



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 25th January 2019)

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| Mon   | 28 <sup>th</sup> January | Year 13 examinations                      |
| Tues  | 29 <sup>th</sup> January | Year 13 examinations                      |
| Wed   | 30 <sup>th</sup> January | Year 13 examinations<br>Group Photographs |
| Thurs | 31 <sup>st</sup> January | Year 8 Options Evening                    |
| Fri   | 1 <sup>st</sup> February |   |

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

### F1 IN SCHOOLS ROAD TO SUCCESS



Protoanic Racing are a group of six Year 12 students comprised of Antoan Phu, Dylan Gallagher, Geoffrey Kelly, Jakob Eckl, James Maxwell and Patrick Groves who all have a passion for Motorsport Engineering. In October 2018 they formed an F1 in Schools team with the aim of competing in, and gaining experience in a field they were all interested in. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, after some last minute and late alterations, the team competed in the North West Regional Finals at Bolton University – Centre for Motorsport Engineering. The aim was to design, make and race a miniature F1 car, alongside a series of verbal presentations, gaining sponsorship and displaying a stand at the event.

Following the regional finals, Protoanic won; Best Portfolio Award, Marketing/Social Media Award and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Professional Class event, narrowly missing out on first place. Not only did the students' hard work and determination pay off, they impressed the judges and the university that much

with what they had achieved in such a short space of time, they were all offered a £3000 grant if they chose to study at the university after their A Levels.

Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall also won the team a place in the National Finals at the Airbus A380 factory and a chance to compete for a place in the World Championships, last year held in Singapore. The team are working hard to maximise their success at this event, but are always looking for further support and help. If you think you could offer some sponsorship or support them further, they would love to hear from you and can be contacted via [protoanic.racing@gmail.com](mailto:protoanic.racing@gmail.com). You can also follow their story on Facebook - @Protoanic or twitter - @Protoanic

A huge well done and congratulations to all the team and we wish them all the best for the National Finals in March.

### CAPS QUIZ NIGHT

Calday Association of Parents and Staff (CAPS) will be holding a quiz night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### STUDENT WITH A COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM

We currently have a student in school who has a compromised immune system and therefore, if your child has an illness such as shingles, chickenpox etc, we would be grateful if you could contact Mrs Humphreys on 0151 6252727 to inform us. Thank you for your assistance.

## 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.

## SAFEGUARDING

Merseyside Police have asked us to make parents aware that there has been a number of local young people (none from Calday Grange Grammar School) admitted to A&E recently after taking, what are believed to be, "Green Hulk" ecstasy tablets. Hospital screening has shown positive for Spice, amphetamines and benzodiazepines. The young people concerned have reported that they have only taken the green tablets, therefore, it is thought that these tablets contain a number of substances. Luckily, the young people have been discharged as medically fit but this could have resulted in tragic consequences.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Caldy Manor Care Home are running a knitting project to knit small hearts (a pattern can be provided) for their residents to sew onto bunting and blankets and they would like to invite students and their families to get involved in this project. If anyone is interested in getting involved please contact Deborah Thomas via [Deborah.thomas@barchester.com](mailto:Deborah.thomas@barchester.com) or 0151 625 2311.

## UPCOMING CHARITY EVENT IN AID OF REFILWE

We will be holding a staff coffee and cake morning with raffle on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jane.rowlands@calday.co.uk)

## ANTHONY NOLAN REGISTER



Further to the success reported in a previous newsletter, the Anthony Nolan charity were back in school today and over 70 more students have joined the register. This is a tremendous result and we would like to thank all students who have got involved. Anyone aged 16-31 can join <https://www.anthonynolan.org/8-ways-.../donate-your-stem-cells> to find out more. #anthonynolan #bonemarrow #younglifesavers

## CHARITY NETBALL MATCH

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 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.

## 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 enthuse 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*.

## MESSAGE FROM UNILEVER REGARDING UNILEVER APPRENTICESHIPS OPEN EVENINGS

Come and join us at our Port Sunlight Office & Factory site to learn more about Business & Technology, Supply Chain & Engineering and Research & Development apprenticeships here at Unilever! You will have the chance to meet some of our current and graduated apprentices who will be able to share their journeys and experiences so far as well as apprentice managers. You will also have the chance to learn more about the brands and functions that make up Unilever. These events will take place on 13th February and 7th March but you will need to register.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-54980344691>

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-54980478090>

Unilever Apprenticeships applications are now live! To find out more please visit: [www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships](http://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships). We hope to see as many of you here as possible!

Best wishes  
Unilever Apprenticeships

## 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 (25<sup>th</sup> January) at 1.00 pm in D34 and will then take place every Friday of week 2.

## 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 Caldean 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



## 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  
In an emergency please call 999

Outside of these hours 677 6557

## 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.

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## CAREERS INFORMATION

### 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](http://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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Jackie.Davies@Unilever.com)

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## 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.

## **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 our 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.

## **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](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



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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.



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## 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  | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</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>  |   |
| School reopens for all students  | Monday 6 <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 2020                                      |
| <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                                     |

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