



Calday Grange Grammar School Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2017

Mon	1 st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tues	2 nd May	Inset day (school closed to students) Information evening for Year 5 parents (6.00 pm to 8.00 pm)
Weds	3 rd May	
Thurs	4 th May	
Fri	5 th May	

STUDENT SUCCESS



Many congratulations to Year 12 students, Alex Colquitt & Rob Giardelli, who have been selected as Team GBR in the 420 class. They will be sailing for Great Britain in the European Championships in Athens and World Championships in Freemantle later this year.

They have trained tirelessly over the winter in order to make selection. After a series of three selectors, 27 races, they achieved their goal at the final event at the RYA Youth Championships on Hayling Island during the Spring break.

Calday student selected for UK/Canadian Cadet Exchange visit

We would also like to congratulate Dan Kitchen (Year 11), a Cpl in the Army section of Calday CCF, who has been selected to be part of the UK/Canadian Cadet exchange visit programme this summer. He will be a member of a 40 strong party of UK cadets attending a month long programme adventure training which includes long treks over high mountains, military skills and visits.

To be selected, Dan had to go through an interview at Army HQ in Preston and came top in the North West and also a 4-day section in an Army camp in South Wales.

NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

It has been a very busy month or so in the drama dept. After performing *The Jungle Book* in school, the seventy strong cast and crew packed the show into a van and spent a day setting up and rehearsing at **The Floral Pavilion**. Our technical crew ran the whole show and we did two performances in front of 1600 Year 5 & 6 students from some of our feeder primary schools.

The week after three of our A-level students joined Mr Meigh and worked as actors in a lecture he gave at Liverpool University to the 1st year English Literature students on *Shakespeare in Performance*. They were joined on stage by ex-student Elliot Kingsley (used to be Davis when he was in school) who is now a member of the Everyman Rep Company. <https://www.everymanplayhouse.com/whats-more/tag/the-company>

Last week we took over forty students to see Elliot perform in *The Story Giant* at **the Everyman**. Based on the book by Brian Patten, the piece was adapted by another ex-Caldeian, Lindsay Rodden. There are still a couple of performances left and Elliot will be playing a lead role in the upcoming production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Mr Meigh can finally speak freely again after he has had to keep quiet for six months after working as an acting coach for Chris Mason who played Leo Humphries in *Broadchurch*.



And finally, earlier this week eight of our students performed at the opening ceremony of the Taekwondo European Championships in the **Echo Arena** as part of a cast of over 500.

VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies:-

- Teacher of Spanish (maternity cover)
- Catering Assistant
- Facilities Management Apprentice

Full details can be found on the school website.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

Thursday 27th April: Woodchurch Y7b 4-7 Calday Y7b

Making the move up from 9-a-side to a full-size pitch was no problem for the Calday team, which featured some new squad players.

Two goals from both Leo Branch and Jacob Milner accompanied strikes from Nathan Herrod-Sharkey, and debutants Tom Doherty and George Rowan, as the men in maroon once again battled the tough Woodchurch conditions to be victorious. Man-of-the-Match was awarded to regular goal scorer Nathan, but strong performances from Leo and Jacob were too much for the home team to handle.

Well done to all 15 boys who took part and thank you to all parents who supported the team.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

We are holding an information evening on Tuesday 2nd May for parents of children who are currently in Year 5 at Primary School and who are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools from September 2018. The event will take place between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm and will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about the 11+ process and to have a look around the school.

JOINING THE CCF (advance notice of information session)

We are now receiving interest from current Year 8 students (Year 9 in September) about joining the CCF and therefore we will be holding an information session for students and parents on Thursday 7th September at 4.00 pm in the school dining room.

If any students are interested in joining the Army section of the CCF, please email CCF@calday.co.uk as soon as possible (but before the end of July) to receive details of a weekend activity trip in October 2017.

SEWING AND TEXTILES COURSE – STARTING MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

As part of our family & adult evening class programme we currently have places available on a new sewing skills and textiles course starting in May. The group meet for two hours on a Monday evening; the cost of the 10-week course is £100 per person. Please contact the community office for further details.

