



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018)

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Tues	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior Maths Challenge
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Sixth Form Fair
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup> November	
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup> November	

### SIXTH FORM INFORMATION FAIR

We are holding an information fair for prospective sixth form students (both internal and external) on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the school hall. All current Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend. This will be an opportunity to find out information about the subjects students may wish to consider studying at A Level. There will also be a number of universities and employers attending.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will also be holding a subject seminar evening for prospective sixth form students on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This event will allow students to find out more detailed information about subjects (full details to follow).

### STUDENT SUCCESS



Many congratulations to Simon Hall (Year 13) who has been selected for the RYA 29er UK Youth Squad – 2018/19.

Simon's selection for this squad recognises his potential to progress within the British Sailing Team. He was selected on the basis of performance and commitment to a programme of training and competition over a period of several years, and establishes his status as a UK Squad sailor who they hope will represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years.



William Gregson (8GY) recently travelled to Stavanger in Norway with Wirral Judo Club to take part in an international Judo training camp and competition.

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate him as he won a Gold medal in the competition.

### STUDENT TAKES PART IN INTERVIEW

Alasdair Clift (11HT) was recently invited by Bloodwise to take part in an interview with Liverpool and England Footballer, James Milner, at Anfield. James and his wife Amy run the James Milner Foundation which has a focus on three main charities, Help for Heroes, the NSPCC and Bloodwise. James is fundraising for The Cell Bank, a venture funded by Bloodwise that allows researchers and doctors to access a wide range of tissues from blood cancer patients in order to decide on best treatment and develop new approaches to curing blood cancer. It was one of Adam's (Alasdair's brother) wishes that his cell tissue be used in this way if possible after he had died. James spoke to Alasdair about the effects on family of long-term illness and how he had had to show resilience and independence at an early age in order to cope with the effect Adam's illness had on the family. The film will be shown at a celebrity charity ball on 25<sup>th</sup> November in Manchester.

You can read more about the foundation here <http://www.thejamesmilnerfoundation.com/>

## HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Kersti Lawson, Health Services in Schools Youth Worker, will be running an information evening for parents. Kersti and her colleagues will be providing information sessions on drugs, alcohol and mental health and well-being. Kersti has worked with Calday for many years and has up-to-date knowledge on the issues that are affecting young people in the local area.

If you wish to attend this event, please return the reply slip sent via SchoolComms to Mrs Humphreys in the Student Services office or email her on [susan.humphreys@calday.co.uk](mailto:susan.humphreys@calday.co.uk)

## CHARITIES

### Toys

It's heart-breaking to realise that 1 in 4 children in the Merseyside area are living in poverty and many will wake up on Christmas day to no gifts or presents to open. This year we are again working alongside Tranmere Rovers and their Super White Christmas Appeal to try and make sure that all children in the area have something to open this year. We're asking you to buy an extra present that we can give to a disadvantaged local child to make their Christmas morning special. We need new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0-18 years and they can be dropped off at D35 or reception. Last year we collected over 200 toys - hopefully we can beat that this year. The deadline is the 18th December when Tranmere will pick them up.

### Homeless - Shoebox of love

We will again be supporting The Shoebox of love appeal for homeless people in the area (and their pets). The idea is you either fill a shoebox - or a giftbag with items from a list supplied and the charity will pass them on. Form tutors will shortly be talking to students regarding bringing items in for these bags. The deadline for this is 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



We enjoyed a fantastic, funny and occasionally *frightening* visit from the author and illustrator **Curtis Jobling** this week. His presentation took the audience from the *World of Warriors*, to Bob the Builder and Raa Raa the Noisy lion, the fantastical *Wereworld* realm, Hairy monsters and Hairy men, "*Haunt*", a ghost story set in modern day Warrington, through to *Max Helsing* and his tales of monster hunting!!! Here are some of the comments from students and staff:

"He was awesome!" Jack, Year 7

"I really want to read the next *Haunt* book" Ben, Year 7

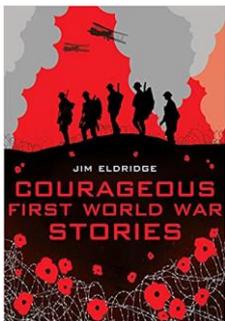
"He was really entertaining and informative" Staff member

"It was really enjoyable. He was a very engaging speaker." Staff member

"Lots of the boys have said they really enjoyed it." Staff member

You can find further information about the author here: [www.curtisjobling.com](http://www.curtisjobling.com). His books are available from your local bookseller. Should any student wish to have their own copy of one of his books signed, please bring it to Mrs Eckford in the library as Curtis has kindly offered to send us some signed bookplates. Naturally, we also have his books available to borrow from the LRC. Many boys ordered one of his signed books through Lingham's and these are ready to collect from the LRC – please remind your son to get his if he hasn't already done so.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



In November, we have chosen Jim Eldridge's *Courageous First World War Stories* as our BOTM. Our Remembrance display will be on show next week, including a large number of books (stories, poetry and non-fiction) that deal with the subject of War and conflict. More details to follow next week.

