



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 7th December 2018)

Mon	10 th December	Year 11 mock examinations continue (Monday to Thursday)
Tues	11 th December	
Wed	12 th December	
Thurs	13 th December	
Fri	14 th December	Cake sale in aid of school charity

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17 th December	Senior Awards Evening
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas break (3.35 pm)
	Non-uniform day in aid of school charity
Monday 7 th January	School reopens
Friday 8 th February	CAPs Quiz Night (details to follow)
w/c 11 th February	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half-term break

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF MR MARK RODAWAY

Dear Parents

Update on Funding

Representatives of the Local Authority and myself have agreed to meet to discuss the proposed model for funding at Calday Grange Grammar School.

In order for this meeting to take place in a constructive manner, I request that parents discontinue lobbying Councillors/Representatives from the LA. I will not be attending the Councils public meeting this evening and request that parents do not attend (if they intended to). I will update you on progress made at this meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

Regards
M R Rodaway
Headteacher

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Please help us to raise donations for the school whilst doing your Christmas shopping.

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How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

There are over 3,571 retailers to choose from and so far over £24 million has been raised for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. Easy!

We would greatly appreciate your support. Please click on the link below.

[Calday page link for easyfundraising](#)

MAGIC SHOW

Thank you to Ben Harris (Year 13) who gave us a wonderful evening of surprises and entertained us to the very end of his show with his amazing stage magic. His dedication and commitment helped raise an incredible £1700 for Refilwe.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

The Year 8 team won their 7th game out of 7 this season, beating Holy Family 6-1 at home in the Elite Cup on Tuesday. Calday had the lion's share of the possession and the chances in the first half, and it took an excellent cross by wing-back **Pike** and a fine finish from midfielder **Brocklehurst** to send Calday into the break 1-0 up.

The home team continued to pile on the pressure in the second half, and were rewarded with a goal, **Allport** using his experience to score his 10th goal of the season.

Holy Family capitalised on a defensive error to get a goal back, but Calday were unrattled and saw the game out with expertise. A nice lob by **Stewart**, two excellent finishes by **Poe**, and **Allport's** 11th of the season ensured that the men in maroon ran out 6-1 victors for a place in the third round of the Elite Cup.

Well done to all players, in particular Pike who is awarded with the MOTM accolade.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Alex Rider fans – read on!

A few of our students were lucky enough to meet Anthony Horowitz, the great and prolific author of the popular *Alex Rider* series, at a recent book signing at Lingham's in Heswall. We have many of his books in the library. Did you know that an 11-part *Alex Rider* TV show is due to be made? See <https://www.anthonhorowitz.com/about> for further details.

Year 7 Survey

It was wonderful to discover that 79 of our Year 7 students said that the LRC was their favourite place at school in a recent survey. Regular library lessons, engaging displays and events such as the Reading challenges are helping to foster a love of reading for pleasure.

New Library Prefect Team

Many congratulations to the "lucky 13" who have got through the application and interview process to earn their library prefect badges. Mrs Dodd and I are really looking forward to working with the team who help with library duties at break and lunchtimes.



Secret Santa Books!

Why not encourage your son or daughter to unwrap one of the "presents" under our Christmas tree? These are new books from many different genres that can be borrowed over the holidays.

CALDAY RUNNERS VISIT CHESTER

Last Saturday's undulating Chester Park Run, was the third in Calday GGS Running Club's Winter Grandprix. Of the 300 runners who took part 18 were from Calday. Our best placed athlete was Luke Hampshire in Year 10, who was placed third overall. Next Calday athlete was Year 11's Sam Brocklehurst in 9th, with Sam Wood of the Sixth Form in 11th. The latter is also to be commended, for sacrificing his performance, to help Year 7 Leo Ferdenzi to finish an excellent 12th. The running club's next Grandprix Park run is on Saturday 15th December at Birkenhead Park, with our annual Xmas Handicap at lunchtime on Monday 17th December.

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,



HOMELESS – SHOEBOX OF LOVE

Thank you to everyone who supported The Shoebox of Love Appeal for homeless people in the area (and their pets). We were overwhelmed by the donations received. The boxes and bags have now been transported across to Liverpool and the organisers of the appeal were delighted to receive our donations.

PARENTING COURSE

The next parenting course will commence on Thursday 10th January and will run for 5 weeks (every Thursday) from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm in school. The course is designed to help support parents to:-

- Strengthen their own resilience and emotional well-being
- Building knowledge, empathy and skills to promote and strengthen their child's
- Increase confidence and ability to find different ways to support their children
- Improve parent/child relationships and communications.

If you are interested in attending, please email colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk.

Over 35 parents have already completed the course and have provided the following feedback:

'Not feeling like the only person with problems'

'Openness and finding new strategies'

'Thought provoking challenges'

'Connecting with my son about emotions'

WIRRAL HOSPICE ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Wirral Hospice St John's are running their Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme again this year in order to raise vital funds for the Hospice and helping towards the £4 million pounds running costs. The collections are taking place between 12th and 17th January 2018 and they are suggesting a donation of £5 for a small tree, £7 for a medium and £10 for a large tree, but they would greatly appreciate it if people could give generously. Full details are included in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

SCHOOL CHARITY

The students have voted to support and raise money for the North West Air Ambulance Service this year. We have two fundraising events coming up in December:-

Friday 14th Cake sale – we would greatly appreciate any donations of cakes

Thursday 20th Non-uniform day – Christmas jumpers can be worn on the last day of term for a donation of £2.00

We hope that everyone can support these events and help us raise as much money for this very worthwhile charity.

CYCLISTS

As the dark mornings and evenings are fast approaching, could we please remind those students who cycle to school to wear appropriate safety clothing that allows them to be visible on the roads.

LGBTQ+ CLUB

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and tolerant society at Calday. Ms Gill will be supporting students in running a LGBTQ+ club. All are welcome to attend but any student below Year 10 must have parental permission. If your son is below year 10 and he would like to attend, please email Mrs Storey via vicki.storey@calday.co.uk

Ambition Respect Pride



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/>



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

Applications are now open for UNIQU, 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

TASTER COURSES IN HEALTH SCIENCES AT LEEDS UNIVERSITY

Leeds University are holding taster courses for those interested in a career in Health Sciences. The first session is on Tuesday 18th December for Year 12 students interested in Dentistry. To book taster days including Medicine, please visit <http://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/>

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 17th & Tuesday 18th December. For more details please visit <https://www.lmi.org.uk/y12c-application>.

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 are 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.

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 20th December 2018 rather than 1.00 pm on Friday 21st December 2018. We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

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.

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