



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 7th September 2018)

Mon	10 th September	
Tues	11 th September	
Wed	12 th September	DofE Gold meeting 1545-1645
Thurs	13 th September	Mouthguard fitting
Fri	14 th September	Mouthguard fitting

MESSAGE FROM MR RODAWAY

Welcome back to a new academic year. The students have settled back into school easily and I extend a particular welcome to the 244 new Year 7 students and the 197 students who have made the transition from Year 11 to Sixth Form. I am confident that, with the hard work of staff and students alike, we will be celebrating the success of your sons and daughters in the future. We look forward to an exciting and productive year.

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

In order to raise much needed funds to support our enrichment programme and to ensure that we not only continue to offer a diverse range of activities but also develop new opportunities for our students, we are holding a Sportsman's Dinner for parents, family their friends, supporters of Calday and people from the wider community. The event will be held at Caldly Golf Club and will be an exclusive black tie evening.

Date: Saturday 13th October 2018
Venue: Caldly Golf Club
Price: £60 per ticket
Dress: Black Tie for Men and Evening Dress for Ladies
Dinner: Three Courses and Coffee
Time: 7pm -12pm

Guest Speakers will be Rugby Legends - **Simon Shaw** (England, British & Irish Lion and World Cup Winner), **Peter Scrivener** (Wasps Legend and Heineken Cup Winner) and also **Neil Mellor** (Liverpool Football Champions League Winner).

With only 160 tickets available for this exclusive evening of entertainment, fun and fantastic food, tickets will sell out fast! Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful event. Tickets are available to purchase from the school online shop at: shop.calday.co.uk

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a full table please email: geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk.

Thank you, The Enrichment Team

ATTENDANCE

The students have been reviewing attendance expectations and procedures with their form tutors this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting the school in ensuring that students maintain excellent attendance and punctuality. We would also to remind parents that holidays during term times will not be authorised unless there are extenuating circumstances as summarised in our attendance policy. Any request for absence must be applied for using the 'Request for Absence' that can be found on the school website and forwarded to the Director of Student Services, Mrs Vicki Storey, for consideration. Please support us in ensuring that your child attends and is punctual unless there are legitimate reasons for their absence.

ANTI-BULLYING

We review the school Anti Bullying Policy on an annual basis and students have had the opportunity to do this with their form tutors this week. It is an opportunity to reinforce the message consistently given throughout the year, bullying will not be tolerated at Calday, and we have robust systems in place to address any issue raised. We do all we can to promote an ethos that encourages respect for all, kindness and tolerance. Should you have any concerns about a bullying issue please contact your son/daughter's form tutor in the first instance.

Please click on the following links for the presentations

[Attendance](#)

[Anti-bullying](#)

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.

OPEN EVENINGS & OPEN DAY

Our Open Evenings will take place on Wednesday (19th) and Thursday (20th) September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. We also have an Open Day on Thursday from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm to 3.15 pm.

Desperately Seeking Tour Guides!

We are looking for students in Years 8 to 13 to assist on the two Open Evenings (5.30 pm to 8.00 pm) as tour guides. If your son/daughter is interested in helping out on either or both evenings please ask them to see Mrs Ellis (PA to Headteacher) for a permission form. Please note that students are not in school during the day on Wednesday 19th but would be needed from 5.30 pm onwards.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

A warm welcome to our new students! We have already completed library inductions for Year 12 and made a start with year 7 classes.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to over 20 students who have earned achievement points by writing their mini-reviews of books they borrowed over the summer. These are now on display in order to give everyone ideas for what to read next.

Bookbuzz 2018 - For Year 7

This is a scheme run by The Book Trust in which participating schools give their students the opportunity to buy a book for just £3 to take home and keep from a list of 15 titles suitable for 11 to 13-year-olds. They are all carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality and suitability. Students will be finding out about the books throughout next week and more details, including how to order and pay for the books, will be sent out via email shortly.

FREE PARENTING COURSE

We are offering a free 5-week course for parents and carers. The Youth Connect 5 course will give you the knowledge, skills and understanding to help children develop strong emotional wellbeing. You will learn about resilience techniques that will strengthen your child's ability to deal with adversity, threats or even significant sources of stress.

The sessions will take place on Thursday evenings from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm in school and will be run by Mr Lamprey. If you are interested in attending please email Mr Lamprey via colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk

RUGBY FIXTURES

Please see document at the end of the newsletter for some of the forthcoming rugby fixtures.

REFILWE 2018



Calday has supported the Refilwe Community Project in South Africa since 2006, raising money for disadvantaged children in Lanseria, Johannesburg and taking students there every year. Refilwe's mission is to help children and adults to become sustainable: spiritually, mentally and physically, and to break the cycle of poverty in all these areas so that they can develop into contributing members of their community and society.

Refilwe have passed on their thanks to the Calday community for all the support we have given them. In the last year we raised £11500 for the charity from a variety of fundraising events including non-uniform day, cake sale, bag packs, sporting events and quiz night.

In July we took 40 Year 12 students to Refilwe and it was another successful trip. Students lead activities with the local teens in their holiday club, engaged in manual labour to improve the Refilwe site, helped children in their homework club and spent time playing with pre-schoolers in kindergartens.

CAFÉ@CALDAY

Price Changes

In line with many other schools, we have had to review the pricing of our food and drink. We have implemented some price increases with effect from 4th September 2018 and these are the first increases since April 2017. All of our prices for comparable products have been benchmarked with local schools and for the majority of products our food and drink is still cheaper than most other schools. We have also taken the step of reducing prices on some key product lines including

- A freshly cooked meal is available for just £1.75 everyday (5 pence reduction)
- Fresh fruit is available for 35 pence (5 pence reduction)
- Milk is available for 40 pence (5 pence reduction)

We work hard to keep our prices affordable, whilst delivering fresh and tasty food to our students at the quality you would expect from us. However, we have been unable to avoid passing on some increases to parents following:

- Brexit related food inflation and general increases in food commodity prices such as butter;
- Introduction of the 'Sugar Tax';
- A move towards more environmentally responsible disposable items for our students, which have a higher purchase cost;
- Implementation of the nationally agreed pay award for our in-house catering team

The daily Free School Meal (FSM) allowance has been increased to £3.60 from £3.40 for students in receipt of FSMs, which allow them to purchase a snack/drink at break time and to enjoy a meal deal at lunchtime.

These new prices will be held from now until at least April 2019 and will be reviewed following the completion of the Brexit process. If there is any opportunity to reduce our prices we will make these changes at this time.

We would like to assure parents that any surplus generated from the operation of the school's catering facilities is invested back into the School. Full details of our menus and prices can be found on the school website: [Link to Cafe@Calday webpage](#)

STAINED GLASS PANELS



We are delighted to inform parents that our stained glass panels celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the school are now installed in our new reception area. The panels have been in storage since the new windows were fitted in the library in 2017.

The two panels were made in 1986 by William Davies Studios, Irby with funds raised by the Old Boys 350 Dinner at Chester in 1986. The panels have been mounted into museum quality backlit frames to allow their safe display for future generations to enjoy.

REFILWE QUEEN OF HEARTS BALL

Appeal for help

Friends of Refilwe are hosting their 2nd Charity Ball to support Refilwe on 22nd September. There are a few tickets still for sale and they are still appealing for prizes for their wish tree, silent auction and auction. If you can help please contact katie.starkey@calday.co.uk and see below for more information.



You may well be aware that for the last twelve years Caldway has supported the Refilwe Community Project in South Africa. Every summer we take a team of students to support the charity.

Existing to break the cycle of poverty, we volunteer alongside Refilwe by raising funds throughout the year to support and sustain their cause. A great deal of their activity is maintained by our fundraising efforts and we take pride in the enthusiasm with which our pupils support this cause.

Further support for the 2018 community project comes from 'Friends of Refilwe'. This is a Wirral based charity, comprised of former (and current) Caldway students and staff, as well as others from the local area, who are all united in sustaining Refilwe's cause through advocacy and fundraising. Friends of Refilwe are excited to be hosting their second fundraising dinner on 22nd September 2018 (please see information below). Tickets are now on sale.

