done to their planet by our generation. However, they responded to the situation with intelligent and respectful questions and they were a delight to work with. Their parents and their school should be very proud of them. On the way back we looked for fresh litter that was pushed between the rocks waiting to be washed into the ocean but I was pleased to find a lot less by comparison to previous years so that was nice to end on a positive note. Thank you Calday School for your excellent company."

RAISING MONEY FOR THE TIM COGLEY FOUNDATION



As it was such a success, 7HS continued their charity FIFA and Rocket League tournament this term. The finals are yet to be played but with such talented players it will certainly be tense until the last minute! The current FIFA finalists are Jack v Elliot, and the Rocket League finalists are Max, Adam and Elis. The boys have all got really into the spirit of the competition and have rallied around each other with such enthusiasm.

The competition so far has raised an amazing £85 and all proceeds will go to the Tim Cogley Foundation. Tim Cogley was a former pupil of Calday Grange, and his nephew, Rafe, is currently a student in 7HS. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Jones and prefect Callum for helping me to run the competition.

Also, the competition simply couldn't have happened without Rafe's idea in the first place, the kindness of Alfie in 9HS who lent us his Xbox, and his friends Callum and David who did the draws; they have been here every week to manage the games and competitors and we are all very grateful. Thank you. Ms Trotter

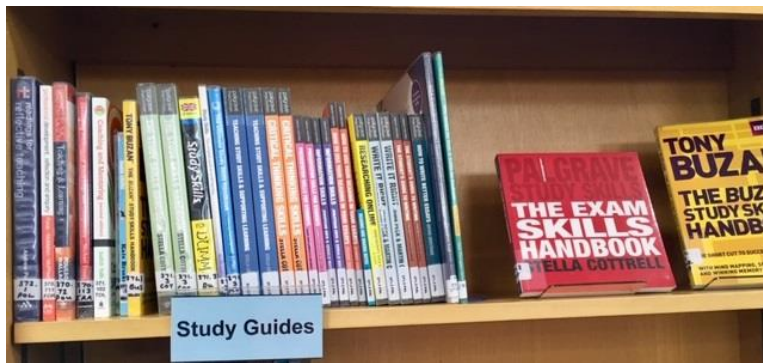
If you would like to know more about what the Foundation does, please visit <https://www.timcogleyfoundation.com/>

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



A big thank you to the Young twins Year 13

Julian and Harry Young (avid readers, both) have very kindly donated a pile of exciting reads to our LRC after a clear out prior to taking their A Levels. These will be a great addition to our fiction sections.



Study and Revision Guides

As every year, a selection of resources is on prominent display in the LRC for students to borrow to help them with exam revision. Good luck to all our students in the coming weeks.

Reading Challenge

We **already** have 5 winners in this term's challenge – to read 10 different books by 10 different authors by the end of summer term – so this a great achievement. More details in the upcoming newsletters. Remember that it's important to keep up with reading for pleasure in amongst all the revision – a chance to escape to a different world for a while!

11 PLUS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

The Admissions Team at Wirral Council have asked that parents do not download the 'Assessment Test Identification Form' that is shown on their website. They are currently in the process of producing a new form which will be issued to parents by junior schools in June. If you have already completed a form ready for signing by your child's school, you will need to destroy this form and complete a new form when they are issued.

Additionally, please don't forget to register for the 11+ testing by 31st May 2019.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to all students and staff who donated. We raised a fantastic £1,475.72.

SCHOOLS STRIKE FOR CLIMATE



A number of our students took part today in the School Strikes for Climate being held in Liverpool and Chester.

RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES



Well done to all who turned up to the Delamere Parkrun last Saturday. What was impressive was the Year 7s who turned up, having been on the residential the week before. The more observant of you may also have noticed Mr Wilson running as well!

Congratulations to Mr Steepe on completing the Chester Half marathon. A good time after a 20yr hiatus!

I completed the Excalibur 10k (basically up and down Moel Famau) in a time I was pleased with but then struggled to walk for the rest of the week.

Well done to Will Sutcliffe on winning a Fell race in Lancashire and he is also hoping to win the series in future weeks.

Forthcoming events.

Saturday 1st June Crosby Parkrun. This is not part of the Grand Prix but still a chance to run on the beach! This is the last Saturday of the half term.

Saturday 22nd June is Wepre Parkrun. Everyone's favourite within the running club apparently.

We have entered next year's English Schools Cup and will be hosting the 1st round at Glasspool on Wednesday 16th October. We are also planning an invitation race the Tuesday before to have a practice run.

Finally, Monday 8th July will be the next charity run, but with a difference! It will take place on Glasspool fields opposite Caldby rugby club 7.00pm start. The difference is if you have donated just come along and run and pay nothing. But if you didn't do the first one please donate £5 for North West Air Ambulance charity.

Keep up your running during your exams to help with mental and physical health. Have a great half term and hopefully see you at Crosby for sand and ice creams! **Mr Lamprey**

DAVID CRYSTAL 2019 – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LECTURES

The English Department are delighted to announce that world-renowned linguist, Professor David Crystal, will again be visiting Caldby. 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!

