



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 1st March 2019)

Mon	4 th March	
Tues	5 th March	
Wed	6 th March	Year 9 Immunisations
Thurs	7 th March	School Play Year 9 Immunisations
Fri	8 th March	School Play
Sat	9 th March	School Play

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14 th March	House Music
20 th March	Sixth Form Subject Choices Event
25 th March	CAPS AGM (details will be sent shortly via SchoolComms)
27 th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
29 th March	End of term (Non uniform day and cake sale)
15 th April	Staff training day (school closed to students)
16 th April	All students return for summer term
17 th April	Year 9 Parents' Evening

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported the non-uniform day on Friday 15th February. An incredible £2147 was raised for Refilwe.

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.caldayshop.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.

'TREASURE ISLAND'



What is a pirate's favourite choice of music? Arrr 'n' B

Calday Plays will be staging their Spring production of "Treasure Island" in the school hall on 7th, 8th and 9th March 2019.

Adapted from the iconic novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, this is a tale of pirate fighting, swash buckling, greed, power, intrigue and dancing goats. With a cast of over 40 Year 7 - 9 students it is a fast-paced, energetic, physical and often hilarious retelling of the classic tale.

Tickets can now be bought at <http://shop.calday.co.uk/>

Adult tickets: £10 Student tickets: £5 Family tickets (2 adults, 2 students): £25

Please note the performances will begin promptly at 7pm.

What's a pirate's favourite country? Aaaarrrrgentina!

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.

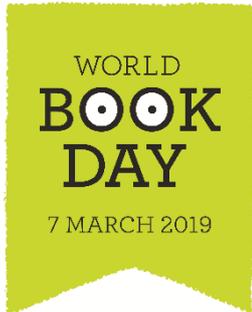
SIXTH FORM SUBJECT CHOICES EVENT

Our next sixth form event for Year 11 students will take place on Wednesday 20th March 2019 commencing at 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity for students to find out more detail about the subjects that they are interested in studying at A Level, as well as a chance to see the facilities and enrichment activities available in the sixth form.

They will be able to attend 20-minute subject seminars, hosted by teachers, and to meet students who are currently studying for these A Levels to ask any questions that they may have. Our Year 11 students and parents will receive more information shortly.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

WORLD BOOK DAY



Every day is World Book Day in the LRC and G16 Junior library! Students have been given a World Book Day token to be redeemed at their local bookshop. The token can be redeemed for one of 12 FREE £1.00 books (details here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>) or can be used to get £1 off ANY book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more at all participating bookshops and supermarkets. They are valid from 28 February - 31 March and only 1 token can be used per purchase.

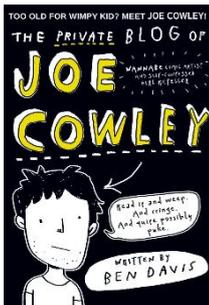
We will be creating a display to promote the day together with details of recommended books to the students in the LRC. Why not check out websites such as toppsta.com, lovereading4kids, and goodreads.com for ideas to help you choose the perfect read?

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2019

THANK YOU again to all parents, students and staff who have supported this event. The final total was an astounding £1940.77, which has meant that we have been rewarded with over £1000's worth of new books for G16 and the main LRC. Look out for these hitting the shelves over the coming weeks and months!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month's genre is Humour – looking for alternatives to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Tom Gates* and David Walliams? There are so many fantastically funny books out there - at least 20 of which are on display at the front of the library and ready to borrow. Our author visit earlier this week for Year 9 from Simon James Green was a huge success and has reminded us that books should be ENTERTAINING above all things! A good example of the genre is Book of the Month *The Private Blog of Joe Cowley* by Ben Davis. There are 4 books in the series.



The brilliantly funny and cringe-worthy secret blog of 14-year-old Joe Cowley (wannabe comic artist and self-confessed repeller of girls): Sunday 1st January
So here's the thing. I've decided to start writing a blog. A private one. The idea is that it'll help me sort my life out, because quite frankly, it can't get much worse ... * I gained the nickname Puke Skywalker after vomiting over Louise Bentley on the waltzer. * I am subjected to daily wedgies by my arch-enemy Gav James. * My so-called best mates are trying to get me killed in a bid to win GBP250 on You've Been Framed. This cannot go on.

UPCOMING CHARITY EVENT IN AID OF REFILWE

We will be holding a staff coffee and cake morning with raffle on Friday 8th March in aid of Refilwe. If anyone would like to donate cakes or raffles for this event it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist, please contact jane.rowlands@calday.co.uk

£5 FOR 5K IN AID OF NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

You can run or walk this 5k to support the school nominated charity. This event will take place on Monday 29th April at Glasspool fields (next to the school astro) starting at 7.00pm. Payment is available via parentpay.

