



Calday Grange Grammar School

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2017

Mon	13 th February	Year 11 Immunisations Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tues	14 th February	CAPS Annual General Meeting – 6.30 pm in Quiet Study
Weds	15 th February	
Thurs	16 th February	House Music Competition (Concert in evening)
Fri	17 th February	Non uniform day School closes for half-term break

SIXTH FORM SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

All Year 11 students are invited to attend our next Sixth Form Information Evening which will take place on Wednesday 1st March from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the subjects they are considering for sixth form.



Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th February
Venue: Learning Resource Centre (LRC)

This year's book fair will have hundreds of new Teenagers' fiction and non-fiction books plus items of stationery to browse and buy.

No cash is to be brought to school, your child will give you a yellow slip containing their choice of items, price and payment/collection information. Purchases should be made through your [ParentPay](#) account. For parents preferring to pay by cash, we can issue a PayPoint barcode upon request, this can be used in shops displaying the [PayPoint](#) symbol. There is a strict deadline of 8:00am Monday 27th February for payment.

Years 7 and 8 students will be attending the fair during their English lessons, whilst students in all other years are welcome to browse the fair in the LRC during break and lunchtimes.

If we can raise a minimum of £300, we will be able to get 25% of the value in free books for the school. If like last year, we can sell around £700, we can get a whopping 50% of the value in free books!

There is also a competition to design your own Book Front Cover, to win 5 x £5 vouchers to spend at the Fair. Entry forms are on the library desk. Deadline for entries is Tuesday 14th. Thank you for your continued support.

MERSEYSIDE COUNTY SCHOOLS' CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to our students who competed in the above championships at Arrowse Park on Saturday 4th February 2017. The Calday results were as follows:-

Year 7

2nd William Sutcliffe 7GZ
33rd Sam Gawith 7GY

Years 8/9

5th Daniel Hayes 8HS
7th Joe Fountain 8BX
8th William Wright 8BW
10th Flynn Jones 9GZ
12th Luke Hampshire 8BX
24th Sam Harris 9HT
31st Sam Johnston 9HT

Years 10/11

8th Tom Jordan 10HT
9th Jake Quarmby 10HT
10th Matthew Arnold 11HR
12th Alex Norton 11GP
15th Josh Quarmby 10GY

Years 12/13

12th Owen Jones L6H3
14th Tom Gillbanks L6B2
15th Harry Das U6B2

Training

In the absence of Mr Johnson school training continues each Monday and Wednesday. Runners should meet at the start of lunch at Gym changing rooms. New runners welcome, including those simply looking to get fit.

THE BENNET FAMILY

Many of you will be aware of the sad news regarding the Bennet family, Luke, Hannah and Oliver, who recently lost both their parents within days of each other. Luke is a former student of Calday and therefore we would like to do everything we can to support the family. Some of our students will be attending parents' evenings and school events over the next couple of week to collect donations. We hope you will be able to help support this worthwhile cause.

You can also visit the justgiving page which has been set up at http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-knight-2?utm_id=107&utm_term=pnZJyiyK



OLD CALDEIAN RETURNS FOR RADIO INTERVIEW

It was great to see one of our former students in school this week. Will Vaulks who attended Calday from 2005 to 2010 now plays for Rotherham FC. Will joined Ben Harris and Alec Robinson for some lively chat and football commentary!

VACANCIES

We are seeking to appoint two Examination Invigilators. Full details can be found in the vacancies section of the school website.

CASHLESS CATERING UPDATE

The school wrote to parents in January 2017 to inform you how to set-up an automated low balance alert for your child's account. We also advised you that there is a daily transaction limit of £6 per day in place and that you can amend this up or down by emailing parentpay@calday.co.uk

The new student transaction displays are in place for all tills and operational following parental feedback and it is hoped that this additional information will support our students in managing their daily spend.

There is a maximum overdraft limit of £5 in place to cover emergency situations and ensure that all children are able to purchase food if they need it. The school also send daily email reminders to all parents who have overdrawn accounts at the end of the day.

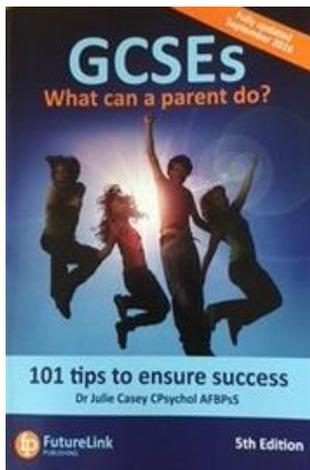
The vast majority of parents are managing their accounts well, however there are a small number of accounts that are regularly overdrawn and this can cause issues for our catering team when a child attempts to purchase food and lacks the sufficient funds on their account.

The school will not serve food to students who lack sufficient funds in their cashless catering accounts and would like to remind parents that it is their responsibility to manage their child's cashless catering account sensibly. In those circumstances, parents are advised to provide their child with a packed lunch to ensure that their child is able to eat during the school day.

FINANCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

We are looking to secure work experience in the financial sector (at weekends, evenings or in the holidays) for one of our sixth form students who needs this to apply for an internship. If anyone can assist, please contact Mr Bosworth via geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk.

