



Calday Grange Grammar School Newsletter

1st December 2017

Mon	4 th December	Year 11 examinations all week
Tues	5 th December	
Weds	6 th December	
Thurs	7 th December	
Fri	8 th December	

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Flynn Jones (10GZ) who won first prize in the 'My life and China' category of the IOE Confucius Institute Young Photographers Competition. This is an international competition open to students under 18, and the winning photographs were recently exhibited at the China Exchange in London's Chinatown.

We also would like to highlight the amazing photographs in the competition taken by Ewan Mehra (L6H1) and Ernest Cockram (10BX) during our China Exchange Trip 2016. Congratulations to Flynn, Ewan and Ernest for their great effort and hard work.

The Young Photographers Competition is organised by the Institute of Education at the University College London. The competition, which is in its fourth year, aims to dispel the cultural stereotypes of China through photography and show the vast country through the eyes of young people. Please click the link below to read more about the competition and to view the photos entered in the competition.

<https://ciforschools.wordpress.com/2017/11/16/2017-young-photographers-competition-winners/>



Flynn Jones
'Handsome Dragon' 2017



Ernest Cockram
'China in Fashion'
2016



Ewan Mehra
'One day in Forbidden City'
October 2016



REDEDICATION OF CYRIL GOURLEY'S GRAVE

This week, a number of our students attended the re-dedication of Sergeant Cyril Gourley's grave in Grange Cemetery, West Kirby. Sergeant Gourley was a former student of Calday who was presented with the VC medal for his bravery in the First World War. Following the re-dedication, the students travelled over to Liverpool to take part in the unveiling of a commemorative paving stone at St Nicholas' Church.

MESSAGE FROM YEAR 13 STUDENT, TOM GILLBANKS

Dear all,

My name is Tom Gillbanks, I am currently in year 13 and have been a student at Calday since year 9. In 2018 I will be running the London Marathon now that finally I meet the minimum age requirement! Those who know me are aware that running is one of the primary passions in my life and so I have decided that I will be fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity very close to my family's heart. If you could please take the time just visit our JustGiving page (please see link below) to read our story, it would be greatly appreciated by ourselves as well as countless others supported by this incredible charity and the people that run it.

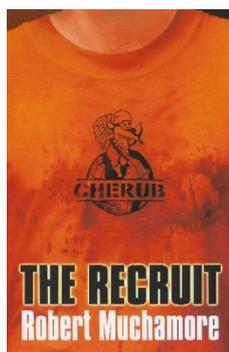
We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of ordinary people so far & would like to thank anyone that has donated already. Thank you very much for reading my message and I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Kind Regards, Tom Gillbanks 13B2

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matt-gillbanks>

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book of the Month – *The Recruit* by Robert Muchamore (1st in Cherub Series)



First in the popular action-packed Cherub series, ***The Recruit*** tells James Adams' story from the day his mother dies.

Read about his transformation from a couch potato into a skilled CHERUB agent. Meet Lauren, Kyle, Kerry and the rest of the cherubs for the first time and learn how James foiled the biggest terrorist massacre in British history.

There are dozens of other action/suspense/thriller genre books on display, all available to borrow. Authors include: Chris Ryan, Andy McNab, Frederick Forsyth, Chris Bradford, Anthony Horowitz, Charlie Higson, Simon Mayo, Ally Kennen, Sophie McKenzie, Pitaccus Lore and James Dashner to name but a few!

ACCESS DURING EXAM PERIODS

With the aim of providing students an opportunity to work in a quiet working space at 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

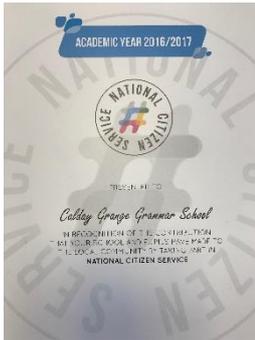
With just 3 weeks until the end of term, current borrowing figures for the term look like this:

Top 5 classes

1. 9GY with 94 issues
2. 7HR with 88 issues
3. 8HT with 86 issues
4. 7GP with 83 issues
5. 7BW with 81 issues

The competition looks tight – who will win the prize? Winners will be announced in the last week of term.

