



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2016

Mon	17 th October	Biology ISAs (all week)
Tues	18 th October	
Weds	19 th October	
Thurs	20 th October	Year 7 & 12 Tutor Evenings DofE Gold/Silver Expeditions (20 th /21 st & 22 nd October)
Fri	21 st October	Jeans for Gene Day (non-uniform) School finishes for half-term break

CASHLESS CATERING – LAUNCH DATE 21st NOVEMBER 2016

With effect from Monday 21st November 2016 all catering sales will be cashless and there will be no facility for cash sales on site with the exception of the drink vending machines.

As a reminder for parents we are making these changes to realise the following benefits:

- Detailed parental online reporting of student purchases from all school catering outlets
- Easy online credit top-ups with debit or credit card
- Option of PayPoint top-ups at local stores for those parents who don't wish to pay online
- Elimination of the need for students to carry cash to purchase their break-time snacks and lunch
- Assurance for parents that their money is being spent for the purpose it was given
- No risk of money being lost
- Reduced risk of bullying
- Easy and discrete administration for free school meals

Please note that the **Free School Meals daily allowance will increase to £3.20 per day** when cashless catering is introduced which will allow eligible children to enjoy a snack and a drink at breaktime and a hot meal and drink at lunchtime. To find out further details of how to apply please follow the link to our Free School Meals page www.calday.co.uk/freeschoolmeals

Parents should have received a number of letters recently from the school outlining the steps that must be completed before Monday 21st November 2016. Further details can be found by clicking here [school website](#).

We appreciate the support of parents in making these changes to support the running of our school. We also hope that you will find the increased control of spending and reporting helpful in supporting your child to make responsible and healthy eating choices.

We will continue to issue updates and reminders as the launch date approaches. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the school at parentpay@calday.co.uk

IMAGES/VIDEO ON PHONES

We are becoming aware of an increasing trend by students to use their phones to record events in school. This can range from classroom incidents to arranged pranks or other manufactured situations at lunch time or break.

We do not allow any filming or photography on the school site without the express permission of staff. In order to manage the situation we will hold any phones which we believe to have potentially harmful digital images / video material taken on site until they are collected by a parent and cleared of the material. We want to ensure as far as possible the safety of all our students and look to you for support in these matters.

HOUSE CHARITY

A final figure of £4712.11 was raised last year for our chosen House charity, Clatterbridge Cancer. A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise this fantastic amount. This year the school will be supporting Wirral Mind, based in Birkenhead, a charity which provides services for people who have mental health needs.

STUDENT SAFETY IF TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL ON BIKES

If your child travels to school on their bike could we please ask you to ensure that they wear helmets and reflective jackets to help guarantee their safety on the busy roads around school.

PARKING & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

We ask that parents do not drop-off their children at the bottom of the school steps or 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 also 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. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated



YEAR 12 STUDENTS ATTEND THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016

From 29th September to 3rd October, four of our Year 12 students went to Denmark to represent the UK at the European Youth Conference 2016. Over the 3 days' groups from 10 countries (Ireland, UK, France, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Latvia and Russia) worked together at Eisbjergus school.

All schools gave a presentation on topic "Equality in Europe" in front of the local Mayor and public. Our team proudly represented the UK in the Youth Eurovision Competition with a song "I want to break free". We can always count on the good sense of humour of our students!

"This trip was very demanding as we were working in groups for up to 4 hours a day made up of strangers and doing various workshops and activities. The trip was extremely beneficial as we all made many new friendships from people all over the world and got to know more about the outside world and the benefits of going to a school like Calday. We all developed our confidence in public speaking and working with strangers, something will be useful in future. Despite working most of our time in Denmark all four of us had an incredible time and would gladly go again. We all feel this is something that the school should continue participating in and we would all highly recommend it to our fellow students" Daniel Vilela, 16

'CHEMISTRY IN ACTION' – for Year 12 & 13 chemists

5 leading academic and industrial chemists are going to speak about 'Chemistry in Action' at the University of Salford on **Friday 2 December**. This session will be most useful to A level chemists and those wishing to study chemistry further; putting the use of chemistry into context as well as adding to their knowledge. The sessions will include the topics of 'Exam Success' and 'Rates of Reaction'- a key topic in the A level course.

