



Newsletter

13 November 2020

Calendar

Mon	16 November	GCSE Examinations
Tue	17 November	GCSE Examinations
Wed	18 November	GCSE Examinations
Thu	19 November	GCSE Examinations
Fri	20 November	GCSE Examinations
Mon	23 November	GCSE Examinations
Tue	24 November	
Wed	25 November	
Thu	26 November	Year 11 Trial Examinations (26/11/2020 – 10/12/2020)
Fri	27 November	Year 11 Trial Examinations

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been nice to walk around the school and get a feeling of 'normality' and see the students working in various lessons.

Fortunately, we have had no cases of Coronavirus amongst the staff or student body this week. Please be assured that we will not be complacent over this matter and will continue to follow our safety measures. Please remember to send your child to school every day with a face covering. The students have adapted well to this, but a number do forget them every day. As always, it is vital that students who travel on public transport and school buses wear face coverings.

As I reported to you before half term, student conduct has been excellent.

On Wednesday, we ran some events to commemorate the fallen. I did a special assembly with Rev. Coverley, which was filmed and showed to form groups, and wreaths were laid by the Head Boy and Head Girl.

As you will see in the newsletter, the school remains busy and a number of activities are taking place.

I thank you for your ongoing support and hope that you have a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Gray

Social Media

To keep parents up-to-date with what's going on at Calday, as well as this two-weekly newsletter we have a number of social media platforms for you to choose from. Please Follow/Like us on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) for regular news and updates.

NHS COVID-19 app

Local schools have been informed by Wirral Council that the 'contact-tracing' element of the NHS COVID-19 app has the potential within the school setting to falsely identify close contacts of a case. For example, if a mobile phone is stored in a locker or any sort of communal area. This could all result in staff or students having to self-isolate unnecessarily (as they are not true close contacts).

Given that we now have a well-established local system for contact-tracing of school-notified cases, it is recommended that staff/students who have downloaded the NHS COVID-19 app pause the contact-tracing function of that app while they are on the school premises.

This will help to avoid any misidentification of close contacts whilst in school. While paused, the phone and Bluetooth remain on but the phone does not record contacts. To pause this function, simply slide the 'Contact Tracing' toggle to the left. When someone switches this off, the app will give the user the option to set a reminder for 4, 8 or 12 hours, after which they will receive a notification to remind them to switch contact tracing back on. It is recommended that your setting also reminds you that once you leave the school for the day, you switch contact-tracing back on.

Arkwright Engineering Scholarship



We would like to congratulate Daniel Telling who has been successful in his Arkwright Engineering Scholarship application and has been awarded a scholarship. He had to get through the application process, before sitting an aptitude exam. He was due to participate in an interview at one of his potential universities, but due to the pandemic undertook alternative methods of interview, ultimately gaining his scholarship.

Daniel joins a select few from previous years at Calday to be awarded the scholarship. We wish him every success through his A Levels.

Year 7 Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP)

Congratulations to Year 7 students who have successfully passed the selection process and will now start their intensive Chinese learning journey! Meanwhile, Calday has been nominated to be a hub school in the Northwest for Chinese MEP Learning this year. This is great news, as we will lead and cooperate with other MEP schools to organise online events and studies. Students will develop their language skills alongside cultural activities.

Sing in a music video with Transition music band in Chinese!



Y11 student, Christopher Popoola participated in a music video for a popular music band Transition! Christopher says: *"Transition often come to our school and I especially liked their song"* Congratulations Christopher!

[You can sing along on YouTube](#)

Chess League

For students interested in playing Chess in a local school league via the Internet, please contact Matthew Battersby at matthewrbattersby@yahoo.com - Mr Isherwood, CGGS Chess Club

Wearing of Face Coverings

Could we please ask parents to remind their children –

- Face coverings MUST be used when in communal areas within school and on public transport, including the sportsfield bus.
- Face coverings must not be misused in class, this is important not only to avoid general disruption, but also for safety/hygiene reasons.
- Please supply students with a spare in case of loss or breakage.
- When they are wearing their PE kit for the day, please ensure that they remember their face covering (and also their locker key and ID card for the purchase of food).

Work during isolation

We would like to reinforce the message that students and parents should not email a teacher directly to ask about work during periods of isolation as all work is posted on Google Classroom.

Any communication between teachers and students should be done through Google Classroom.

Any issues or queries related to work set during isolation should be directed to the Deputy Headteacher patrick.adamson@calday.co.uk

Guide to Google Classroom

Please [click here](#) to access a copy of the student guide to Google Classroom, written by Mrs Mounsey. It explains the basic features such as how to login, how to join a class and how to submit work.

Most students understand these features but we thought it would be beneficial for parents and students to have the instructions available at home.

Year 11 Revision Software Package

We have invested in a revision support package called [GCSE Pod](#). It allows students to revise across most subject areas at GCSE using any device. Year 11 students have been shown how to login to the system and how to access the many pods and 'check and challenge' question banks.



Please have a [look at my help video](#) and let me know if you need any further support.

