



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 8th March 2019)

Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> March	House Music
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> March	

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14 <sup>th</sup> March	House Music
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sixth Form Subject Choices Event
25 <sup>th</sup> March	CAPS AGM (details will be sent shortly via SchoolComms)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term (Non uniform day and cake sale)
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day (school closed to students)
16 <sup>th</sup> April	All students return for summer term
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 9 Parents' Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> April	UCAS Information Evening for Year 12 students

### CALDAY EVERTONIANS MEET THEIR HEROES!



Our Everton Supporters' Club were treated to a fantastic afternoon of football by Everton FC at their Finch Farm training ground on Wednesday. The club generously sent their first team coach to whisk 32 young Evertonians off to practise their skills with the coaches, and also with Tom Davies and Ademola Lookman! The Everton players gave up their time to train with the boys, and helped to make the experience a thoroughly memorable one for all.

Andre Gomes, Theo Walcott and Cenk Tosun were all spotted on site, and to top it all off, club ambassador and title-winner, Ian Snodin, gave out goody bags to the boys and chatted with them as they got back on to the coach. An amazing afternoon was had by all, and we are extremely grateful to Everton FC for inviting our supporters' club to take part in this event. The coaching staff commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude of our boys who were a credit to Calday throughout. Well done, and COYB!



### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Mr Rodaway wrote to parents on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to invite nominations for the current parent governor vacancies. We are delighted that there has been a good response and there are 11 candidates for the three vacancies. We will be holding an electronic ballot and documentation informing parents how to vote will be sent out via email on Monday.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property. If your child has lost any items, please ask them to visit the Administration Office.

### APPRENTICESHIPS PORTAL

This week is National Apprenticeships Week and the **UK's first one-stop web portal for apprenticeships has been launched by Liverpool's Mayor Steve Rotheram.**

Similar to UCAS, the portal brings together apprenticeship opportunities from employers so that potential apprentices in the Liverpool City Region can find all the information they need in one place. There are useful tips and real-life stories to inspire students too. The website address is <https://be-more.info/>

### UCAS INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

A UCAS information evening will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the main school hall from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. All Year 12 students and their parents are invited to attend.

## RUNNING CLUB

Congratulations to Alex Poulston, Dan Hayes and Luke Hampshire on being selected for the Merseyside cross-country team. They will be running in the Inter-Counties race tomorrow at Loughborough.

Next week is the inter-house cross-country race. All students are expected to take part.

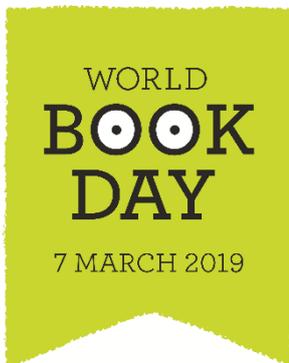
On Sunday 10th March, Mr Lamprey will be running in the Liverpool Half Marathon and he is supporting the school's nominated charity 'North West Air Ambulance'. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause please use the following link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ColinLamprey>

## 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 TOKEN REMINDER

*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. **Why not check out websites such as [booktrust.org.uk](http://booktrust.org.uk), [toppsta.com](http://toppsta.com), [lovereading4kids](http://lovereading4kids.com), and [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com) for ideas to help you choose the perfect read?**



### NEW BOOKS THANKS TO BOOK FAIR 2019

Here is the first delivery of new books awarded thanks to the Book Fair. There is something for everyone here, from graphic novels to the Classics. Once catalogued, I predict they will be flying off the shelves next week!



### BOOKFLIX

We have also created an eye-catching new display outside the LRC, which will be updated regularly to reflect current trends and suggestions for further reading.

## 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We have now also placed the final inset day and this will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The updated list of term dates is included at the end of this newsletter for your information.

## £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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THE ILLUSIONIST (advertised on behalf of UTC Foundation)

Please join us to watch **THE ILLUSIONIST** - a must see documentary about the globalisation of beauty and the dark side of advertising. We all know that "sex sells" and "bodies sell", however few of us perhaps recognise what sells even more is **Insecurity**. The Illusionists documentary is a shocking and thought provoking look at the multi-billion dollar global beauty industries and just how far they go to get us to buy into their culture and buy their products. This is not just a girls and women's issue, it is increasingly an issue for boys and men too.

Having already seen this documentary we want to bring it to a wider audience because we believe it is such a big issue, especially for young people, and highlights significant cultural issues that affect all of us.

We are holding a screening on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm** in the Beacon Room at **St Bridget's Centre** in West Kirby. Whilst we have arranged this screening, it will be hosted by Emi-Lou Howe, who has set up the BodEquality campaign ([www.bodequality.com](http://www.bodequality.com)). Tickets cost £10.00 and all profits from this screening will be donated to the UTS Foundation in Hoylake who offer evidence - based exercise, health & well-being sessions for cancer survivors. For more information, go to their website: [www.utsfoundation.com](http://www.utsfoundation.com).

The film lasts just under an hour and will be followed by a discussion between a panel and the audience. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED** so don't miss out – Buy your ticket/s **NOW!** They are available from:

**The UTS Foundation**, New Hall Lane, Hoylake CH47 4BP

**Honest 2 Goodness**, Market Street, Hoylake

**Seagrass Studio**, Acacia Grove, West Kirby

**Love Brownies**, Banks Road, West Kirby

## CALDAY POOL AQUATHON

After the success of last year's Aquathon, another one has been organised for 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.caldaypool.org.uk)

## CHESTER PRACTICAL MEDICINE DAY

A fourth year medical student at the University of Edinburgh who works with Applican, a social enterprise which runs workshops to help high school students with their application to medical school is holding an event on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.applicancourses.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 Arrowse Park Hospital. Students should see Mrs Montgomery for a form which needs to be completed and returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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

<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)	Monday 4 <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