



# Newsletter

27 November 2020

## Calendar

Mon	30 November	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Tue	1 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Wed	2 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Thu	3 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Fri	4 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Mon	7 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Tue	8 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Wed	9 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Thu	10 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Fri	11 December	Year 11 Trial Examinations

## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of week four of the half-term, there are a few things I would like to bring to your attention.

Year 11 mock examinations have started. It is really important that students approach these in a focused manner and take them seriously. Nobody can foresee what will happen next year and the mock examinations will be a key determinant in the event of any Centre Assessed Grades being generated. Let's hope that we do not have to resort to such measures next year, but we have to be prepared for all eventualities. The government is still finalising arrangements for next year's examinations and I will keep you updated as we move forward.

I am pleased to say that we have had no confirmed COVID cases amongst students or staff for some time. That said, we will not be complacent and enhanced measures will remain in place for the time being. As I have stated previously, the whole school community has pulled together wonderfully at this difficult time. There have been challenges and we appreciate the feedback that we receive from you, both positive and negative. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and seek innovative solutions to issues which pose significant challenges to the running of the school. Going forward, we are currently evaluating student access to specialist rooms and further modifications to procedures to enhance provision. You may have seen discussion in the media about closing schools a week early before Christmas. There are currently no plans to do this at Calday and the only circumstances in which I could see this happening is if there was a significant local outbreak of the virus.

May I ask that you ensure your child has a face covering when coming into school. I realise that it is another thing to remember, but so far the school has spent £800 on disposable face covers and I am sure that you would agree, this money could be better spent on the education of students.

On a final note, thank you for supporting our non-uniform day last week, which raised nearly £2,000 for the local food bank. This will make a difference to the lives of local people.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

Stephen Gray

# School News

## Last day of term – school closes at 12:30

The school will close at 12:30pm on the last day of term, Friday 18 December 2020.

School operated transport to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester/North Wales areas (W1, W2, W3, W4, W6 & W7) will leave at the earlier finish time of 12:30 pm. The A1 bus operated by Als Coaches to the Neston areas will also leave at the earlier finish time of 12:30pm. However, Merseytravel are not able to alter the schedules for local buses serving schools (614 through to 685) as they are registered bus services and will be running as normal. We would therefore be grateful if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children to get home.

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## COVID-19 Update

The government's three-tier system will come back into effect, once the national lockdown ends on Wednesday 2 December. Wirral, as part of the City Region, will be placed in Tier 2. Schools, early years settings and colleges remain open as always across all tiers.

Tier 2 is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infection, where some additional restrictions need to be in place. Wirral has made a significant effort in recent weeks to bring the number of cases down. However it is still vital residents stick to the guidance and restrictions to continue reducing the spread of Coronavirus in our communities – this will help us to keep our school setting COVID-secure.

The details of Tier 2 can be found [on the Gov.uk website](#).

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## Examinations

### Year 11 GCSE Trial Examinations

Year 11 GCSE Trial Examinations begin this week, please see the website for the Timetable, Public Examination Handbook and other relevant information.

### Examination Certificates - Summer 2020

Year 12 students have recently received their certificates during form time via their form tutors.

Upper Sixth and Year 11 Leavers from summer 2020 should have received an email to their personal Calday email address telling them how they will be able to receive your certificates. If they have not received this email please contact the examination office via [examsinbox@calday.co.uk](mailto:examsinbox@calday.co.uk)

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## CGGS Running Club

The school running club has now restarted and welcomes old as well as new runners in Years 7, 8 and 9 (sadly not Year 10 or above as yet).

Training sessions will be held at lunchtimes. Years 7 and 8 meet at the start of lunch on a Tuesday and Year 9 on a Wednesday. On the training day students should come to school in sports kit, with a change of footwear and clothing.

If students would like to take part, they should contact [Mr Isherwood](#) or [Mr Lamprey](#).



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## TRFC programme front cover design - Boxing Day vs Bradford City

Tranmere Rovers are once again looking for design entries for the front cover of the matchday programme for the game against Bradford City on Boxing Day. The design must be related to Tranmere Rovers and Christmas. All entries must be 16 or under, and they can be submitted directly to [tonyc@tranmererovers.co.uk](mailto:tonyc@tranmererovers.co.uk) or by post to Tony C, Tranmere Rovers FC, Prenton Road West, Wirral, CH42 9PY. The deadline for entry submissions is 10th December 2020.