Tel:0151 625 2727 extension 289 or email:community@calday.co.uk

RUNNING FITNESS PROGRAMME

Could we please remind students that running fitness training for all abilities is still taking place on a Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes, meeting at the Gym Changing room at the start of lunch.

REPORTING ABSENCE FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

Could we please remind parents of sixth form students that they should contact the school to report an absence, it should not come from students themselves.

CHANGES TO BMAT

Any potential medical students should be aware that the BMAT which used to be taken after students have submitted their UCAS application has now changed and needs to be taken in early September.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KID VOUCHERS

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a post box situated in the dining room for the students to place vouchers in or they can hand them into the admin office. The deadline for donating vouchers is 30th June 2017. Thank you for your support.

CALDY GOLF CLUB

Caldy Golf Club have a limited number of vacancies in its junior section. If any students are interested in joining please contact Gail Copple on 625 5660.

ON THE ROBOTIC ROAD TO JAPAN ...

On Saturday 18th March Calday Grange Grammar School took part in the National Final of the RoboCup competition. RoboCup is an international [robotics competition](#) founded in 1997. The aim is to promote robotics and Artificial Intelligence research, by offering a publicly appealing, but formidable challenge. The team from Calday battled their way through the various stages to be crowned winners in the soccer competition. The team are now eligible to represent the UK in the RoboCup Junior International Final, part of the International RoboCup Competition to be held in Nagoya in Japan in late July.

To participate at International level would provide students with an amazing opportunity not only academically but also culturally. However as you might expect the road to Japan is a long and very expensive one. Unfortunately, the competition does not provide funding towards the £12,000 needed to cover flights and accommodation for the group.

Whilst the team will organise many fundraising events in school to try and raise as much money as possible towards the cost of the trip, it is hoped that there may be local and national companies who could offer financial help to make the dream become a reality.

The students involved are Josh Rodgers, Ben Russell (both Year 12) and Jenson Butler (Year 10). For more information on the tournament please visit <http://www.robocup2017.org/eng/index.html>

If you would like to speak to us to offer your support please contact Nicola Mounsey – Computer Science teacher at the school on t: 0151 625 2727 or e: nicola.mounsey@calday.co.uk

FOLK CONCERT

Heswall Rotary who support our Refilwe charity are organising a Folk Concert on Saturday 6th May. Please see poster at end of the newsletter for full details.



Thinking of booking a holiday, online shopping, organising a day out or doing some DIY over the Spring Break?

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Calday Grange Grammar School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Please join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. **Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cggs and join for free.**
2. **Every time you shop online, simply go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and then start shopping. The donation reminder will remind you.**
3. **After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Calday Grange Grammar School for no extra cost whatsoever!**

We will use any income from easyfundraising to help support and develop sport, extracurricular activities and student enrichment.

Download the App and/or install the [donation reminder](#) on your web browser. There are no catches or hidden charges, it won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

CCF

We are currently experiencing issues due to the lack of adult staff which is affecting the cadet standards and training. We are therefore now looking for staff or family who are able to assist during parade evenings (Thursday 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm). You do not have to be a GI Jane or Rambo – just keen enough to help in anyway that you can!

We also have vacancies for uniformed officers - one Army (male or female) and two RAF (one male and one female). If you are able to assist or would like more information please contact Major Del Adcock via ccf@calday.co.uk.

16-19 BURSARY FUND

Many thanks to the parents of sixth form students who have responded to our recent emails and updates. Your action has allowed us to allocate a number of bursaries to support our sixth form students.

As a reminder, 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 are still accepting applications for financial support in the 2016/17 academic year.

Parents of sixth form students who are in receipt of Free School Meals are particularly encouraged to read this information and consider applying for the fund due to the high likelihood of receiving an award. Details of the 16-19 Bursary Fund can be found on the school website: www.calday.co.uk/bursary

UNILEVER APPRENTICESHIPS

The Unilever apprenticeship opportunities for September 2017 are now live on their website
<https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/>.

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.

ROTARY CLUB OF HESWALL

FOLK CONCERT

8PM START

SATURDAY 6th MAY 2017

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL
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