



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Newsletter (27th September 2019)

Mon	30 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> October	
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Gideon assembly

### MESSAGE FROM MR RODAWAY

Thank you to all students and parents who took the time to complete the recent surveys as part of our OFSTED inspection, which took place Wednesday and Thursday of this week. As is normal, the outcome of the inspection is confidential until the final report has been moderated and published. Once finalised, all parents will receive or be given access to the full report.

It was an extremely busy week for the school. On Monday, we hosted the 11+ examination, with over 500 primary students sitting the test. This was a major logistical exercise. Catering for this number of students, with parents dropping them off by car placed a huge strain on school resources.

On Monday and Tuesday evening, prospective parents were invited to attend one of our 'Open Evenings'. Both evenings were very well attended, with the feedback being overwhelmingly positive. I thank all those students (and parents who transported them) who gave up their free time to support the school. The Head Boy, William Quirk gave an excellent speech, with visitors commenting on how mature and eloquent our students are.

**Mark Rodaway**  
**Headteacher**

### LANGUAGE LEARNING STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Charlie Bird and Matthew Forber, both in year 10 for winning the Language Learning Stars of the Week award for the week ending 20th September. Matthew is learning Spanish and Chinese and Charlie is studying German.

For the week ending 27th September our congratulations go to James Martin in year 10 Spanish and Tom Carruthers in 8BW who is learning French and Russian.

Students are awarded raffle tickets in their languages lessons for making outstanding contributions and a weekly draw decides the star of the week. We have had to increase the number of winners to two per week, due to the enthusiasm shown by students for the scheme and the number of students who are winning tickets! Well done to all students who earned a place in the draw this week and to our winners in the last two weeks! **The MFL Staff**

### YEAR 7 FUTSAL HOUSE LEAGUE

A Futsal House League for year 7 students will start this term. Each week six teams will be selected to play an inter-house competition. Students have already been invited to submit their names in five a side teams for Glegg, Hollowell and Bennett. Any late-comers can add their names to the list outside the community office, opposite D24 - teams of five only please.

The first six teams have been notified and invited to play on Monday 30 September in the school gym between 3.45pm and 6.00pm. All other teams will be notified in due course when their team is scheduled to play.

Students taking part will need their indoor gym kit and trainers. Please remember to bring a refillable water bottle.

## **SCHOOL SHOP NEWS**

### **[Caldaysshop.co.uk](http://Caldaysshop.co.uk)**

#### **Order Collections**

All online orders are made ready for collection within 48 hours of receipt of the order. You will not receive an email from the school shop unless we need to make you aware of specific delivery information.

During the first few weeks of the new term we have processed considerably more online orders than usual, however, there are still many orders awaiting collection. The shop is open to students daily and is located opposite D24.

#### **Exchanges**

Students can return items to the shop for an exchange at break or lunch times - garments to be in the original packing please.

#### **Waterproof Jackets**

Jackets ordered before the Summer break have now arrived in school and are available for collection from the school shop. This is a long lead-time product, anyone wishing to purchase a jacket for collection by the end of November should do so by Monday 30th September. Orders placed after this date will not be available for collection until the end of January.

#### **Currently Out of Stock**

Due to the large amount of orders processed we are unfortunately out of stock of a few options. Further deliveries are due in over the next few weeks. Parents will be notified when their order is available for collection. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

SS Multi Sport Shirt S/M/L

Multi Short M/L/XL

Reversible Top M

Large Socks - long lead time will be October

## **CAKE SALE IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. We raised a fantastic £508.

Best of cakes overall went to Hollowell house, with Glegg second and Bennett 3rd.

Best of cakes from a form went to 7HT.

Individual prizes for outstanding bakes went to:

7HS Oliver Bell and Scott Fishwick

7GP Jack Clothier

7BW Finlay Gould

7HT Freddie Lawson and Jacob McKay

7GZ Owen Faherty and Porter Brady

7BX Jamie Barnes

7HS Oliver Bell and Scott Fishwick

## **SIXTH FORM: MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE RESIT (OPTIONAL) – NOVEMBER 2019**

If you achieved a grade 5 or higher in English Language or Mathematics GCSE examinations however wish to resit these exams to improve your grade, please note that there is an opportunity available in November. This is optional and entry fees apply. Achieving a lower grade would not replace your current grade. Students wishing to enter should see the examinations office no later than Monday 30th September. Payment to be made via ParentPay.

