



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Parents' Newsletter

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup> January	
Weds	25 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup> January	
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup> January	

### Forward Planning dates

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Study Skills Evening
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 9 Options Information Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Group Photographs
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	CAPs Quiz Night
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Immunisations
	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	CAPs Annual General Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	House Music Competition (Concert in evening)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Non Uniform Day
	School closes for half-term break



saving the lives  
of people with  
blood cancer

Well done to our 6<sup>th</sup> form students who raised a fantastic £413.63 for the Anthony Nolan Trust on their recent non-uniform day. We would also like to congratulate those 6<sup>th</sup> form students (69 of them) who have also become life savers by signing up to the bone marrow donor register. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 30 can sign up and more information can be found at <https://www.anthonynolan.org/8-ways-you-could-save-life/donate-your-stem-cells/apply-join-our-register>

### UNILEVER APPRENTICESHIP INSIGHT EVENING

Unilever are hosting an Apprenticeship insight evening at their Port Sunlight site on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 4pm - 6pm. The evening is aimed at students in Years 11-13, and is an opportunity for those interested to find out more about Unilever's apprenticeships including Supply Chain, Research & Development and Business & Technology.

Any students interested in attending should register their interest via [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-30073412386](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unilever-apprenticeships-port-sunlight-tickets-30073412386)

### SUTTON TRUST UK SUMMER SCHOOLS 2017

Applications for the Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools 2017 are now open! The Trust would like to invite students to explore what university life is really like at a Sutton Trust Summer School and they are working in partnership with 11 leading universities to offer over 40 different subjects at their 2017 Summer schools.

Students will have the opportunity to attend academic lectures, live in the halls of residence, make friends from across the UK and receive high-quality advice on how to navigate the UCAS application process.

All costs, including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and their partners. Further information regarding the courses available, key dates and the eligibility criteria for applicants can be found <http://www.suttontrust.com/programmes/summer-schools/>. The closing date for application is 5 pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

### ADVERSE WEATHER

Due to recent weather warnings, we have included, at the end of this newsletter, a copy of the procedure which will be used should we be affected by adverse weather

### VACANCIES

We are seeking to appoint a HR Manager. Full details can be found in the vacancies section of the school website.



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

Are you a talented singer, magician, dancer, comedian? Would you be willing to perform on the school stage to help raised funds? CAPS (Calday Association of Parents & Staff) are looking for entertaining parents and students who would be willing to offer their services for the benefit of the school.

We don't have a date set for a CAPS event of this nature, but once we have a pot of talent we would be looking to arrange a fundraiser at some point this year. If you, or family and friends, have the skills we are looking for then we would love to hear from you! Please email the CAPS Secretary on [CAPS@Calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@Calday.co.uk).

## CAPS QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3rd February 2017 in the school hall.

Doors open & bar from 7pm, quiz to start promptly at 7.30pm.

Entrance £10 - includes Marigold's Fish & Chips Supper

Tables of 6-8 or join a team on the night. Tickets are available via ParentPay

## NOTICE OF CAPS AGM MEETING

The CAPS AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 6.30pm at CCGS. Please forward any nominations for the role of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, formally seconded, to [CAPS@calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@calday.co.uk) by noon on Monday 13th February. You will receive confirmation of receipt. The AGM will be followed by a general CAPS meeting.

### AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chair's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Notified Business
6. Any Other Business

## NEWS FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

**WHO IS TOP OF THE READING CHART at CCGS LRC?** Last term, Glegg came out on top with 264 books borrowed, Bennett in 2nd place with 211 books and Hollowell on 149. Well done Glegg – great reading!

As for the top 3 forms, it's a close run race between 7BW and 7GZ with 7BW just edging into first place with 67 books issued, 7GZ in 2nd place with 65 books and 9GZ in 3rd with 52. Who will win this term? Let's see if you can increase your borrowing by at least 25% this Spring. Who knows - there may be prizes on offer!

