



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 15th March 2019)

Mon	18 th March	
Tues	19 th March	
Wed	20 th March	Sixth Form Subject Choices Event
Thurs	21 st March	
Fri	22 nd March	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 th March	CAPS AGM (see details below)
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
25 th April	UCAS Information Evening for Year 12 students

F1 IN SCHOOLS NATIONAL FINALS SUCCESS



On Monday and Tuesday 11th / 12th March 2019, the F1 in Schools Professional Class team – Protoanic attended the National Finals at Airbus in Broughton.

After successfully qualifying for the Nationals in January, the team have been working hard to be race ready for the event. This includes producing two identical scaled Formula 1 cars for the competition, comprising of routed bodies and 3D printed components, alongside producing a Pit Display, stand and several high quality portfolios for the presentation elements of the competition.

The team, consisting of Antoan Phu, Dylan Gallagher, Henry Smith, Patrick Groves, James Maxwell and Geoffrey Kelly achieved their goal, presenting a striking pit display, giving an excellent presentation, as well as producing two competitive race cars. Well done to all the team who only formed in October 2018 – an incredible achievement in a short space of time.

Protoanic came away with the sought after; Star Quality Research and Development Award, with one F1 judge stating the team were “Genuine game changers” and were “bringing disruptive technology to the design process”. A fantastic achievement in their first year competing at the Nationals. The team are already underway with their 2020 seasons car and have now inspired two junior teams to compete next year as well.

To see more of their story and to follow their progress: Twitter / Facebook: @Protoanic or protoanic.com

DESIGN PRIZE

Congratulations to Tom Gerety (Year 13), who recently won a design competition run by Puma (the sportswear company) to design a tracksuit. He received excellent feedback and won a pair of Puma Cell Endura Sankuanz.

TREASURE ISLAND

Well done to all the students who performed Treasure Island earlier this week to 1500 primary school children at the Floral Pavilion. Their performances were outstanding and they were all a credit to the school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and technical team.



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.

COFFEE, CAKE AND RAFFLE IN AID OF REFILE

Thank you to staff, parents and students who supported last Friday's charity event in school. The donation of homemade cakes was fantastic and along with a raffle for the staff, we raised a fantastic £373!

We would also like to thank Majestic Wine, Tesco Heswall, Thorntons and WH Smith who all donated raffle prizes. Many thanks for your continued support for our charity events.

CAKE SALE IN AID OF THE ROCK OF JOY TRUST

One of our Year 11 students has organised a cake sale on Thursday 21st March in the top yard. Over the summer, he and his older brother will be spending 3 weeks in the most deprived areas of Uganda, hanging mosquito nets and teaching children about dental health and malaria. They will also be taking part in a medical project where they will provide medical care for those that have not had the opportunity to see a doctor in their lifetime.

The cake sale has been organised to help them raise the £1300 needed to allow them to take part in this worthwhile mission. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received and can be bought into school on the morning of the sale.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Could we please remind parents that the deadline to submit orders for group school photographs is Monday 18th March.

MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (MEP) DUMPLING MAKING EVENT

Year 7 MEP families worked together to make their first professional dumplings on 7th March in the school cookery suite. Parents and students learnt how to make and cook the traditional style Chinese dumplings, and the dumplings tasted fantastic!

The MEP programme gives unique opportunity to pupils with intense learning opportunities of Chinese and many different of culture activities. Calday is the only boys' school in Wirral with this programme, which is coordinated jointly by the British and Chinese governments. We are looking forward to the next event together!



GCSE VISIT FROM MYCOACHSCHOOL

This week our Year 9 GCSE PE students were treated with a visit from MyCoachSchool. Ben and Lucy visited the school to talk about their path into the industry and life in sport, after a career as a professional sportsperson may not have worked out as they had hoped. They opened our student's eyes to the endless possibilities in sport and explained exactly how their previous careers in sport have led them to become very successful online fitness coaches, with clients ranging from the UK to Hawaii, Australia, America and many more. As well as discussing in depth the various careers in sport, they also applied content from our GCSE course and explained how they apply the principles of training every day in their job.

