



# Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

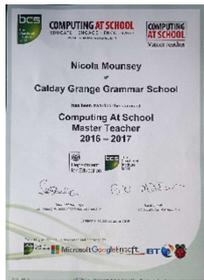
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> October	DofE Basic Training 5
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup> October	DofE Basic Training 5
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Student Finance Talk
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeright Day
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> October	

## EDUCATE AWARDS

We have recently been notified that the school has been shortlisted in the WOW Recognition Award category of the Educate Awards. Our students have been nominated for their fantastic fundraising for a number of charities.

The Educate Awards was founded by Kim O'Brien in 2010 and is the one night of the year where the excellence of schools in Merseyside, Cheshire and Lancashire is celebrated and rewarded in a unique fashion. Now in its 5th year, the amount of nominations submitted for the awards year upon year continues to grow at an exponential rate. We look forward to the awards ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> November at Liverpool Cathedral. Fingers crossed!

## MASTER TEACHER



Many congratulations to Mrs Mounsey who has recently been accredited as a Computer at Schools Master Teacher.

To become a CAS Master teacher, individuals must be experienced, high performing classroom teachers with a passion for the subject, enthusiasm, energy and a desire to support others. Mrs Mounsey will now work alongside our CAS Regional Centres and the local hubs to support teachers of computing in their local area, enable their professional development, and support curriculum change.

## 'FORGOTTEN' ITEMS

Please only deliver items for your child at school that are genuinely important; forgotten homework, PE kit, etc are non-urgent items and students will learn from the consequences of their poor organisation and planning. In urgent circumstances we can hold items brought in but it is the responsibility of the student to collect any delivered items promptly from the Administration Office. Support staff will only deliver items directly to students in the case of an urgent medical or student well-being concern.

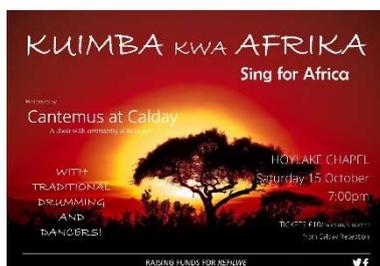


The next CAPs meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 pm in the quiet study area at school.

If you want to lend your support to CAPS and get involved in fund-raising events to raise funds for the school, please get in touch with us: [caps@calday.co.uk](mailto:caps@calday.co.uk)

## TERM DATES

The term dates for the next academic year (Sept 2017 to July 2018) are included at the end of the newsletter and will be placed on the school website shortly.



## 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.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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.

### Who can get free school meals?

#### Eligibility criteria

Parents or guardians are entitled to get free school meals or milk for their children if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- have successfully obtained asylum status

If you are a foster carer, and receiving a fostering allowance, you are not eligible to claim free school meals for those children you are fostering from school year 3 and above.

Please visit the following link to apply for free school meals <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-pupil-premium#wgSM-0>

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. The next census date is January 2017 and we encourage all eligible parents or carers to complete their applications ahead of this date to ensure that the School receives funding in 2016/17. Please visit the parent section of the school website for more information.

## DAVID CRYSTAL RETURNS TO CALDAY



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.

Crystal talks with moreish humour and apparent spontaneity, using his bottomless breadth of experience to share his wealth of knowledge. His anecdotal delivery is expertly adapted for students of English Language, who can cite Crystal's work on a day-to-day basis in the classroom.

His first lecture this year, "Standard English & Language Change", explores the way vocabulary, grammar, spelling, and punctuation have changed over the centuries, and how language change continues to affect Standard English today. This will be followed by a lecture carried forward from last year's event – a crucially important topic for our students – "English Accents: Past, Present, and Future". In this talk, Crystal looks at where accents come from, what's happening to them now, and explains why people care about them so much.

His final lecture, suitably entitled "The Fascinating First Year", is a talk which begins by addressing the question, 'When does language acquisition start?', and gives the answer, 'Much earlier than most people think'. The focus is on early phonetic development, and on the distinctive nature of parent-child interaction. The talk is related to general issues concerning the functions of language encountered during the first year.

Students can purchase tickets online via Scopay ([www.scopay.com/calday](http://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](mailto:ant.phillips@calday.co.uk). The deadline for the purchase of tickets is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

The English Department looks forward to the second David Crystal event at Calday, and is excited to welcome students and guests to the prestigious event.

Date: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Time: **09:00 – 14:30**

Location: **Calday Grange Grammar School**

## CAREERS

- **Have you ever considered a career in radiotherapy, or are you interested in a career that involves using science and technology to care for people?**

There is an opportunity for students to attend the University of Liverpool on Wednesday 16th November from 1pm until 4pm to participate in a 'taster day'. They will be shown the facilities the University has to offer as well as getting an insight into the course and a future career in Radiotherapy.

Those students who are interested in attending should attend a short meeting with Mrs Boyle in W31 on Tuesday 11th October at 10.45. They must be students who are currently performing 'on target' (otherwise they will not be granted absence from lessons) and who would be potentially predicted a minimum of BBB grades in their A levels, one of the subjects being biology or maths.

- **Careers at Sea Open Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

Liverpool John Moores University will be holding a Careers at Sea Open Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

- Morgan Advanced Materials have an opportunity for an apprentice technician in their Bromborough Centre of Excellence team. If you are aware of any former students who may be interested, please ask them to contact Mr Jeremy Davies via [jeremy.davies@morganplc.com](mailto:jeremy.davies@morganplc.com)
- There is a paid placement scheme known as YINI which offers students an opportunity to have a paid work experience and defer entry into university. This is for students thinking of going onto university and or considering other routes into STEM - engineering, science, physics, chemistry, ICT computing and maths related careers. For more information, please visit <http://www.etrust.org.uk/year-industry/frequently-asked-questions> and also <http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>.
- **INTO FILM** will be in school on Monday 10th October to talk to our students about careers in the visual effects, gaming and animation. It will be held at lunchtime in the hall. For more information about Into Film please visit <https://www.intofilm.org/films>

## BOOKBUZZ UPDATE – Now open to Year 8 as well as Year 7 students



Reading for pleasure has been shown to have a huge impact on educational outcomes. To encourage reading amongst KS3 students, BookTrust runs the Bookbuzz scheme. Thanks to the support of children's publishers, schools are able to purchase the Bookbuzz programme at the greatly subsidised cost of £3.00 per participating student. Each participating student may select 1 or more books from a choice of 17. The books are now displayed in G16 and the Learning Resource Centre and more information can be found here <http://www.bookbuzz.org.uk/about-us/>.

Your son should come to the Learning Resource Centre or G16 at lunchtime to write down his choice on an order form. Parents need to use Scopay to make payment of £3 per book. The closing date for payments and orders has been extended to **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Books should be delivered to school just after half term and will be handed out to each student.

**Mrs Eckford – Learning Resource Manager**

## 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](mailto: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!

## SPONSORED FOOTBALL MATCH



There will be a 6 hour sponsored football match for Year 7 to 9 students taking place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto: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>.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Sept – Oct half term)

20<sup>th</sup> October – Bikeright Day

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October – DofE Gold /Silver Expedition

**21<sup>st</sup> October – End of half term**

## 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](http://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

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

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

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