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS

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

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

wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk 0151 632 6524

office: St Luke's Methodist Church,

19 Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 2BF

SOCIAL SCIENCES TASTER COURSES AT UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Year 12 Law Taster Day - Tuesday 11th June (9.30 am-2.30 pm)	<p>Have you ever wondered what it would be like to Study Law at University? Come along to our year 12 Law taster day and experience academic taster sessions, hear from the admissions department about writing a legal based personal statement and talk to our current Law students about their experiences. You shall also get a chance to have a look around the campus and accommodation here at the University of Leeds.</p> <p>You can sign up for the event here and the deadline to sign up is Friday 17th May.</p> <p>Please note this taster day is for individuals only - please pass this email onto your students so they can sign up independently.</p>
Year 12 Geography Taster Day - Thursday 13th June (09.30 am - 2.30 pm)	<p>Students will take part in a range of taster sessions and workshops relating to Physical Geography, Human Geography, Sustainability, Climate Change and Environmental Policy. Learn from current University of Leeds academics, experience taster sessions, and take part in activities delivered by University of Leeds postgraduate students, and talk to our current undergraduate Law students about their experiences. You shall also get the opportunity to look around the campus and accommodation here at the University of Leeds, as well as get lunch.</p> <p>Bookings for this event are now open and will close 12 noon Friday 24th May 2019. Please fill in the booking forms below to request places on this event.</p> <p>Individual booking form (for students to complete, coming independently)</p>
Y12 Sociology & Social Policy Taster Day ♦ Tuesday 18th June (09.30am - 2.30pm)	<p>Experience our excellent teaching at the University, and gain an understanding of what it is like to study BA Sociology, BA Social Policy and related degree programmes.</p> <p>You will get to meet our friendly staff and current students at the university, and gain insight into what it is like to study these subjects. Lunch will be provided on the taster day. You will have the opportunity to take part in taster lectures and seminars, as well as meet our current students and academics. There will be a tour of our campus and get a feel for life here at the University of Leeds.</p> <p>Bookings for this event are now open and will close 12 noon Friday 31st May 2019. Please fill in the booking forms below to request places on this event.</p> <p>Individual booking form (for students to complete, coming independently)</p>

RAISING FUNDS FOR EMILY



Just4Children are trying to raise £45,000 to help a local Wirral girl, Emily, to have life enhancing SDR surgery and are holding a quiz night on Friday 7th June at St Catherine's RC Church Hall in Hoylake (please see flyer at end of newsletter).

This is Emily's story. She was born in the Wirral premature unit at 32 weeks in February 2014. She spent six weeks on the special care baby unit. During that time, an MRI brain scan revealed that Emily had Periventricular Leukomalacia (PVL) – damage to the white matter of her brain that controls muscle tone and movement of the arm and legs. This resulted in Emily being diagnosed with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy is a permanent brain injury. Emily's cerebral palsy causes severe muscle tightness and pain in her legs. By age 5, Emily is not able to stand or walk independently.

Emily is a happy, fun and bright child whose dream it is to ride a pink scooter and dance on her own like her big sister Erin. The goal is to raise £45,000 for Emily to have SDR by Dr T S Park, a world leading paediatric neurosurgeon at St Louis Children's Hospital, U.S.A. Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) involves cutting some of the sensory nerve fibres that come from the muscles and enter the spinal cord. SDR is the only procedure that can provide permanent reduction of spasticity (muscle tightness) in cerebral palsy, free her from pain and stop bones from deforming as she gets older.

Emily is inspirational every day with her courage and determination in learning to walk. She endures a daily stretching programme and has had weekly physiotherapy since she was 6 weeks old and never once complained about doing it. We hope she can also inspire you. If you are unable to attend the quiz but would like to make a donation, please visit <https://just4children.org/children-helped2019/emilys-american-operation/>

WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB

West Kirby Sailing Club are offering free taster sessions on Saturday 25th May from 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm. For further details, please contact training@wksc.org.uk or visit www.wksc.org.uk.

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.

EASYFUNDRAISING

easyfundraising
feel good shopping

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/>

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

NEW ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP

We would like to make parents aware that the school online shop has moved service providers. The new platform is smart, an improved format and user friendly. All items purchased from the shop will continue to be made available for collection from the InSchool shop. The InSchool shop is open daily to students and located opposite D24. The new online shop address is www.caldaysshop.co.uk

Parents will be aware that from September a new range of PE kit will be introduced. The kit is optional for current year groups and need only be purchased when parents are replacing items their son has grown out of. The new kit will be on display in reception as soon as samples are available. Some products are already available to order for delivery in September with more items to be added shortly.

TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 to JULY 2020

Could we please make parents aware that due to primary schools no longer hosing the 11plus tests, we have had to change the planned inset day in September 2019 from Wednesday 18th September to Monday 23rd September. We have now also placed the final inset day and this will take place on Monday 6th January 2020. The updated list of term dates is included at the end of this newsletter for your information.

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 students 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?

Details regarding quiz night to raise funds for Emily

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



JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF
EMILY'S AMERICAN OPERATION

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 7.30PM

ST CATHERINE'S RC CHURCH HALL, HOYLAKE

Prizes | Teams of 6 max. | Raffle | Nibbles | BYO
Doors open 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm
Tickets £5

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Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020

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)	Monday 4 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