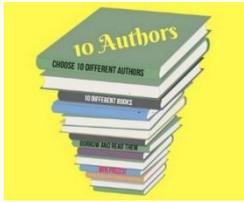


The visit finished with a question and answer session in which our students had the opportunity to ask further questions about their career. For further information, please check out their Instagram: mycoachscool or their website <https://www.mycoachscool.com>

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

New reading challenge for spring & summer terms

Getting stuck in a reading rut? Only stick to a couple of “celebrity” authors? Then it’s time to set yourself the “10 AUTHOR CHALLENGE”! Students are encouraged to borrow (and read!) 10 different books by 10 different authors between Monday 18th March and Friday 12th July - prizes and achievement points to be won.



Creative writing competitions

I know that some students have already entered BBC Radio 2’s *500 Words* competition but there are a few more available to try to win great prizes for individuals and the school. Have a look at these websites for further information (check the age limits and deadlines). Good luck!

<https://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk/creativewriting/index.php>

http://www.branfordboaseaward.org.uk/HBWC/HBWC_current/henriettabranfo1.html

<https://www.wilbur-niso-smithfoundation.org/index.php/awards/author-of-tomorrow>

<https://hgwellscompetition.com/competition-rules-2019/?v=79cba1185463>

Thanks to Mrs Mounsey and Jacob Jennins 7BX for sharing this information.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Parents should now have received an email via SchoolComms which provided details on how to vote electronically. Those parents without email addresses have been issued with paper ballots. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ellis at the school if you have not received any information or if you have any queries.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CALDAY ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & STAFF (CAPS)

We are looking to recruit new members to our association and would like to invite parents and staff to attend the next Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 25th March 2019 commencing at 6.00 pm in the school library. The AGM will then be followed by an informal cheese and wine event.

The AGM is expected to last approximately 45 minutes and will cover a report from the Chair and Treasurer. There is also a requirement to elect the committee positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The current Chair and Treasurer are stepping down after a number of years in these posts. The current Secretary is happy to stand for re-election however, other nominations for this post are welcome. If you are interested in standing as an Officer, please send nominations in advance of the AGM to CAPS@calday.co.uk.

CAPS plays a vital part in the school community and all parents and staff, as members of the association, are encouraged to get involved, whether this is attending events, assisting with the planning and organisation, donating prizes for raffles etc. Your involvement in any of these helps to make a real difference to the school.

We are looking for people who wish to play an active role in the association as well as welcoming people who prefer to be less visible and are interested in offering their support, knowledge or advice. During the cheese and wine event, there will be an opportunity to talk to the existing members, school staff and to ask any question that you might have.

In order that we can gauge numbers for refreshments, if you wish to attend could you please confirm your attendance via email to debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk

Additionally, if you would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact us via CAPS@calday.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th March.

M Seddon
Chair of CAPS

RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES

The CGGS running club are 'on tour' to Crosby Parkrun tomorrow. Please check details before leaving and don't forget your barcode!

Several runners are competing for Merseyside tomorrow in the inter-school counties race at Leeds. Congratulations to Alex Poulston, Will Sutcliffe, Luke Hampshire and Dan Hayes on their selection.

Next week, CGGS will be competing in the final Liverpool Harriers cross country fixture at Wavertree. Squads have been selected for this event

Finally, Mr Lamprey would like to pass on his congratulations to all runners who participated in the Inter-house Cross Country this week in challenging conditions.

UCAS INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

A UCAS information evening will take place on Thursday 25th 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.

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

Liverpool's Mayor, Steve Rotheram, recently launched the UK's first one-stop web portal for apprenticeships. 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/>

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.

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.

£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.

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 25th 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). 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.

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 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

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.

▪ 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.

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.

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



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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