COURAGEOUS FIRST WORLD WAR STORIES is a collection of three wartime adventures that will transport the reader to the heart of the First World War by land, sea and air. In *THE TRENCHES*, Billy Stevens, a telegraph operator, finds himself part of the deadly Battle of Passchendaele. *STANDING ALONE* tells the true story of Jack Cornwell, the sixteen-year-old hero of the last great naval battle of WW1. *FLYING ACE* takes us into the skies where Jack Fairfax of the Royal Flying Corps finds himself under attack. Riveting fictionalized accounts, packed with historical detail, give a new immediacy to the First World War that will enthrall young readers.

## WORKSHOPS ON APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

On Monday 26th November, we have arranged for 2 x 1 hour workshops, aimed at advising students how/ where to find apprenticeship adverts and how to apply for apprenticeships. The hour-long sessions will be presented by an external provider who has experience in this field.

If students are interested in taking part, they should email Mrs Boyle via [nicola.boyle@calday.co.uk](mailto:nicola.boyle@calday.co.uk) (by Monday 5th November) and **identify which session is best for them** i.e. when they would be missing the least amount of lesson time. They only need to attend 1 session.

Monday 26th November: week 2

Session 1: 09.45- 10.45 or Session 2: 11.05- 12.05

## TERASSA – UNDER 16 HOCKEY TOUR (written to Mark Hodgson, Year 11)



Over half term, 16 hockey players travelled with Mr Walker and Mr Ward to Terrassa just outside Barcelona on hockey tour. We stayed at Athletic Terrassa hockey club where over 4 days we played 3 different teams.

Our first game against Il Touro's under 18B team was expected to be very difficult due to their obvious size advantage. For the first 10 minutes, the game was very close. Calday played their usual team-based game, transferring the ball and we won a penalty. Our first penalty corner of the game proved to be a pivotal role in the game. The Calday boys set up for a drag flick converted by Hodgson. Soon after, there was another corner for the Calday team. A deflected drag flick to McGrath secured a second goal. Calday proceeded to dominate the remainder of the first half by moving the ball very quickly which tested the opposition's defence and keeper.

Half time arose and Calday were looking to secure a clean sheet until a quick counter attack gave the opposition their first goal. This goal injected the opposition with a surge in energy which put the Calday team under a lot of pressure and made the game very close. A well finished and needed team goal from Brunskill ended the game 3-1.

Our second match against 'Atletic Terrassa' Under 16As was a great game of 'team' hockey. Early on, Calday went down 2-0 from 2 quick attacks for two 1 on 1 finishes. Despite this, our heads didn't drop and we dominated by stringing countless passes together, securing the ball amongst our team. In the second half, we found some energy and played very high intensity hockey with everyone playing for each other. This led to 2 great goals: the first from McGrath which built up from a quick counter attack and a second from Brunskill, scored after another well built up attack. Calday dominated the remainder of the game as Athletic Terrassa were unable to break through our 23. The game finished 2-2.

Our third match was against 'Atletic Terrassa' U18B team. We were told that this would be our hardest game yet. The game lived up to its' expectations as our opponents made their greater experience and physical presence known. The game started evenly with both teams having equal opportunities at goal. However the opposition soon scored which allowed them to open the taps for a flurry of goals lasting until the final whistle. The Calday boys were beaten very convincingly.

Aside from the hockey, our other sporting challenge was playing 'paddle tennis'. Despite our efforts, Mr Walker and Mr Ward dominated all our games and finished as unbeaten doubles champions.

On the last day we visited Barcelona to do some sight-seeing. We visited: Las ramblas; the Nou camp; the Olympic stadium and the magic fountain of Montjuic.

We had a great tour and would all do it all over again.

## CHINA EXCHANGE



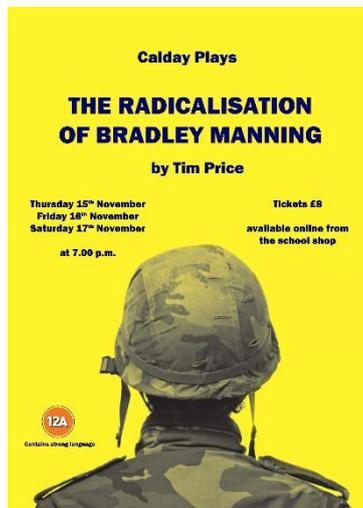
The China Exchange Trip took place between 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October. 14 students travelled together with Mr Rodway and Mrs Gan to Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing. The pupils explored the great cities of Hangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai, and the many surrounding towns and villages. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to experience the real China, and to make friends with Chinese students in one of China's top secondary schools in the beautiful and city of Hangzhou.



In addition, the journey offered extraordinary opportunities to experience ancient and modern China. The pupils were able to experience both the high-tech contemporary life in China's most vibrant cities, and the beautiful traditions of everyday life in China. Apart from visits to world famous scenic places, such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, the pupils also travelled at 430 km/hour on Shanghai's maglev train, and visited the 100<sup>th</sup> floor of the Shanghai World Finance Centre.

