



Friday 29th November 2013

Mon	2 nd Dec	Year 11 Examinations
Tues	3 rd Dec	Year 11 Examinations
Wed	4 th Dec	Year 11 Examinations Year 13 Geography Field Trip (London)
Thur	5 th Dec	Year 11 Examinations Year 13 Geography Field Trip (London)
Fri	6 th Dec	Year 11 Examinations Year 13 Geography Field Trip (London)

SIXTH FORM ASSEMBLY (written by a Sixth Form student)

On Wednesday 27th November we welcomed Mr and Mrs Bencheikh to our assembly as they delivered a very powerful and emotive presentation to the Sixth Form about their son, Samir Bencheikh, a former Calday Pupil who lost his life in 2005 in a car accident. We faced the realities of everyday life and the possible impacts of our decisions as we learnt of Sam's tragic story that would have only failed to move the hardest of hearts. The hall fell silent as each of us confronted our feelings after the heartbreaking presentation; nothing had to be said as we all felt the devastation that his family had gone through and we all knew what we as individuals had to do. Mrs Bencheikh and her husband united us. We broke the silence to applaud them, both to thank them but also because we recognised the strength they have shown after the loss of Sam.

We are grateful for what they have all done for us and hope that in the future we can work with them and Tranmere Rovers FC who support them to help the Sam Bencheikh Memorial Fund flourish.

TICKETS FOR EVERTON

We recently received two tickets from Everton FC as part of their school liaison programme for the match against Stoke City this Saturday. The names of all students who have no behaviour points and 100% attendance (172 students) were placed in a draw and the lucky winner of the tickets was Robert Love in Year 10.

As part of our programme to reward students for good attendance and behaviour, we would be grateful for any suitable rewards (i.e. vouchers, tickets etc) that parents may be able to contribute. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Ellis at the school.

FIRST TEAM U18 HOCKEY CUP RESULT

On Friday, 22nd November, 2013 Calday Grange GS played at home against a good Neston High School team in a Round One NATIONAL under eighteen CUP match. Calday Grange WON 2—1 and in Round Two will play the winners of the match between Thomas Telford School, Shropshire and King's School, Chester. The date is still to be decided.

In last Friday evening's match the home team had about 75% of the play. Neston HS did well and made it into a good contest. They are still the best U18 team that we have played this season so far and it is a real pity for them that they were drawn against us in Round One. Neston High School now go into the Plate U18 competition. The Calday Grange performance was controlled, measured and patient. At times we played some excellent hockey and we deserved to score more goals. Please watch out for information about Round Two of this new format NATIONAL competition.



GERMAN EXCHANGE AND TRIP TO BERLIN - YEAR 10 STUDENTS OF GERMAN ONLY

If your son is in Year 10 and studies German, he may be interested in the German Exchange and trip to Berlin in February/March 2014. Further details and an information pack are available from Miss Scott. The total cost of the trip is £625. If your son would like to participate in this trip, please email Miss Scott (jennifer.scott@calday.wirral.sch.uk) by Monday 2nd December as we now need to book flights.

TRIP TO BERLIN - SIXTH FORM STUDENTS OF GERMAN ONLY

If your son or daughter would like to come on the trip to Berlin in March 2014, please confirm their place by Monday 2nd December (jennifer.scott@calday.wirral.sch.uk) as we now need to book flights. Total cost of the trip is £300.

CRAZY SOCKS DAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed on Crazy Sock Day. The amount raised to date for the Disasters Emergency Committee Philippines Typhoon Appeal is £414.46.

PEER MENTORING PROGRAMME

Students - are you an empathetic, caring person? Are you a good listener? We are starting a peer mentoring programme with training sessions taking place after school on Tuesdays from December 10th. If you would like to know more about the initiative please come and see Mrs Storey in my office by the Quiet Study or give your name to your form tutor.

STUDENT LADDER

We have been made aware of a new information website for students called Student Ladder (www.studentladder.co.uk)

Student Ladder is one of the most popular sites for 15-18 year old students. You will find:

- Work experience opportunities across most industry sectors
- Hospitals that provide work experience for would be medical students
- Paid Gap Year placements
- Over 70 school leaver programmes for bright 18 year olds who may decide not to go to university
- Careers advice - an explanation of over 60 different roles as well as the best approach for some of the most popular career choices
- Application advice including personal statements and interviews
- Advice about A level and degree choices
- Advice about applying to US universities
- Companies offering study/work and sponsorship options

There is no cost and no need to register.

In addition, the site also provides information on 1000's of internships, placements and graduate jobs for 1st, 2nd, penultimate and final year university students and graduates

NEW FAMILY & ADULT LEARNING CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY

Have you ever thought of taking up a new hobby or improving your knowledge of an existing skill! Then why not try one of our new leisure evening courses for families and adults. New 10 week courses start in January for Photography, Dressmaking, Family Cooking and Cake Baking. Learn in a relaxed and sociable environment with our enthusiastic and knowledgeable tutors. Please contact the community office for further details.

E:community@calday.wirral.sch.uk or T:0151 625 2727 extension 289

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES

Summer 2013 Examination Certificates for students now in Upper Sixth have been issued this week.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year we will again be supporting Helpink, a local charity run by volunteers in Irby by making up Christmas hampers which will be distributed to vulnerable people in the local area. Each form has been asked to supply a hamper and any donations can be brought into school up until 3rd December (hampers will leave the school site on 5th December).

