



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 18th January 2019)

Mon	21 st January	Year 13 exams all week
Tues	22 nd January	
Wed	23 rd January	
Thurs	24 th January	
Fri	25 th January	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 31 st January	Year 8 Options Evening
Friday 8 th February	CAPs Quiz Night (see below)
w/c 11 th February	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half-term break (Non-uniform day in aid of Refilwe)
Tuesday 26 th February	Year 7 Parents' Evening

CAPS QUIZ NIGHT

Calday Association of Parents and Staff (CAPS) will be holding a quiz night on Friday 8th February at the school. Doors open at 6.30 pm and the quiz will start promptly at 7.00 pm. Tickets are priced at £10 each (including a Marigold's fish & chip supper) and can be bought via ParentPay. Teams can be planned in advance (6 - 8 people) or you can join a team on the night. A well-stocked bar will be available.

If any parents are able to offer a raffle prize, these would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at main reception for the attention of Mrs Debbie Ellis. We hope that you can join us at this fantastic event which is a great opportunity to socialise with friends whilst helping to help to raise funds for the school.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL



The year 8 football team are through to the quarter finals of the National Elite Cup, after a comfortable 3-1 victory at home to Sandwell Academy from West Bromwich.

The tight first-half deadlock was broken by **Poe**, who found himself on the end of a loose ball following a set piece from **Martin**. The away side struck back almost instantly with a fine 25-yard effort which flew into the top corner.

Calday were given the opportunity to re-take the lead on the stroke of half time. **Allport** was felled in the box, but picked himself up to smash the penalty home to give the men in maroon a deserved 2-1 half time lead. The Calday players clearly gained confidence from this, subjecting their opposition to relentless attacks whilst defending with solid resistance. It was game over when **Blackie**, who was awarded with MOTM, fired home for Calday's third of the game. We now progress to the quarter finals of the National Elite Cup. Well done to all players involved.

STUDENTS VISIT ANCHORAGE NURSING HOME



On the last day of term, a group of Year 13 girls went with Mrs Owen to the Anchorage Nursing Home in Hoylake and provided a Christmas party for the residents. The girls have been attending the home every week since September and have formed strong relationships with residents, many of whom have Alzheimer's or other forms of Dementia. The girls performed carols (wonderfully supported by Tom Donnan, a former Calday student, on piano). They sang and danced with residents, made paper chains, created a Christmas tree board, where the residents added their own stars, and played games. We were also joined by Ben Harris who provided a magic show for everyone.



It was a really positive experience for everyone and a magical start to Christmas. Our team of 20 girls will continue to visit several times each fortnight until the summer. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Co-op for supporting our venture, providing mince pies, cakes, chocolate and mulled wine for our party.

ROYAL VISIT

Two of our students, James Scott Myers and Joshua Wood, both had the opportunity on Monday to be introduced to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex when they visited Birkenhead. James was involved in the Royal visit as the Mayor's Cadet and Joshua was introduced as a member of the Hive Council.



You can see James chatting to Prince Harry in this YouTube video at 1'30"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCvlgrMbPms&t=197s>

ANTHONY NOLAN REGISTER



Last Friday, 106 students signed up to the @anthonymolan register and many more will join when the team return next Friday. Anyone aged 16-31 can join <https://www.anthonynolan.org/8-ways-.../donate-your-stem-cells> to find out more. #anthonymolan #bonemarrow #younglifesavers

OXBRIDGE

Has your son or daughter ever thought about going to Oxford or Cambridge University? In the minds of many, these universities may seem like an impossible aspiration. However, both Oxford and Cambridge are very keen to interview and accept students from the Northwest (Cambridge even has a team dedicated to maximising applications from Merseyside).

Both universities have a different approach to recruitment than many universities. They are interested in potential, teachability and look for people who are enthusiastic and passionate about their subject. They are not always looking for a top set of grades at GCSE.

Students are welcome to come along to the Oxbridge group meetings which will focus on preparation for Oxbridge. These meetings will commence next Friday (25th January) at 1.00 pm in D34 and will then take place every Friday of week 2.

HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL (GLEGG HOUSE AUDITIONS)

Glegg House are just about to start rehearsing and auditioning for the House Music Festival and it is their aim this year to get as many students involved and inspired by the power of music, musical or not. If students are interested in taking part, please ask them to attend on the dates indicated below. All auditions and rehearsals will take place in the music class rooms at the start of break or lunch.

Auditions	Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	Friday 25 th
Break	Senior Instrumentalist	Junior Instrumentalist	Senior Vocalist (Musical theatre and normal)	Junior Vocalist (Musical theatre and normal)	Junior Pianist
Lunch	-	Junior and Senior Rock Band	-	-	Senior Pianist

Rehearsals	Date commencing	Every ...	Available to...
Choir	Wednesday 16 th January	Wednesday Lunch	Everyone!
Ensemble	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday Lunch	Everyone!

VISIT BY FORMER STUDENT

On 11th January, a former student, Matthew Jenkinson, came to speak to Year 12 students about his experience on an apprenticeship with Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC). He highlighted the opportunity to shadow a team of PWC professionals during their Business Insight Week 2019- the PWC paid work experience programme. Any current year 12 students who are interested in business and would like to apply for the 2019 programme should go to <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience/business-insight-week.html> **Please note that the deadline for this is January 31st.**

There is a blog about student experiences of Business Insight Week which can be found at <https://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/regional-sites/north-west/insights/students-enjoy-business-insight-week-work-experience.html> Matthew is more than willing to answer any questions that you may have. Please contact him by email: matthew.jenkinson@uk.pwc.com

CHARITY NETBALL MATCH

On February 14th, a team of Year 13 girls will take on a team of Year 13 boys in a charity netball match. The match will be held at lunchtime in one of the cages at the back of the school. Students who wish to come along and support the teams are asked to make a £2 donation in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust.