The ticket price is £19.00 plus travel so we are expecting it to be in the region of £30- 35. If a student is interested in attending could they please state their interest to Mrs Boyle in the 6th form office/ chemistry department by **Friday 21st October** so that we can confirm numbers with the ticket office.

CAREERS

- Any students interested in becoming a Pilot, or an Air Traffic Controller, may wish to attend a careers exhibition on Saturday 5 November in London. The exhibition includes what airlines look for when recruiting new pilots, costs, university degrees and flying for the military etc. For full details please visit www.pilotcareernews.com/live.
- For students interested in Pharmacy, there is an open afternoon at Wirral Teaching Hospital (Arrowe Park) on Tuesday 25 October at 1.30 - 4.30. Presentations about how to become a Pharmacist, tours of the dispensary and aseptic suite. To reserve a place email, wih-tr.PharmacyAdminTeam@nhs.net or contact Pharmacy Admin team on 604 7761. Full details are available on the poster outside of Mrs Montgomery's office.
- **Careers at Sea Open Day on Saturday 22nd October 2016**
Liverpool John Moores University will be holding a Careers at Sea Open Day on Saturday 22nd October 2016 from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at **James Parsons Building, Byrom Street, Liverpool L3 3AF**. A number of Shipping Companies will be attending to discuss the many different job opportunities available within the maritime industry for both Deck Officers and Engineering Officers. Students interested in attending should register online at <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-students/visit-us/subject-specific-events/careers-at-sea>

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION FAIR

We will be holding an information fair for prospective sixth form students on Thursday 24th November from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. All current Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend.

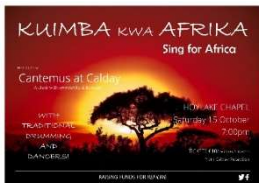
The evening will be an opportunity for students to:-

- visit subject displays and seek advice from staff about choosing the right A level subjects;
- speak to representatives from several universities;
- find out information regarding other career paths available for post-16 and post sixth form;
- receive information and advice to help you negotiate the changing picture around A levels;
- find out more about life in the sixth form and the extra-curricular activities available by talking to current sixth form students.

There will also be a subject seminar evening for prospective sixth form students on Wednesday 1st March 2017 (full details to follow).

NORWAY WINTER SKILLS TRIP (February half term 2017) For years 9 to 13

The CCF are taking part in a Winter skills trip to Norway at half term and will be working with Ex SAS, SBS and RM mountain troops. Activities will include Nordic skiing, ice climbing, dog sledging, 2-day ski trip living in snow holes and also local visits. This would be an ideal trip for a Gold D of E residential. The estimated cost is £1450 (not including personal spends) but this may be less. Please note that £1000 will be required by the end of October (negotiable if necessary). If any students are interested in taking part in this trip please email ccf@calday.co.uk as soon as possible.



CANTEMUS AT CALDAY – REFILWE CONCERT

Kuimba Kwi Afrika - Sing for Africa! - Cantemus at Calday community choir are holding a concert on Saturday 15 October at Hoylake Chapel, all profits in aid of **Refilwe**. Tickets are £10 (£7.50 for children age 5-16) and are available from Reception.

WIRRAL COUNCIL APPEALS FOR PICTURES TO HELP REPLACE STOLEN THURSTASTON PLAQUE

Wirral Council is taking action to replace the brass map which was stolen in August from the viewing point at the top of Thurstaston Hill and which has not been found. The plaque sat on a sandstone plinth at the highest point on the hill, and guided visitors to the panoramic views across the Dee to North Wales and the Mersey to Liverpool.

The replacement plaque will be produced using photographs of the original brass map – and that's where local people can help. The Council has some images which will help to produce the new plaque, but members of the public can help by sharing their photographs of the map in its former glory. The Council is keen to ensure that the new plaque is in keeping with the tradition of what was there previously and that it highlights how valuable the site is to the local community and visitors.

To share your photographs or stay in touch with developments on the project, contact Local Team Leader Paul Greenslade on 0151 677 7594 or paulgreenslade@wirral.gov.uk.

Cllr Jeff Green, Chair of the Wirral West Constituency Committee, said: 'The Constituency Committee places a strong focus on improving local amenities in Wirral West, by providing funding for projects or helping groups to access the support they need from the Council and others.'