MISSION CHRISTMAS

This year several Year 7 forms have decided that instead of sending cards to each other they will donate the money to Mission Christmas. We will then use the money to buy toys to donate to the appeal. The charity which is organised by Radio City aims to make sure that no children in the North West wake up without presents on Christmas Day.

If any other pupils would like to make a donation or send in any toys (new and unwrapped) they can be dropped into reception or into D35 to Mrs Mounsey

ADMISSIONS POLICY

We are proposing changes to our Admissions Policy for 2015 onwards and therefore are currently consulting with interested parties. The policy is available from our school website and any views/comments can be sent to admissionspolicyconsultation@calday.wirral.sch.uk.

SCHOOL COLOURS TIES – SPORTS

At Calday we understand the importance of honouring those individuals who represent the school in extra-curricular areas. With this in mind, we are relaunching the school colours system for sports representation. From this academic year forward, the following school honours will be awarded to students who meet the criteria given:-

- School Honours:** Being a fully committed member of a school team/representing the school on an individual basis
- Half Colours:** Representing a sport at County level and above
- Full Colours:** National Representation

Forms can be collected from outside of the community office and must be signed off by an appropriate coach/leader for the sport in which they participate.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details on:

- Airbus apprenticeships Information Event on Saturday 30th November

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING FAMILY PORTRAIT OFFER

Details of the family portrait offer have now been sent home with students. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please return your completed form to the school along with your donation of £25 in an envelope marked 'Family Portrait Offer'. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

PARENT VIEW

Parent View provides parents with the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. By sharing your views you will be assisting the school to improve and you will also be able to see comments from other parents.

Please take the opportunity to visit Parent View at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



CALDAY 1636 - Heritage Project

For the last few months, the school has been researching the possibility of a large heritage based project. Our school has a history dating back to 1636 and we would like to celebrate and share our story. Some activities will be an archaeological dig and building study, creating an archive, recording oral reminiscences, a heritage web-site and a film/performance documenting the project and peppered with historical facts. We are hoping to gain support from The Heritage Lottery Fund to ensure this project is a success.

At this stage, we simply wish to gain interest for potential volunteers and participants. We would ask if you could please complete the following questionnaire and return to the school by email at christine.weston@calday.wirral.sch.uk or by handing in a paper version to the school reception or via a pupil, for the attention of Miss Weston.

1. Do you know much about the history of Calday Grange Grammar School and the surrounding area and if not, would you be interested in learning more either by volunteering or participating in activities and/or events?
2. Do you have any friends, family or associates who would like to be involved in such a heritage project? Maybe they have a story or memory to share?
3. If you are a former pupil or staff member, would you be interested in meeting with others, and with current pupils, to share your memories and experiences?
4. Is there anything specifically that you would like included within the project if possible?
5. Do you have any items, e.g. photographs / books / uniform, connected to Calday that you would be willing to contribute on a temporary or permanent basis to an exhibition at the school?

If you agree, please submit your contact details which will be held until further notice. This information will purely be used to request involvement or notify you of activities nearer the time.

Thank you

The Calday History Group (Year 8 and 9)

Name	
D.O.B	
Address	
E-mail	
Connection to CGGS	
Years at School (if pupil or staff)	

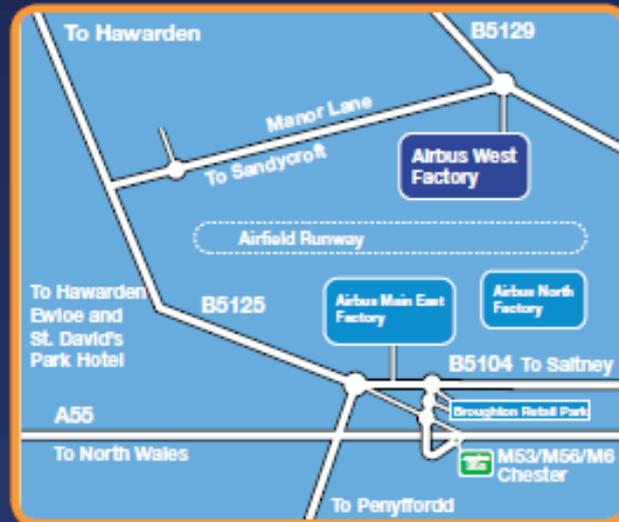


AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIPS INFORMATION EVENT

Did you know that you could become an Airbus Apprentice and get paid while you go to university to do a degree?

Date: Saturday 30th November 2013, between 1.30pm and 4.00pm

Location: West Factory, Manor Lane, Broughton, Flintshire CH5 3PP (sat nav only) (where the A380 Wings are made).



Airbus invites students, parents and anyone interested in a career in Engineering to join us at our Information Event. You can find out about our Craft and Higher Supply Chain Logistics Apprenticeships, as well as our unique 'Undergraduate Apprenticeship' - a sponsored degree that means you can attain a B.Eng in Aerospace Engineering (Manufacturing) whilst gaining valuable industry based work at the same time.

At the event you will have the chance to speak to representatives from Airbus, our partnership education institutions and other relevant organisations.

There is no need to book a place; we will be pleased to meet you on the day.

You can find further details about our apprenticeship opportunities, as well as submit an on-line application, at www.airbus.com/work

Please note that the closing dates for applications are 14th February 2014 for Craft and 31st March 2014 for the Higher and 'Undergraduate' Apprenticeships.

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