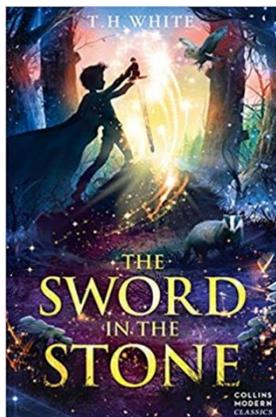
RUNNING CLUB

- Tomorrow we are 'on tour' to Ellesmere Port Parkrun. All welcome but please do not forget your barcode. Parents are also welcome.
- Training is on Monday lunchtime.
- On Wednesday we will be holding a trial race for selection for the Henry VII relay race in February. It will be three laps of Gorse Lane and invitations will be offered to the first 12 across the line. This open to all members of the running club and others.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Start the Debate: Book v Movie? Which is better?

With so many new movies and TV series out recently or in the near future, we thought it was high time to produce a "Seen the film? Try the Book!" display, in order to enthrall our young readers. There are hundreds of books in our library which have been adapted onto the screen, a collection of which is on display and available to borrow under the posters. As our Book of the Month, we have chosen T.H. White's classic *The Sword in the Stone*, which together with a huge range of literature about the legend of King Arthur has inspired the upcoming movie *The Kid Who Would Be King*.



Fantastic books and where to find them

In keeping with the movie theme, we have also created a new display in our Junior Library in G16, where the boys can find plenty of books about dragons and other mythical creatures, including both of J.K. Rowling's books, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them* and *The Crimes of Grindelwald*.



FOOTWEAR

Generally, students at the school look immaculate. The only issue appears to be a small number of students who have ignored details in the Caldeian and the uniform code in the Respect leaflet regarding the type of shoes that they should be wearing. Could we please remind parents that students should not be wearing trainers/or trainer like shoes.



SAFEGUARDING

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.

CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY EXTRAVAGANZA 2019

The closing date for entries to the Christopher Salmon Poetry Extravaganza 2019 is drawing closer. The competition began in 2010 as a tribute to former Calday Grammar School student Christopher Salmon who tragically lost his life to a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009, aged just 15. The theme for this year's competition is "Heroes" and is open to Wirral residents of all ages. Both winners and runners up in five age categories will be awarded cash prizes and given the chance to attend a workshop with renowned local poet Levi Tafari. The prizes will be presented at an awards evening for the winners and their families at Wallasey Town Hall. The overall winner for the aged 16 or under category will also become Wirral Libraries' Young Poet Laureate for 2019. Full details of this year's competition and official entry forms are available now from Wirral libraries and on the charity's website, chrissalmon.org.uk. Completed forms should be returned to Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Library by 24 January 2019.

SUPPORT FOR THE CHRISTOPHER SALMON FOUNDATION

The Christopher Salmon Foundation will benefit until November 2019 from the Co-op Local Community Fund and we would be very grateful for your help please in getting as many people as possible to register as a Co-op member and then to choose us as their Co-op Local Community Cause. As every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services helps fund community projects like ours. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for us. You can support us by joining the Co-op using the following link (there is no charge) <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> and once registered just sign into your membership account and choose The Christopher Salmon Foundation as your Co-op Local Community Cause. Our cause reference number is <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/30411>. We are going to use the money from this to assist with funding 2020 Poetry Extravaganza, as it will be our 10th year of running the competition and to mark this occasion we would like to make it a very special event. We are looking to hold the awards evening at the Floral Pavilion and to try and secure a renowned/famous poet to be our host for the evening.

CAREERS INFORMATION

TTE TRAINING OPEN EVENING (NEW)

The TTE Open evening for Engineering and Laboratory Apprenticeships will take place on Thursday 24 January in Ellesmere Port. To book a place please call 0151 357 6100 or visit their website www.tteld.co.uk.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT UNILEVER (NEW)

Unilever are now open for Business Administrator apprenticeships, starting in March 2019! Including Customer Development (sales), Human Resources and Marketing. For further details, please visit <https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/>



UNIQ, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD'S FREE SPRING & SUMMER SCHOOL (NEW)

Applications are now open for UNIQ, the University of Oxford's free spring & summer school. For more details please visit uniq.ox.ac.uk/apply.

UNILEVER NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

The Work Experience Programme will run w/c 17th June, 24th June, 1st July and 8th July 2019. The programme is focussed on, and suitable for **Year 12** students studying some sciences at A level / BTEC Level 3, who are interested in a career in science. The week will include an overview of Unilever as an organisation, the types of careers available in R&D, and the recruitment routes, including apprenticeships and Year in Industry. It will provide an overview of the product development process, through formulation, testing, packaging design and consumer insight. Where possible it will give students practical experience of working in labs.

The Application Form is available *here*, and all applications should be endorsed by a teacher to confirm the suitability of the student for the programme offered. Applications must be returned by **31st January 2019** and applications received after this date will not be considered. Please note, to maximise access to their Work Experience Programme they are not accepting students who have attended previously. There are no plans to offer Year 10 or Year 11 work experience in 2019. For further information please contact the Work Experience Co-Ordinator – Jackie.Davies@Unilever.com

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.

TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 to JULY 2020

The term dates for September 2019 to July 2020 have now been determined and are included at the end of this newsletter. Parents should be aware that there is still one inset day to be allocated and we will ensure that parents are informed of this date once it is agreed.

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	Wednesday 18 th 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	
School reopens for all students	Monday 6 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 2020
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

Please note that there is still one inset day to be allocated