## **D of E SILVER EXPEDITIONS**

Last weekend, a group of our sixth form students completed their assessed expedition in and around the Snowdonia Park as part of their D of E Silver Award. They were extremely lucky and had some amazing weather which probably was not conducive to a long walk as temps hit 23°C. There was also some fantastic scenery on their travels with some extremely challenging routes but they all managed to complete the course in very good time.

## POLITICS LONDON TRIP



Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> proved to be a very lucky day for a group of 20 Calday students who made a visit to Westminster. The Politics day included a tour around the Houses of Parliament, a Select Committee experience workshop, a photo opportunity outside Number 10 and finally a meeting with civil servants in the Home Office. The group were accompanied by Mr Pickstone and Ms Kyme-Wright.

Our visit occurred during the recent prorogation of Parliament which was fortunate as it allowed unrestricted access to both chambers of Parliament as well as the Queen's robing room. We were also shown inside a Select Committee room, as a main focus of the day was Parliament's scrutiny of the executive.

After the tour, the group participated in a workshop in the Parliamentary Education Unit which culminated in a lively debate on the effectiveness of the role of select committees in their function of holding the government to account. The debate featured particularly stimulating contributions from Noah Webster, Ben Hughes and Adam Parr.

We then met former Calday Head Boy (1998), Mark Doran in Parliament Square. He has worked for the Civil Service in Whitehall for about 15 years and Mark had agreed to meet with the students and talk to them about how he got in to the Civil Service, his current role, and the varied number of posts he has held since entering the service. Mark also introduced us to a number of members of his dynamic, young team who all spoke enthusiastically about their positions before taking questions.

For many, however, the highlight of the day was a photo opportunity in Downing Street outside the famed door to Number 10. This had also been arranged for us by Mark, and the students (and staff) all took turns at taking obligatory prime ministerial photos on the steps. Each time the door opened, we held our breaths, and we were delighted with the appearance of long-time resident Larry the Cat.

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



As you may remember from previous years, the Book Trust runs the 'Bookbuzz' scheme to encourage reading for pleasure in Secondary schools. This year we are happy to offer the books to Years 7, 8 and 9 parents until all 200 books allocated to the school are sold. There are 17 books on offer from a wide variety of genres all on display in the main library and in G16. Find out more about the books here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>

Each participating student can select up to a maximum of 5 books for the greatly reduced cost of £3 EACH. Should you wish to purchase one then ask your son to complete the Bookbuzz order form/bookmark and give it to me in the library. Then please pay via the Bookbuzz 2019 payment item on ParentPay. You will need to select the quantity of books you require (between 1 and 5) then put £3 in the Choose payment amount box as ParentPay automatically does the multiplication for you. **The deadline for payments is 27<sup>th</sup> September or until all 200 books are sold.**

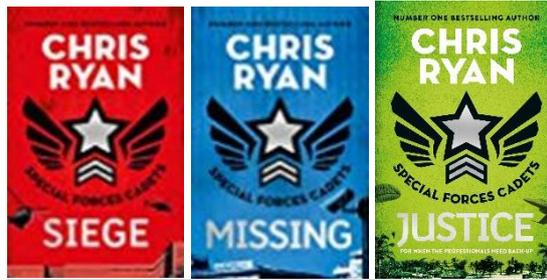
## Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to those students who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge by completing a short review and recommending their book to other students.



A new Autumn term challenge will be publicised next week – both individual and House reading will be rewarded.

### Author visit for Year 8



We are really excited to announce that former SAS soldier and prolific writer, **CHRIS RYAN** will be visiting school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October to talk about his latest novel, 3<sup>rd</sup> in a series, **Special Forces Cadets: Justice**. Should your son in Year 8 wish to have a SIGNED copy of one or more of these books, please see the email regarding payment details. We also have the opportunity to interview him so I am asking Year 8 students to submit their questions to me in advance.

### 2020 LONDON MARATHON FUNDRAISING



I hope to obtain a place for the 2020 London marathon to raise money for MS-UK, as it is a charity with quite a strong connection to me. I will be the youngest runner for the MS-UK charity but unfortunately, I need to fundraise £2500 minimum for me to obtain my place. Any support in helping me to raise this amount would be greatly appreciated. The details on how to donate are below. Thank you for taking time to read this. **Cieran English**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cieran-english>

### EMERGENCY MEDICATION

If your child requires emergency medication to be held in school, could we please ask you to ensure that the medication is replaced when it has expired. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the admin team.

### 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.

#### ▪ COLLECTING STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL

Could we please remind parents that if any students (including Sixth Form) 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.



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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 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>	
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)	Friday 8 <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