The China Exchange trip is organised annually, and all pupils from Y7 to Y13 who are learning Chinese have the opportunities to take part in the exchange programme.

## CALDAY PLAYS – AUTUMN PRODUCTION



Bradley Manning is the 24-year-old US soldier accused of the release of thousands of US embassy emails to Wikileaks.

This tells the story of Chelsea Manning (born as Bradley Manning), the former US soldier accused of releasing 250,000 secret embassy cables and military logs from the Iraq and Afghan wars. When this play was written, Manning had spent three years in prison without charge and was awaiting sentence, having been found guilty of crimes that could mean life in prison. But just a few years prior to this, she was a teenager in west Wales. How did this happen? And who was responsible for her radicalisation?

Performance dates and times: 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November 7pm.

Tickets are £8 each and can now be bought from the school shop ([shop.calday.co.uk](http://shop.calday.co.uk))

Due to some adult content there is a suggested 12A age rating.

## THE BURYPING PARTY SCREENING

We have been asked by Birkenhead Central Library to make parents aware that there will be a screening of The Burying Party (based on the life of Wilfred Owen) as follows:-

- Saturday, November 10, 2018
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Birkenhead Library, Borough Road, Birkenhead
- **Tickets £7.50 - available at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)**

For more information regarding the film please visit <https://www.theburyingparty.com>

## MAGIC SHOW

Calling all magic fans! Ben Harris from U6H3 will be performing his final magic show at Calday Grange on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November – the 'Heavy Entertainment Magic Show'. His two previous shows at Calday, raised over £2200 for selected charities, and this final show at the school will be in aid of Refilwe, a charity very close to Ben's heart following his visit there last July. Ben is going to be performing in a way that he has never done before, so even if you think you have seen him perform already, you will not have seen this brand new style that he will be bringing to this show! His magic will include a range of stage magic greats, as well as routines that he has devised himself, all packed into a 90 minute show.

Ben has thoroughly enjoyed performing these last two years at Calday and raising money for two incredible charities. So come and support Ben one final time as he embarks on his grand finale this show is not to be missed! Bring friends and family along for what promises to be an amazing night of surprises, magic and entertainment

Tickets can be purchased via the school shop ([shop.calday.co.uk](http://shop.calday.co.uk)) or through form tutors at £5 each. You can also email request tickets at [harrisbs@calday.co.uk](mailto:harrisbs@calday.co.uk). The show commences at 7pm in the school hall, and will finish around 9.00pm. There is already a limited number of tickets available, so book early to avoid disappointment!

## **CHANGE TO FINISH DATE AT THE END OF THE AUTUMN TERM**

Please note that school will now close at the end of the school day (3.35 pm) on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 rather than 1.00 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES**

The next big event is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the English Schools Cup to be held at Carmel (TBC).

## **ECO CLUB AND CALDAY IN BLOOM**

The Eco Club would welcome any donations of bulbs, bird food and any old bird feeders you might want to get rid of. We are planting now and would really appreciate your donations to help support the wildlife at Calday. Any donations can be left at Reception. Thank you for your support. The Eco Club

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## **CAREERS INFORMATION**

### **MEDICINE/DENTISTRY INFORMATION SESSION (new information\*)**

For Year 12 students considering a medicine/dentistry career, there will be an information session on Wednesday 7 November between 13.00 - 13.50 in G9. Students can just turn up.

### **TASTER DAY AT LIVERPOOL MEDICAL SCHOOL**

Students who are considering medicine may be interested in attending a taster day at Liverpool Medical School on Wednesday 5 December. The cost of the day is £35 including lunch. Details are on the website and the booking link is <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information/>

### **INTERVIEW COACHING FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR MEDICINE**

Mrs Montgomery will be providing interview coaching for students who have applied for Medicine. The sessions will take place every Friday at 1.00 pm in the conference room for approximately six weeks. The first session will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **TWO DAY INTENSIVE COURSE FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS CONSIDERING A MEDICAL CAREER**

If any Year 12 students are considering a career in Medicine then they may be interested in attending 'So you want to be a Doctor' which is being run by Liverpool Medical Institution on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. For more details please visit <https://www.lmi.org.uk/y12c-application>.

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## **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.

## **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.

### **WIRRAL F.U.S.S (Free uniform for secondary School)**

Wirral F.U.S.S distribute good quality recycled school uniform and PE kit free, without judgement of family circumstances, to parents around the Wirral. Their permanent shop-hub is now open at 3-5 Borough Pavement, The Pyramids, Birkenhead on Tuesday, Wednesdays and some Fridays from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Parents can also donate items for F.U.S.S and these can be brought into school and dropped off in the administration office. For more information, please visit [www.wirralfuss.co.uk](http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk).

### **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've 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete the short questionnaire.

**Please see following pages for:-**

Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020



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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	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**