Please also have a look at our updated webpage here for the latest information: <http://library.calday.co.uk/>

This includes details of this term's Scholastic Teen Book Club. You can browse the full selection here <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/calday-grange> and order directly from the Teen Leaflet. Every order over £10 earns the school rewards to spend on books for the library. A big thank you to those parents who ordered just before Christmas - those orders are now in school ready to go home with your children.

## HOUSE MUSIC

The House Music Festival will take place for students during the school day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and parents are invited to attend a concert in the evening at 7.00 pm. Tickets are priced at £4.00 and will go on sale via Parentpay on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The ticket sales will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and tickets will then be ready for collection by students from the Music Department at break-times on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please be aware that no tickets will be available to buy on the door.

## PARKING

Could we please ask parents to ensure that if you need to park and wait on Grammar School Lane or Column Road that you park appropriately and do not block residential drives. Thank you for your assistance.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that the **Free School Meals daily allowance has increased to £3.20 per day** 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](http://www.calday.co.uk/freeschoolmeals)



# *Masters Sports Coaching*

## **Half Term Rugby Camp**

### **2017**

22nd— 24th February



3 day course £80



@ CALDY RFC

- Outstanding coaching for 8-16 year old boys
- 'Pro Day' coaching sessions by Rotherham Titans & Doncaster Knights rugby players
- Performance Analysis & Nutrition presentations with NC Performance
  - TRX training session from S3 Fitness



*To book, complete the form on the reverse and return with the course fee.*



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Name of Child

Age when on the camp

Camp Options (Please Tick)

Date	Time	Venue	Sport	Selection
22nd—24th Feb	8:30am— 3:00pm	Caldy RFC	Rugby	

Home address

Home Tel

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Number

Email address

Any specific medical Issues?

I have enclosed a cheque/ cash for the amount of £80   
(cheques made payable to **Masters Sports Coaching**)

Please send this form and enclosed payment to the following address:

**Paul Miller**, Calday Grange Grammar School, Grammar School Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 8GG

*Please tick the following box if you give consent for your child's image to be used in Masters Sports Coaching's social media and marketing campaigns.*



# Calday Grange Grammar School

## Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions

We are committed to minimising disruption to the education of our students and we will always endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible but there are rare occasions when we will find it necessary to close the school. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community.

Decisions on whether or not to close the school are never taken lightly. They involve both the Senior Leadership Team and representatives of the school's Governing Body. The first consideration is always the safety of the students and staff. If, due to adverse weather conditions the staffing complement is too low, health and safety risk assessments may mean that we cannot open the school to all year groups.

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents.

### In the event of adverse weather prior to the start of the school day:-

A decision will be made between 6.00 am and 7.00 am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed. In the event of closure, by 7.30 am (wherever possible), the school will ensure that:-

- an automated text or email message is sent to parents and staff via the SchoolComms system
- the school website has been updated
- an update is available on our social media sites

**Note:** Please be aware that during bad weather the school will run all external examinations at the published times and students should continue to monitor the school website for details.

### In the event of adverse weather during the school day:-

If the school is open in the morning but the weather conditions deteriorate during the day, we will continually assess the risks. The decision whether to close the school will be made taking into account:-

- School transport (these are often cancelled during periods of snow and ice)
- Condition of the local roads
- Weather updates through the local authority and MET office

Should the decision be taken to close the school we will inform parents via:-

- an automated text or email message sent from the SchoolComms system
- a notice on the school website
- information on our social media sites

We understand that it may be difficult for some parents to collect their child and therefore contingency plans will be put in place to ensure that the school remains open until all students are collected.

In the event of prolonged closure due to weather, parents should continue to monitor the school website as it will be updated on a regular basis with the latest information.

As we draw students from a large catchment area, parents should always assess if it is safe for their children to leave for school based on their local weather and their safety in travelling to and from school. If you decide not to send your child into school we ask that you notify the school on the day of absence via the absence line or email. This will then ensure that the absence is recorded as authorised.

We will always do everything in our power to avoid school closure and would greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times.