Mrs Rachel Eckford, Learning Resource Manager



NATIONAL CITIZENS SERVICE CELEBRATION EVENT

73 of our Year 11 students signed up for the National Citizens Service last year and the school were recently granted champion status and received a certificate for the contribution that these students have made to the local community.

At a celebration event held this week, a representative from Tranmere Rovers was complimentary about the 20 students he had worked with and commented that they were a credit to both the school and their families.

The current year 11 students will have a similar opportunity to sign up in the New Year. For more information about NCS please visit <http://www.ncsyoes.co.uk/>



CALLING ALL BUDDING BAKERS!

We are holding a Christmas Bake-off on Thursday 21st December and all students are welcome to enter. The cost is £5 and all proceeds are in aid of Refilwe.

For further details and an entry form, students should see Mrs Wyke in the Learning Support Office. Alternatively, please contact her via email sarah.wyke@calday.co.uk

MOVEMBER CHALLENGE

Mr Lamprey completed 27 days out of the 30 of running or walking 1 mile a day in aid of Movember. His total distance was 105.25 miles for the month. If you were able to participate in this challenge and would like to donate money, please visit the Movember website where there is a Calday Grange GS team or alternatively, please send a donation into school and Mr Lamprey will forward the monies to them.



YEAR 7 COOKERY CLASS

Our Year 7 students continue to make an array of food during their after school cookery class and this week they attempted Lemon Drizzle cake!

EXAM INVIGILATORS

We are currently seeking to recruit examination invigilators. Full details are available on the school website.

SHOEBOX OF LOVE

There is still time to donate to the Shoebox of Love campaign (full details have been sent out via schoolcomms) and each form has been asked to fill a bag or box to help this worthwhile charity. If any parents would like to donate a box or bag please send it into school on Monday (4th December) as the boxes will be collected that day.

CHINESE GO TOURNAMENT



The Chinese Go Tournament for Year 7 students will start on 4th December and continue until 21st December. All Year 7 students are welcome to take part in this exciting event! Practice is during lunchtime on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Winners will be rewarded with a set of Chinese Go and a surprise gift! Interested students should register with Lewis Maitland and Luke Richardson (both 7BW students).

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The school will close at 1.00 pm on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December 2017. The buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1 & C2) and to Ellesmere Port/Chester area (W1, 2, 3 and 4) will leave at the earlier finish time of 1.00 pm. However, the buses operated by Merseytravel are unable to change their pick up times and will be running as normal (i.e. 3.35 pm pick up). We would therefore be grateful if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children to get home.

If you are unable to make alternative arrangements and would like your child to remain in school until 3.35 pm could you please contact Mrs Ellis either via email Debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk or 0151 6252727.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR A YEAR 12 STUDENT

We have a Year 12 student who is looking for work experience in any field i.e. sports, media, office work etc. If any parent is able to assist could they please contact Mrs Storey at school via vicki.storey@calday.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. Last year only a small number of parents (approximately 20) provided their feedback so we would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the short questionnaire.

CORRECT KIT FOR GAMES LESSONS

Please ensure that your son has the correct kit for Games lesson as specified in the school uniform policy. For outdoor activities, it is games shirt, black shorts and long black socks with either football boots or trainers depending upon the activity and indoor kit is the white top, white shorts and white socks with trainers. Thank you for your support.

THE SUPER WHITE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



We are again supporting the Super White Christmas appeal by collecting donations of toys for Tranmere Rovers to distribute at a number of events that they are hosting over the Christmas period for those who are lonely, homeless or in financial difficulty. Last year the school donated over 200 gifts for distribution to those in need.

For more information on the appeal please visit <https://tranmererovers.co.uk/news/super-white-christmas-2017/>

Donations can be brought into reception or delivered to D35 any time up until 18th December.

AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIPS

Airbus have now opened their application process for any students who are interested in apprenticeships in Engineering, Business, Finance and Craft. These apprenticeships are aimed at any GCSE students who want to learn in a hands-on environment. Further information can be found at www.company.airbus.com/careers

ENTRIES INVITED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY COMPETITION

The Christopher Salmon foundation and Wirral Libraries are once again pleased to announce that the Christopher Salmon poetry extravaganza will be returning for 2018 following the event's huge success last year. The annual poetry competition, now in its 8th year, began as a tribute to former Calday student, Christopher Salmon, who tragically lost his life to a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009, aged just 15.

The theme for this year's competition is "memories" and is open to Wirral residents of all ages. Both winners and runners up in each age category will be awarded cash prizes and will be given the chance to attend a workshop with renowned local poet John Hughes. The prizes will be presented by Mr. Hughes at an awards evening for the winners and their families at Birkenhead Town Hall. The overall winner for the aged 18 or under category will also become Wirral's Young Poet Laureate for the following 12 months; with all winning poems being published in an anthology which will be available for purchase.

Full details of this year's competition and official entry forms will be available from Wirral libraries and on the charity's website, www.chrissalmon.org.uk. Students who wish to enter this competition can return their completed entry forms to Miss Jones in the English Department.

AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

Airbus are holding an Apprenticeship Information Event on Saturday 2nd December between 13.30 and 16.00. The venue is the West Factory, Manor Lane, Broughton Flintshire, CH5 3PP (sat nav only). Airbus invites students, parents and anyone interested in a career in Engineering or Business. This is an opportunity to speak to representatives from Airbus and partners. There is no need to book a place - just turn up. More information is available via www.company.airbus.com/careers.

FORTHCOMING DATES

December 2017	
Friday 15 th	House Drama Festival
Monday 18 th	Senior Awards Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st	Christmas Concert (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)
Friday 22 nd	Non Uniform Day (House Charities) School closes for Christmas Break



Free School Meals

Students in receipt of Free School Meals receive a daily credit of £3.40 on their cashless catering account. This allows them sufficient credit to purchase a snack and a drink at break and a hot meal and a drink at lunchtime.

Free school meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition, the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £935 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the free school meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term.

If you don't apply our School will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for free school meals for our School to receive the Pupil Premium funding.

If you think that you might be eligible, please complete your claim online at: [Wirral Council Free School Meals Application](#)

Please see next pages for:-

Sports Results
16-19 Bursary

Sports Results

Cheshire U14 Semi-Final

CGGS 19 – 15 St Anselms

Final to take place at Burnage RFC on Thursday 25th January.

Rugby vs Wilmslow

U12s A WON

U12s B DREW

U13s Wilmslow 5-15 Calday

U14s Wilmslow 7 - 60 Calday

U15s Wilmslow 15 – 52 Calday

1st XV Wilmslow 7 – 17 Calday

Rugby vs St Anselms

U12s A WON

U12s B WON

U13s - 40-40

2nd XV – 62-17 WON

1st XV - 20-18 WON

Netball

CGGS vs Kings Chester - Lost 17-13

Football

U16 Elite Cup v SFX 1-0

U16 ESFA Cup v Woodchurch 7-0

Hockey

U13 v Newcastle 9-2

v Merchant Taylors 7-0

U14 v Merchant Taylors 7-1 WON

U15 v Newcastle 8-0 WON

U16 v Merchants 3-0 WON

U18 v Adams 6-5 WON

v Kings Chester 1-1

Indoor Hockey

U16 v Rossall 2-3 LOST

v Altrincham 3-4 LOST

U18 v St Anselms 5-1 WON

v Manchester GS 2-2

v Bolton 10-2 WON

Basketball

U16 v Pensby 48-42

Indoor Cricket

U15 beat St Anselms and Wirral to qualify for Cheshire Finals in March

Calday Grange 16-19 Bursary Fund

Learner must be aged 16 or over and under 19 at 31 August 2017

AWARDS OF £800 TO £1,200 AVAILABLE

Financial support is available to help students overcome specific barriers so they can remain in education.



Are you in receipt of Free School Meals at any point in your Sixth Form studies?

OR



Is your household income less than £25,000?

OR



Are you Looked After, a Care Leaver or in receipt of benefits in your own right?

APPLY NOW AT

www.calday.co.uk/bursary

OR CALL INTO THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR A FORM



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