A GUIDE TO GCSE EXAM SUCCESS



'A guide to GCSE exam success' which was discussed at the recent study skills evening is now in stock and available to purchase through the school shop. The booklet contains good suggestions and strategies for students and parents at all levels, not just in years 10 and 11. It offers additional tips on setting up a work corner, establishing routines and expectations, dealing with excuses, handling a lack of motivation, dealing with stress and much more. Useful appendices list the best websites, clearly explain the GCSE system and offer a 'what to do if...' guide.

Written by an Educational Psychologist with four children who have all undertaken GCSEs (with varying degrees of motivation!), the book includes a wealth of tried, practical and 'do-able' tips and ideas to support parents in supporting their children through the GCSE years.

To purchase a copy please go to the online school shop at: shop.calday.co.uk. The booklet is priced at £2.75 and available for either collection from the school shop (open to students each day between 1:00pm - 1:45pm) or by first class post, postage costs £1.50.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING

A number of parents have enquired about the process for the Year 8 Options. We can confirm that an information evening will be held on Wednesday 19th April but full details will be provided in due course.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost their coat, please ask them to call into the Admin Office as we have a number of unnamed coats in the lost property cupboard.

GOLD DofE EXPEDITION TO NEPAL IN AUGUST 2018

If any student plans to undertake their Gold D of E during 2018 and are interested in this expedition to Nepal, they should attend a short meeting in the hall on Thursday 16th February at 4.00 pm. During this meeting, a member of the organising company will give a short presentation and answer any immediate questions. If there is enough interest, there will be a full presentation to parents and participants on Thursday 2nd March at 7.00 pm.

16-19 BURSARY FUND

We have sent an email to parents of sixth form students to remind them that the school administers a 16-19 Bursary Fund on behalf of the Education Funding Agency. The fund is to provide support to students aged 16 to 19 who might struggle with the cost of full-time education. We have reminded parents that the school is still accepting applications for financial support in the 2016/17 academic year.

Parents are encouraged to read this information and consider applying for the fund depending upon their family circumstances. Details of the 16-19 Bursary Fund can be found on the school website: www.calday.co.uk/bursary



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.

NOTICE OF CAPS AGM MEETING

The CAPS AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 6.30pm at CGGS. 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

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 break time 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

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.

CAREERS INFORMATION

INFORMATION SESSION ON APPRENTICESHIPS

There will be an information session about Higher level and Degree Apprenticeships on Thursday 9 March at 13.00 pm in the 6th Form Quiet Study. This is suitable for those students who are considering an Apprenticeship instead of university or alongside applying for university to keep all their options open. Any students from Years 11, 12 and 13 are welcome to attend. Please just turn up.

ENGINEERING TALK

Any students in Years 11, 12 & 13 who are interested in a career in Engineering are invited to attend a talk by Emeritus Professor Gareth Padfield from the University of Liverpool on Wednesday 8th March at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Quiet Study.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT WESTINGHOUSE

Westinghouse Electric Company, a leading provider of nuclear plant products and services to utilities throughout the world, including fuel, service and maintenance, instrumentation and control, and advanced nuclear plant designs is currently advertising Engineering Degree apprenticeships.

Further information can be found at <http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/springfields/Careers/Engineering-Apprenticeships> and applications should be submitted via <http://www.jobs.net/jobs/westinghousenuclear/en-us/all-jobs/United-Kingdom/>

MEDICAL ADMISSIONS DAY

For those students interested in Medicine, there is a Medical Admissions Taster Day at the University of Liverpool on Wednesday 19th April at a cost of £35 including lunch. This is highly recommended for those students who have not yet been on a course. Online booking is <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/admissions/>

NATIONAL MEDIC MENTOR WEEKEND

800 healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with students who are interested in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing & Midwifery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology. The National Medic Mentor Weekend takes place on 18th & 19th of March in London, Cardiff, Birmingham, Nottingham, Leeds, Exeter and Lancaster: 36 conferences on different specialties on the same day!

For more information please visit <http://medicmentor.co.uk/about/events-2/>



Considering a career in business & trading?

An alternative route to university in business & trading – BP Business & Trading school leaver programme. BP is the UK's top student recruiter in the Oil & Gas Sector. Their Supply & Trading business is a leading commodities trading house – selling the Oil & Gas products BP produces to customers around the world.

Each year BP recruits a number of students pursuing an alternative route to university on their school leaver programme based in their Canary Wharf office. Their programme is 5 years in length providing school leavers with the foundations to build a long term, successful career in business & trading.

BP's programme is rotational, allowing school leavers to complete 4 different front office roles. Through the programme school leavers receive on the job learning and are line managed and coached by senior members of their team. Joining as a school leaver is no barrier to success – a number of their most senior business leaders joined through this route.

BP offers a very competitive starting salary plus other workplace benefits including a free lunch and subsidised gym membership. [Click here](#) for more information. Eligible students will be on track to achieve 128 UCAS points in 3 A levels (or equivalent) and Applications are open until the 28 February and are being reviewed on a rolling basis.

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 2nd March 2017.