'This was a particularly mean crime in that the theft of this map has spoilt this much loved place for our residents and visitors alike – and I have offered the support of the Constituency Committee to help put things right.'

Anyone who has any information about the theft of the original plaque can still contact Merseyside Police by calling 101 or by calling the Crimestoppers line anonymously on 0800 555111 or ranger Paul Greenslade on 0151 677 7594.

DAVID CRYSTAL RETURNS TO CALDAY (Monday 7th November 09.00 am to 14.30 pm)



World renowned linguist, Professor David Crystal, is coming back to Calday! Following the successes of last year's event, which received phenomenal feedback from students and staff at Calday and from our visiting schools, Crystal is returning to Calday to deliver lectures, specifically tailored to the A-Level English Language course.

Students can purchase tickets online via Scopay (www.scopay.com/calday) at just £20 each. The event is also open to the general public (subject to availability) – email requests for tickets should be directed to ant.phillips@calday.co.uk. The deadline for the purchase of tickets is Friday 21st October 2016.

SPORTS RESULTS

RUGBY

U12 Rugby:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Against
A	5	2	2	1	15	18
B	5	1	4		16	22

Over 40 players have represented the school in matches

Central Venue league team

Played 4 Won 3 Lost 1 For 15 Against 3

Team	vs	Results
U13	The Grange	Lost 25-10
	Merchant Taylors	Won 25-10
	Cheadle Hulme	Lost 25-10
	Bishops Heber	Won 45-20
	Altrincham GS	Lost 40-30
	Birkdale School *	Won 60-0
U15	The Grange	Won 48-14
	Merchant Taylors	Lost 28-12
	Cheadle Hulme	Lost 64-19
	Wirral GS (Natwest Cup)	Won 19-17
	Bishop Heber	Lost 30-25
	Altrincham Grammar School	Lost
2nd XV Rugby	Merchant Taylors	Lost 12-7
	Cheadle Hulme	Won 37-5
	Altrincham	Won 22-19
1st XV Rugby:	The Grange	Won 15-13
	King William IOM	Won 21-0
	Merchant Taylors	Lost 3-0
	Cheadle Hulme	Lost 32-21
	Altrincham GS	Lost 22 – 12
	Stockport Grammar (Natwest Cup)	Lost 32-12
	Wirral GS (Cheshire Cup)	Lost 32-17

*School Sport Magazine National Cup

HOCKEY

Team	vs	Results
U13	Kings Macclesfield	Won 6-0
U14	Kings Macclesfield	Lost 2-1
	Wirral GS	Won 9-0
	Birkenhead	Won 14-0
2nd Team	Wirral	Lost 3-2
	St Anselms	Won 7-2
	Birkenhead	Won 9-1
1st Team	Neston	Won 9-1
	Wirral	Won 8-2
	St Anselms	Won 7-1
	Kings Macclesfield	Won 4-3

FOOTBALL

Team	vs	Results
Year 7a	Christleton	Won 5 -3
Year 7b	Bebington High	Lost 1-0
English Cup	SFX	Lost 10-1
Year 8	SFX	Lost 10-1
Year 9	Deyes	Won 3-0
Year 10	Bishop Heber	Won 6 -1
Year 10 Open Schools National Cup	Holy Family	Won 11-0
Year 10 English Cup	Bishops Heber	Won 6-1
Year 11 English Cup	Ormskirk	Won 3-1
Sixth Form	Cardinal Heenan	Lost 4-3
Sixth Form	Riverside	Won 5-2

CROSS COUNTRY

Merseyside (and other counties) Round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup

Junior Boys

Joe Fountain - 2nd

Daniel Hayes - 3rd

Will Wright - 4th

Will Sutcliffe (8th) (year 7 boy)

Points = 17 (first over all team - out of all the counties)

Finlay Austin - 24th

Luke Hampshire - 28th (both Top 30!!!)

Inter Boys

Tom Jordan - 1st (with a cold on his chest - so he didn't push it as hard as he could/should!)

