



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019)

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Information Evening (6.00 pm to 8.00 pm)
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May    Year 7 Residential all week  
24<sup>th</sup> May        Non-uniform day  
                      School closes for May half term

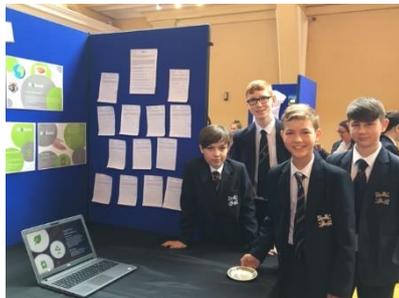
### LETTER FROM RT HON NICK GIBB

We were delighted to receive a letter recently from Rt Hon Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Standards). The letter highlighted the outstanding achievements of the GCSE cohort of 2018 placing us in the top 10 per cent of state-funded schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank student, parents and staff for their continued support and hard work. A copy of the letter is available at the end of this newsletter.

### BLOODWISE CHARITY

We have recently been informed by Mr & Mrs Clift that £79,000 has now been raised in memory of their son, Adam who was a student at the school. This is a charity that is very close to our hearts and we would like to thank students, staff and parents who have contributed towards raising this tremendous amount. If you would like to continue to help this worthwhile charity by making a donation, please visit <https://bloodwise.org.uk/fundraising/local/wirral-merseyside>

### UNILEVER BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAMME



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the Year 9 team made up of Ben Cashin, Elliot Larkin, Jack Perry and Edward Smith presented their 'Bioburst' product to more than 80 Unilever stakeholder judges in conjunction with *All About STEM*. Their product was an entry into the 'No more Plastic' category where the brief was to design a product that was a great experience for hair but 100% plastic free. They achieved this by creating a soluble pod made from seaweed extract and calcium lactate, filled with a stimulating menthol- jojoba oil shampoo. Their (edible!) prototypes were sensational- and we hear that some members of the Unilever technical team have strived to recreate them since!

Unfortunately, they were not the winners in this competition but in true scientific style, they are in the process of receiving peer-review with the hope of improving their product design further and entering it for The Big Bang competition in July. The team worked incredibly well together; researching and designing the product themselves. They considered the ingredient formulation and possible non- plastic packaging, designed an App to encourage future sales (with a charitable donation possibility) as well as carrying out consumer research and analysis. The boys were a credit to the school at all times and I hope that they are incredibly proud of all that they learnt and achieved from participating in the project.

### APPRENTICESHIPS

The new parents pack for from Amazing Apprenticeships is now available. It provides information about where to find apprenticeship opportunities, applying for apprenticeships- and more general up-to-date information. Please download it from <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-april-2019/>



## TENNIS

We recently hosted the Road to Wimbledon competition. 60 boys entered and the standard of tennis was incredibly high. The eventual winner was Joe Fayle, who beat Sean McGrath 5-4 with the last game finishing 9-7 by tieback. Well done to all the students who took part.

## TEAM TENNIS

On Thursday, CGGS played Altrincham GS and Yr7/8a team of Spiros Aristodemou, Luka Matellini, Sam Owens and Harry Tallents won 5-1. The Yr9/10a of Matty Matellini, Omid Bakhtiari, Joe Fayle and Sean McGrath won 6-0. Well done to all the players.

## RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES

Last week, the running club went to Bodelwyddan Castle parkrun and 10 students turned up. It was a testing run but the views were amazing and we will go back. Wednesday was the seaside run (5k) which Jack Bernham posted an 18.23 putting him in 12th place which is an incredible performance.

## £5 for 5k IN AID OF THE NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

This will take place on Monday 29th April at Glasspool Fields (opposite Caldy Rugby club) 7.00pm. It is predominately running/walking on grass.

## STUDENT ARTWORK DISPLAYED AT THE LADY LEVER ART GALLERY



The Lady Lever Art Gallery invited Wirral secondary schools to apply for the opportunity to display Artwork from their students in the Fresh Perspectives: Art from Wirral Schools Exhibition. Calday, along with Birkenhead School, Upton Hall, Bebington High and South Wirral High School were the schools selected by the Education, Curatorial and Exhibitions teams at National Museums Liverpool.

The biennial exhibition provides the opportunity for creative students to showcase their Art, Design and Textile work in a national Gallery setting. The exhibition now in its 4th year is a fantastic way for Wirral secondary schools to share the work of their talented students with the wider community and has continually gained more popularity with visitors and the local press.

The work of 17 Calday Art students is being showcased in the exhibition. The [Fresh Perspectives](#) exhibition runs from 29 March to 6th May 2019 and entry is free.

## RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS AT CALDAY



Crisp packets are difficult to recycle unless separated from other waste. TerraCycle and Walkers have partnered to create a free recycling scheme which accepts all crisp packets.

Calday is now a public drop off point for crisp packet recycling. We have a yellow bin next to our main reception for the public to pop in and drop off their crisp packets. You are welcome to pop in between 9am and 5pm on a normal school day, or you could ask your child to drop them off on the way in to School in the morning.

TerraCycle will collect the crisp packets at no cost to the School. Once collected, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

We have asked all of our students to recycle their empty crisp packets and a number of recycling bins have been installed around the School to support this scheme.

Please do not drop off any of the following items as they are not suitable for this recycling process: Popcorn bags, Pretzel bags or Pringles tubes.

## EASYFUNDRAISING

**Raise free funds for us**  
every time you book travel online

Logos for partner companies: TUI, trainline, Expedia, Booking.com, Thomas Cook, LateRooms.com, Beach, FIRST CHOICE, IHG, cottages.com, Jet2holidays, Heathrow, Tavelodge, flybe, HomeAway, P&O CRUISES, Hotels.com

Please follow this link to raise funds for our School every time that you shop online:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cggs/>

## CAPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to those parents who attended the CAPS AGM earlier this week. Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the minutes. We are always keen to recruit new members to our association and therefore if you are interested in being part of CAPS or perhaps just helping out at events, please do not hesitate to contact us via [CAPS@calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@calday.co.uk)

## 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](http://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.

## TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 to JULY 2020

Could we please make parents aware that due to primary schools no longer hosting 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.

## 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)

## 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.

**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:-**

Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020  
Letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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29 March 2019

Dear Mr Rodaway

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and pupils on the outstanding progress your pupils are making and your school's high level of EBacc entry in 2018.

Your school's Progress 8 score of 0.59 which is well above the national average, shows that you are amongst the top 10 per cent of state-funded mainstream schools in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4.

With 90 per cent of your pupils entering the EBacc in 2018, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all state-funded mainstream secondary schools in the country. EBacc subjects provide a sound basis for careers beyond the age of 16 and can also enrich pupils' studies, giving them a broad general knowledge that will enable them to participate in and contribute to society.

We want to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has the chance to study the EBacc at GCSE, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards