



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (Friday 30th November 2018)

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 11 mock examinations commence (all week)
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup> December	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> December	

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Cake sale in aid of school charity
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Awards Evening
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas break (3.35 pm)
	Non-uniform day in aid of school charity
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	CAPs Quiz Night (details to follow)
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term break

### EASYFUNDRAISING

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**Raise free funds for us**

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

Easy fundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause.

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](#)**

## YEAR 8 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CUP RESULT



Calday Year 8 are through to round 5 of the National Cup after taking the game to the wire and having to endure the painstaking lottery of a penalty shootout.

A strong St Edmund Arrowsmith team from Wigan were a real test for the Calday boys, but **Allport** scored with a free kick from 20 yards out in the first half. The away team struck back just before the break, meaning the score was level at half time.

Calday regained the advantage in the second period, as **Allport** hit the net yet again, following excellent attacking work by **Lane**. Again, the visitors continued to press and equalised to take it to 2-2. Both teams had significant opportunities towards the end of the game, but **Wiggins** was outstanding in goal to keep the score level through extra time.

10 out of 10 penalties were dispatched between the two teams in the shootout, but the 11th and 12th penalties were the deciders, as **Wiggins'** fantastic save to his right was followed by **Russell's** winning penalty.

**Allport** and **Wiggins** share the MOTM accolade, but well done to all players for their determination and continued success.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2018 CROSS-COUNTRY CUP FINAL

On a cold damp day, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Calday runners ran at Woodbridge in Suffolk. This is located on the east coast of England, near the Anglo-Saxon ship burial ground of Sutton Hoo. The Calday athletes competed against the top runners and schools from all over England, in the English Schools' Athletic Association 2018 Cross-country Cup Final.

In the Intermediate competition (Years 9/10) the Calday team of William Sutcliffe, Daniel Hayes, Will Wright, Luke Hampshire, Tom Dougherty and Leo Nilsson finished an excellent fourth, just outside the medals (local rivals St. Anselms were seventh). In the Junior age group (Years 7/8) Calday's team of Jack Bernhem, Alex Poulston, Leo Ferdenzi, Antony Foster, Louis Hatton and Seosamh Flanagan were placed fifteenth. Though the Junior result was not as good as the Intermediate age group, the Juniors did gain revenge on the other two teams from the North West of England which had beaten them two weeks earlier at Cartmel in the Lake District, namely Altrincham Grammar and Queen Elizabeth Grammar (Penrith).

Overall there were some excellent individual performances and Calday as a school has shown itself to be the top boys' cross-country school in the North West of England in 2018.



### MAYOR'S CADET

Many congratulations to James Scott-Myers who has been selected as the Mayor's Cadet for 2018 -19. James holds the rank of Sergeant in the RAF section of the school's Combined Cadet Force. The position of Mayor's Cadet is a high profile appointment and during his term of office, James will accompany the Mayor during his civic and ceremonial duties.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We would like to congratulate students in years 12 and 13 who have now completed the final assessed expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Year 12 students working towards their Silver award completed a 3 day expedition in September walking between Llanrug and Aberconwy. Year 13 students completed their 4 day trek during October half term between Llanrug and Conway. Well done to all those who took part.



## EVENT AT THE EVERYMAN THEATRE

“Working-class people and culture are an endangered group in our subsidised theatres, invisible in our auditoria and rarely seen on our stages”. Karena Johnson, Artistic Director Hoxton Hall

The Everyman Theatre is hosting a conversation between young people who are aspiring for drama school training and would identify themselves as ‘working class’.

The conversation is in their words, “A chance for them to identify the barriers and find the solutions... The Diversity School holds drama schools accountable for their decisions concerning diversity and to support students who report feeling under-represented at drama schools.

If any student would like to apply to be a part of this event please follow this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VrIIWYqXss8qIAktmz8emZopznA6VEQq1cUXMUfvIXo/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VrIIWYqXss8qIAktmz8emZopznA6VEQq1cUXMUfvIXo/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

### Access during exam periods

With the aim of providing students an opportunity to work in a quiet working space at break lunchtime, library access has had to be restricted. Students have been informed of these restrictions and we appreciate their understanding during this period.

### Reading challenge update



With just 3 weeks until the end of term, current borrowing figures for the term look like this:

### Top 5 classes

1. 7HT with an OUTSTANDING 291 issues
2. 7GY with 163 issues
3. 7GZ with 148 issues
4. 7BX with 143 issues
5. 7BQ with 129 issues

These figures are superb – a 100% increase on last year so well done to all. At the moment the top 3 borrowers are Manav Desai 7HT, Jacob Jennins 7BX and Julian Young U6G3 but we have several students from years 7, 8 and 9 hot on their heels. The competition looks tight – who will win the prizes? Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in the last week of term.

### Winter warmers

Next week we will be displaying some Christmas and Winter themed stories, poetry and non-fiction for students to choose from. More details to follow in next week’s newsletter.

## 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>** Cake sale – we would greatly appreciate any donations of cakes

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:vicki.storey@calday.co.uk)

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## CAREERS INFORMATION

### 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)

### APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT UNILEVER

Unilever are running an event on 6<sup>th</sup> December at Lever House in Port Sunlight to highlight all of the apprentice opportunities in Unilever at both the manufacturing and R&D site. For safety reasons numbers are limited so it is a ticketed event. Please register via the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-52303853233>

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> December for Year 12 students interested in Dentistry. To book taster days including Medicine, please visit <http://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/>

### AIRBUS APPRENTICE OPEN DAY

Airbus would like to invite students, teachers, parents and anyone interested in kick-starting their career with a Global leader to join them at their Apprentice Open Day.

**Date:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:00pm

**Venue:** North Factory (where they make the A350 wings), Airbus North Entrance, off Chester Road, Broughton, Flintshire, CH4 0DQ.

### 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/>

### 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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## **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.

## **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.

## **ENTERPRISE ADVISERS**

Would you like the opportunity to work closely with the school to develop a practical, forward thinking careers plan that will inspire your son and prepare him for when he leaves education?

Calday are part of the Enterprise Adviser Network which is a national network designed specifically to bring businesses and schools together to develop the school's career strategy. This is done through Enterprise Adviser volunteers who are senior business people who will work closely with the school to help develop a careers programme that gives students multiple opportunities to learn about work, raise aspirations and get our young people work ready. Enterprise Advisers become part of the network and regularly meet each other to share ideas and business!

At Calday we recognise there is an abundance of our parents who would make excellent Enterprise Advisers and be able to use their experience and networks to help us to develop a brilliant careers programme for our school. This would be a perfect opportunity to share your insights about job opportunities and the key skills that local and national businesses need which will help not only your son but the whole school. As well as at Calday, there are multiple opportunities throughout Merseyside to become Enterprise Advisers for a wide range of schools including special educational needs schools.

If this is something you would like to be involved with or you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mr Mark Stalker via [mark.stalker@calday.co.uk](mailto:mark.stalker@calday.co.uk). If you don't think being an Enterprise Adviser is for you but you would like to be involved in supporting our careers programme in some way, we would love to hear from you too.

## **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).

### **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.



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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 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>	
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**