Please contact Mr Phillips if you have any questions. [More information at tranmererovers.co.uk](http://tranmererovers.co.uk).

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## MFL Awards

Each week, students are awarded raffle tickets for outstanding contributions in their languages lessons. On Friday, two winners are drawn out and are awarded a prize for their efforts.

The winners for the last two weeks are:

Luke Gotts - Y11 Chinese

Nathan Sanders - Y11 German

Adam Moschopoulos - Y9 German

Ryan Williamson - Y10 Russian

Well done, your prize will be making its way to you! Congratulations to all students who were awarded a ticket this week.

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## COVID Symptom Study

Calday Grange Grammar School has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.

So we are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code can be found in the email sent to parents. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

### What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?

The [COVID Symptom Study](#) app is a not-for-profit initiative that was launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work.

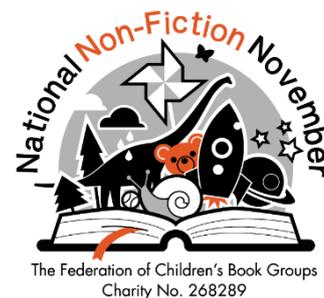
All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.



# Learning Resource Centre News

## Non- Fiction November

This month we are promoting the Federation of Children's Book Group's annual campaign, "Non-fiction November" by highlighting the vast array of fantastically factual books and magazines available in our libraries. You can find out more about the campaign here: [www.fcbg.org](http://www.fcbg.org).



## How to use the click and deliver service - new update

Every student in Year 7 -11 has been sent an email recently informing them of a new simpler way of searching Librosoft, the library catalogue and reserving books. They can also leave their own reviews - several boys have already done this and earned achievement points. Sixth Formers can browse and borrow during their study periods in the library.

## Overdue books reminder

There are currently still over 300 overdue books - most of which date back to March! Students have been reminded again this week but I would appreciate parents' help in ensuring books are found and returned to school. There are return boxes in each Year Group bubble or Sixth Formers can return books to the LRC. Thank you for your support with this.

## BOOKS ABOUT GAMING - all available to borrow from LRC

Try to entice them away from the Xbox/PlayStation/Nintendo with an exciting book!

### Key Stage 3



### Key Stage 4



# Charity News

## Non-uniform day fundraising success

Head Boy Richard, and the prefect team, organised a phenomenally successful non-uniform day last Friday to support Wirral Food Bank. This comes at a time where people are struggling to support themselves and families.

The team asked students and staff to donate cash or food items. The cash donation is over £2,000 and still growing and the team delivered 7 full trolleys to Tesco, Heswall who will in turn increase the donation by a further 20%. Well done to all involved



## School charity fundraising update

A huge thank you to students, staff and parents who have supported the following very worthwhile causes this term.

£1299 – The Great Calday Bake Off for MacMillan Cancer Support

£2360 - BBC Children in Need

£2042 - Wirral Foodbank, including 7 trolley loads of food

And, it's not too late to support Mr Lamprey with his [Movember](#) challenge, so far he has raised £180!

## Tranmere Rovers – Super White Christmas Appeal

This year Calday is once again supporting Tranmere Rovers in the run up to Christmas. In the past we have collected 100's of toys and gifts to provide to people in the area. It is heart-breaking to realise that 1 in 3 children in the Merseyside area are living in poverty and many will wake up on Christmas day to no gifts or presents to open especially this year when so many family circumstances have changed. This year we are 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 on Christmas morning.

### Donations of Toys

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. Students may bring donations in to school. There is a collection point in Hawkins building inside the Year 7 and Year 9 bubbles. Year 8 students can drop their donations off at the LRC (Learning Resource Centre), Years 10 and 11 can drop donations in D35 and Sixth Form students can drop donations off in D25.

The deadline is 15 December. Thank you for your support.



## Wirral St. John's Hospice



Wirral Hospice St John's Fundraising Team are running their [Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme](#) again this year in order to raise vital funds for the Hospice. Collections, for a donation per tree, are taking place from 15 to 19 January 2021.

If you would like to support them you would need to register at [just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](https://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)



# School Operational News

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete the short questionnaire.



## Safeguarding

For urgent safeguarding concerns outside of school hours parents should call the Wirral Integrated Front Door 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.

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