



Friday 13th December 2013

Mon	16 th Dec	
Tues	17 th Dec	
Wed	18 th Dec	House Drama Festival
Thurs	19 th Dec	Senior Awards Evening
Fri	20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break (2.30 pm)

MR PETER WHITEHEAD

Mr Whitehead, Head of Year 7 and Teacher of Physics, is retiring at Christmas after almost 27 years' at Calday. As many of you will be aware, he has played a major role in the lives of many of our students as they transfer into their secondary education, both academically and in terms of extra-curricular activities such as the annual Year 7 residential. He has always been actively involved with students during their high and low points and has strived to make a positive impact to improve the overall outcome for all our students. There are many students who have appreciated his calm and positive approach and also many who have benefited enormously from his support and guidance.

He will be seen in school for a few more months as he will continue to teach his Year 11 students as they draw closer to their final examination.

Mr Whitehead would like to thank all parents for their support over the years. He has had a great time teaching at Calday and takes away many lasting memories.

On behalf of the governors, staff and students, I would like to thank Mr Whitehead for his significant contribution to the life and ethos of Calday Grange Grammar School. He will certainly be missed by the Calday Community and we wish him every happiness for the future.

Mr Rodaway
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert took place on Thursday evening and it was yet again another outstanding event organised by the Music Department. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who took part and to congratulate them on their success. We would also like to thank all the staff involved for their continued support and dedication.

END OF TERM

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, the school will close at 2.30 pm on the last day of term, Friday 20th December 2013. All coaches who provide the majority of the school transport have now confirmed that they will be able to change their pick up time to 2.30 pm. The buses organised by the school to Wallasey (C1, C2 & C3) Chester and North Wales (W1, W2, W3 & W4) will also leave at 2.30 pm.

We will of course be happy to make arrangements for any students who are unable to be collected until the usual finishing time of 3.35 pm. Should you wish your child to remain in school, could I please ask you to contact Mrs Ellis so that we can organise appropriate supervision.



OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

We will be holding an open evening for prospective sixth form students on Thursday 16th January 2014. The evening will commence at 6.00 pm in the hall with an introduction by Mr Rodaway (repeated at 7.00 pm). This will be followed by the opportunity to visit individual departments to learn more about A-level course content, examination and assessment methods. Current Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend.

GCE RESITS SUMMER 2014

Forms to apply for resits can be collected from the Exam Office from 6th January. The completed form and appropriate fee should be returned to the Exam Office during the week 20th to 24th January.

JUNIOR GOLF MEMBERSHIP AT CALDY GOLF CLUB

Caldy Golf Club have reduced the cost of its junior membership to £115 per year. Students who are interested please contact the Secretary on 0151 625 5660.

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

Parents of students who travel to school on the **C or W** Series bus services from Wallasey and North Wales/Chester are reminded that applications must be submitted as soon as possible. This will ensure that passes can be issued in good time for the new term. Application forms can be obtained from the school's website under Travel Information, or from the Administration Office.

JEXT ADRENALINE PENS

We have been made aware that there has been a safety issue with JEXT adrenaline pens prescribed for some students with allergies. JEXT are recalling some batches of the new adrenaline pen. The list of affected batch numbers are available on the JEXT website www.jext.co.uk. We have been informed that they are issuing a press release this week. We would ask all those who have adrenaline pens in school to check if they are from the affected batch. Those affected by the recall should contact their GP or hospital to receive a new adrenaline pen. School will retain the issued JEXT pens until a replacement is provided.

WIRRAL FUSS

Thank you to those parents who continue to support Wirral FUSS. If you have any items of uniform or sports kit at home that no longer fit your child, please bring them into school and these will be collected by Wirral FUSS and passed onto families who struggle with the cost of purchasing a new uniform.

For further information about the organisation please visit www.wirralfuss.co.uk. They will also be holding an open day at St Luke's Church in Hoylake on Saturday 4th January from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm – please feel free to attend and find out more details.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

- **Mersey Interactive (www.merseyinteractive.com)** This offers web based independent careers advice and guidance. It covers a range of areas from Advanced Levels and university entry to apprenticeships and employment.
- **Student Ladder (www.studentladder.co.uk)**. This website provides information on over 2500 work placements, graduate schemes and internship opportunities for 16-24 year old students.

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