Jake Quarmby - 6th

Ceirán English - 7th

Flynn Jones - 11th

Points = 25 (first Team overall - second team overall was Range HS on 55 points, St. Anselm's College 4th overall with 77 points - I think it was a Manchester School 3rd with 72 points)

Joshua Quarmby - 33rd

Sam Brocklehurst - 37th

TENNIS

Year 10 Division B winners but lost to Stockport GS in North West round



Year 8 Division B Winners and qualifies for Regional finals in Leeds. They were runners up; Omid Bakhaktari, Matty Mattelini, Oliver McGarth and Oliver Elliot

SPONSORED FOOTBALL MATCH



There will be a 6 hour sponsored football match for Year 7 to 9 students taking place on Monday 24th October in aid of Tranmere Rovers Disadvantaged Supporters. Details have been sent via SchoolComms but please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bosworth if you require any additional information.

BIRKENHEAD PARK RUN

What is Birkenhead parkrun? It is a 5km run - it's you against the clock.

When is it? Every Saturday at 9:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place in Birkenhead Park, Park Road West, Claughton, Wirral, CH41 0EZ. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in? Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before your first run. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

How fast do I have to be? We all run for our own enjoyment. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

Birkenhead parkrun needs you! It is entirely organised by volunteers email birkenheadhelpers@parkrun.com to help. We're friendly! Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Cappuccinos, Birkenhead Park Visitors Centre, Birkenhead Park. Please come along and join us!

CHANNEL 4'S CHILD GENIUS RETURNS FOR A FIFTH SERIES AND IS LOOKING FOR CHILDREN aged 8-12 (and their families) TO TAKE PART

Wall to Wall Media, the production company behind award-winning programmes such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* (BBC One) *Long Lost Family* (ITV) and four previous series of *Child Genius* (Channel 4), is currently writing to let people know that the factual series **Child Genius** is back for a fifth time, and that we are once again looking for gifted children and their families to take part.

The series will feature some of Britain's brightest and most fascinating 8 -12 year olds, as they enter a competition devised in association with British Mensa. This will consist of five rounds to be filmed in January 2017 (with a grand final at the end of February 2017).

Child Genius will capture the children and the families in the build-up to each round of the competition as the children prepare to take on their highly intelligent peers. As well as telling the story of the competition, the series will aim to explore the lives of the children featured and their families – how they handle day-to-day life as and with a gifted child. We will spend time filming with children and families at home in the weeks prior to the competition, in between rounds at the competition venue and in the lead up to the grand final. Each episode will feature a number of the children who took part in the competition and will chart their progress as they strive to make it all the way to the final.

Child Genius offers parents the chance to bring their children together with like-minded peers. 2016 finalist Georgia said: "A unique experience, a once in a lifetime opportunity. I found several friends that have similar interests that I wouldn't have made in my normal life."

If you would like more information on the series or would just like to speak to someone about what is involved, you can reach us on **020 7241 9225** or email us at child.genius@walltowall.co.uk.

Applications are now open and you can view information on both Wall to Wall Media and the series at <http://www.walltowall.co.uk/childgeniusapplication.aspx>.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

Thank you to all those who have used the easyfundraising website as last month we raised a fantastic £100. Parents and staff have commented on how easy it is to use. To sign up and help us raise funds for the school please visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

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.

Please see next page for the 2017/2018 term dates



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Term dates for September 2017 to July 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Staff Development Day	Monday 4 th September 2017 (school closed to students)
School reopens for Y7 and L6 students only	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
School reopens for all students	Wednesday 6 th September 2017
Staff Development Day	Wednesday 20 th September 2017 (school closed to students)
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 20 th October 2017
HALF-TERM: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017	
School reopens for all students	Monday 30 th October 2017
School closes for Christmas break	Friday 22 nd December 2017
Christmas Break: Monday 25th December 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018	

SPRING TERM 2016	
School reopens for all students	Monday 8 th January 2018
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 16 th February 2018
HALF-TERM: Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2018	
School reopens for all students	Monday 26 th February 2018
School closes for Easter break at the end of	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Good Friday	Friday 30 th March 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2 nd April 2018 (within holidays)
EASTER BREAK: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018	

SUMMER TERM 2017	
Staff Development Day	Monday 16 th April 2018 (school closed to students)
School reopens for all students	Tuesday 17 th April 2018
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 7 th May 2018
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 25 th May 2018
HALF-TERM: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018	
School reopens for all students	Monday 4 th June 2018
School closes for Summer break at the end of	Friday 20 th July 2018