[Mr Adamson](#) (Deputy Headteacher)

16-19 Bursary

Students aged 16-19 who might struggle with the cost of full-time education can apply to receive a [Calday Grange 16-19 Bursary](#). Please note that Year 13 students who received the bursary in Year 12 will need to reapply.



Games Lessons

Now that restrictions have been tightened we have again adjusted the curriculum for our physical education students.

We ask that students attend school in their Games kit on the day they have their Games lessons.

School tracksuits or neutral/plain tracksuits may be worn instead. However, walking trousers, combat trousers, non-sports wear hoodies must not be worn. The days on which students have Games lessons are not non-uniform days.

Swimming lessons will continue as normal during these next four weeks and students should arrive with their swimming shorts/trunks under their tracksuits, they will change back into tracksuits after their swimming lesson.

Students have been brilliant at wearing their facemasks on the sportsfield bus when groups travel to our playing fields at Glasspool Field. Their attitude towards cleaning hands and sports equipment has also been excellent. Please thank them on our behalf.

School Shop Update

Current Order Collection Arrangements

Online orders have been delivered to students in their form rooms. Please allow 48 hours for your order to be processed. If you wish to exchange or return an item please email us at shop@calday.co.uk



Stock/Delivery Updates

Hooded Tops - Further stocks have arrived and all size options are now available. We apologise for the recent delay on some of the larger sizes due to longer than normal manufacturing and shipping lead times.

Trackpants - Further stocks have arrived and all size options are now available. School trackpants are a great option for wearing to school on PE days!

Waterproof Jackets - The next delivery of waterproof jackets is due w/c 30th November.

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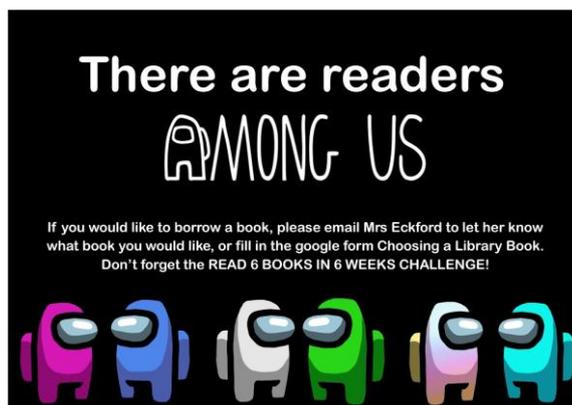
Learning Resource Centre News

Bookbuzz Books Have Arrived!

Year 7 were really excited to receive their Bookbuzz books from the Book Trust this week. These are a gift from the school to welcome them and to promote a love of reading for pleasure. All the 17 titles are also available to borrow from the LRC.



Reading Challenge Reminder For Year 7



For Year 8 Upwards

Remember this?

20 books to read in 2020!					
Can you read one of each type of book this year? In the box, write the title of the book you read!					
A book written by a BBC author	A funny book	A graphic novel	A biography	A book with a name in the title	A book which has been made into a film
A historical fiction	A non-fiction book	A poetry book	A book written before you were born!	A book someone recommended to you	A fantasy book
A mystery book	A book which makes you think	A book AND its sequel	A book with an animal character	A book from another country	A book you read recommended to others

For anyone who has already started this in January or February, we are happy to consider entries to this Bingo type challenge. Understandably, some students may not have been able to borrow 20 books from our library but if a student can prove they have borrowed at least 10 from school and read a further 10 other books from home between January and 16th December 2020, they will be eligible for a prize. If anyone wishes to have a copy of the challenge sheet, please email The LRC Manager directly at rachel.eckford@calday.co.uk.

BBC Children in Need



We are proud to be raising money for BBC Children in Need. If you would like to make a contribution, your generosity will help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. Please click on the link to log on to your [ParentPay account](#) to make your voluntary donation.

The Great Calday Bake Off

Congratulations to Charlie, Jack, Ella and Oscar whose cakes were voted the winners of the Great British Calday Virtual BAKE OFF. Students will win House points but, more importantly, we raised £1299.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



Movember



Mr Lamprey will once again be raising money for the [Movember](#) charity on behalf of Calday, by completing minimum of 60km in this month. Due to the pandemic many charities are struggling with fundraising and it is essential that we can support as many as we can. Mr Lamprey asks even the smallest donation will make a difference - Thank you.

Poppy Run

Mrs Donnelly, who is one of our Catering Assistants and also a Calday Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Royal Navy XO Sub Lieutenant, completed a Poppy Run last weekend. She's raised £300 for [The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal](#). Well done Mrs Donnelly!



EasyFundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Calday with EasyFundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use EasyFundraising to do your online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation makes a difference to us so please [sign up & share](#) today.

Dropping and Picking Up Students

We would like to remind parents that they should 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 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.

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.

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. Please visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the short questionnaire.



Safeguarding

For urgent safeguarding concerns outside of school hours parents should call the Local Safeguarding Board Central Advice and Duty Team on the following numbers. Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm 0151 606 2008. Outside of these hours 0151 677 6557. In an emergency please call 999.