ROAD TO WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT

This will take place on Thursday 18th April at Glasspool Fields. This has proved to be extremely popular in the past with students. It is open to Years 7, 8 and 9 and is a first come first served basis. Each entrant will pay a £2 donation for North West Air Ambulance charity. Each student is guaranteed two games. The eventual winner will represent the school in the Cheshire finals. Last year, Matty Matellini won the Cheshire round and went to the Nationals at Wimbledon.

RUNNING CLUB

This week they competed in the Liverpool Harriers mid-week league. 27 students ran and are all worthy of mention. However, congratulations to the following students:-

Year 7

Leo Ferdenzi 3rd
Louis Hatton 8th

Year 8/9

Will Sutcliffe 1st,
Alex Poulston 3rd
Jack Bernham & Tom Dougherty 7th

Year 10/11 race

Luke Hampshire 2nd
Will Wright 5th
Flynn Jones 7th

CALDAY POOL AQUATHON

After the success of last year's Aquathon, another one has been organised for 28th April this year open to 16+ age group. Plans are also underway to organise a children's event on August Bank Holiday Monday. These events help to raise funds for the club and to help fund the pool. Full details can be found at www.caldaypool.org.uk

CHESTER PRACTICAL MEDICINE DAY

A fourth year medical student at the University of Edinburgh who works with Applicant, a social enterprise which runs workshops to help high school students with their application to medical school is holding an event on 11th March 2019 from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm at the University of Chester. The event will include mini-workshops about personal statement writing, interview techniques, UCKAT SJT and some fun practical medical activities!

For more details and to sign up for the event please visit <https://www.applicantcourses.com/regional-practical-days>
Tickets are £5 to help pay for the cost of the room hire, however if this is a barrier for any of your students please get in touch with Mrs Montgomery at the school who will try and assist.

MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE AT ARROWE PARK HOSPITAL

If any students are applying for medicine in September, work experience is available with Intromed at Arrowe Park Hospital. Students should see Mrs Montgomery for a form which needs to be completed and returned by Friday 15th March.

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.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH WIRRAL UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL

If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information, please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Caldy Manor Care home (Caldy Wood, Caldby, CH48 2HY) are holding an Afternoon Tea on Friday 1st March between 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Please feel free to join them as they celebrate their community knitting project 'Home is where the heart is'. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact them on 625 2311.

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

EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

To join please follow the simple steps below:-

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 have 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.

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.

▪ 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.

▪ 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.

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:-

Procedure to be followed in the event of adverse weather

Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020

Volunteering opportunities with Wirral University Teaching Hospital



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Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions

We are committed to minimising disruption to the education of our students and we will always endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible but there are rare occasions when we will find it necessary to close the school. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community.

Decisions on whether or not to close the school are never taken lightly. They involve both the Senior Leadership Team and representatives of the school's Governing Body. The first consideration is always the safety of the students and staff. If, due to adverse weather conditions the staffing complement is too low, health and safety risk assessments may mean that we cannot open the school to all year groups.

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents.

In the event of adverse weather prior to the start of the school day:-

A decision will be made between 6.00 am and 7.00 am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed. In the event of closure, by 7.30 am (wherever possible), the school will ensure that:-

- an automated text or email message is sent to parents and staff via the SchoolComms system
- the school website has been updated
- an update is available on our social media sites

Note: Please be aware that during bad weather the school will run all external examinations at the published times and students should continue to monitor the school website for details.

In the event of adverse weather during the school day:-

If the school is open in the morning but the weather conditions deteriorate during the day, we will continually assess the risks. The decision whether to close the school will be made taking into account:-

- School transport (these are often cancelled during periods of snow and ice)
- Condition of the local roads
- Weather updates through the local authority and MET office

Should the decision be taken to close the school we will inform parents via:-

- an automated text or email message sent from the SchoolComms system
- a notice on the school website
- information on our social media sites

We understand that it may be difficult for some parents to collect their child and therefore contingency plans will be put in place to ensure that the school remains open until all students are collected.

In the event of prolonged closure due to weather, parents should continue to monitor the school website as it will be updated on a regular basis with the latest information.

As we draw students from a large catchment area, parents should always assess if it is safe for their children to leave for school based on their local weather and their safety in travelling to and from school. If you decide not to send your child into school we ask that you notify the school on the day of absence via the absence line or email. This will then ensure that the absence is recorded as authorised.

We will always do everything in our power to avoid school closure and would greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times.



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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