As a community, we have always contributed to ensuring that Refilwe can continue to change lives. In order to raise the greatest amount of funds possible we are offering sponsorship packages for the evening and we are seeking your support.

We are currently in search of any connections to local businesses that might consider purchasing one of the available sponsorship packages, or would be able to donate a prize for auction or the 'wish tree'. Your support and generosity will help us achieve our goal

This year **all funds will go towards supporting the children with special educational needs** at Refilwe. Their needs are so complex that without Refilwe their future would be bleak and their prospects may well have been limited to the four walls of their home. If you are able to help in any way and would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Katie Starkey (Katie.starkey@calday.co.uk). Thank you for your support. **The Refilwe Team**

STUDENT RUNS HALF-MARATHON IN AID OF PANCREATIC CANCER UK

James Ezard (Year 13) will be taking part in the Great North Run half-marathon on 9th September to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. If you would like to help him reach his target of £500 please visit his JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-ezard>

YEAR 12 STUDENT REQUIRING ACCOMMODATION

A year 12 student is looking for a family to stay with while he completes his education at Calday as his parents are working abroad. He stays with his family in the holidays so this would be a term time only placement. His mother will discuss financial arrangements with anyone kind enough to offer him a place to live and he has character references, should you require them. Please contact his mother Ms Munoz at imtchange@gmail.com.

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>.

INFORMATION SESSION ON APPLYING FOR MEDICINE BY FORMER STUDENT

One of our former students who is in his 2nd year at medical school has kindly offered to visit school on Tuesday 11th September to provide information on applying for medicine. Students are welcome to attend this session at 1.00 pm in the conference room.

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 FUSS and these can be brought into school and dropped off in the administration office. For more information, please visit www.wirralfuss.co.uk.

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'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 to complete the short questionnaire.

RUGBY FIXTURES

Year	Month	Date	Opponents	1sts	2nds	U15XV	U14XV	U13XV	U12XV	KO
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2018	September	8	AVAILABLE							
		15	Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby	A	A	A	H	H	A a&b	10:00
		22	Cheadle Hulme	A	A	H	H	H	A a&b	10:00
		29	Bishop Heber	NG	NG	A	A	H	A a&b	10:00
	October	6	Altrincham GS Boys	H	H	A	A	A	Ha&b	10:00
		13	The Grange School, Northwich	NG	NG	H	A	A	H	10:00
		20	HALF TERM	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	
		27	HALF TERM	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	
	November	3	AVAILABLE							
		10	Ellesmere College	?	?	?	?	?	?	10:00
		17	St Anselm's College	A	A	H	H	H	A	10:00
		24	Wilmslow High	H	H	A	A	A	Ha&b	10:00
	December	1	Lymm HS	H	H	A	A	A	Ha&b	10:00
		8	Wirral Grammar School Boys	H	H	A	A	A	Ha&b	10:00
		15	Kirkham Second Team	A	A	H	H	H	A a&b	10:00
		22	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	
		29	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	
	January	26	Manchester Grammar School	A	A	H	H	H	A a&b	10:00



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Term dates for September 2018 to July 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Staff Development Day	Monday 3rd September 2018 (school closed to students)
School reopens for Y7 and L6 students only	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
School reopens for all students	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Staff Development Day	Wednesday 19 th September 2018 (school closed to students)
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 19 th October 2018
HALF-TERM: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018	
School reopens for all students	Monday 29 th October 2018
School closes for Christmas break	Friday 21 st December 2018
Christmas Break: Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019	
SPRING TERM 2019	
School reopens for all students	Monday 7 th January 2019
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 15 th February 2019
HALF-TERM: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019	
School reopens for all students	Monday 25 th February 2019
School closes for Easter break at the end of	Friday 29 th March 2019
EASTER BREAK: Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 12th April 2019	
SUMMER TERM 2019	
Staff Development Day	Monday 15 th April 2019 (school closed to students)
School reopens for all students	Tuesday 16 th April 2019
Good Friday	Friday 19 th April 2019
Easter Monday	Monday 22 nd April 2019
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May 2019
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 24 th May 2019
HALF-TERM: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019	
School reopens for all students	Monday 3 rd June 2019
School closes for Summer break at the end of	Friday 19 th July 2019