



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

6th February 2015

Mon	9 th Feb	
Tues	10 th Feb	
Weds	11 th Feb	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thurs	12 th Feb	
Fri	13 th Feb	House Drama Festival School closes for half-term break



STUDENTS OFFERED PLACES AT CAMBRIDGE & OXFORD UNIVERSITIES

Many congratulations to five of our Year 13 students who have recently received offers from Cambridge and Oxford Universities to study a variety of courses from this September. They are William Broadbelt - Clare College, Cambridge (Computer Science), Nathan Kellner - Queens' College, Cambridge (Theology), Riona Kelly - Magdalene College, Cambridge (Linguistics), Mrinank Sharma - Pembroke College, Cambridge (Engineering) and Jonathan Tam - Somerville College, Oxford (Mathematics). They are pictured here with Mr Byrne.

QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 7th MARCH

To celebrate the launch of the new Calday association for parents and staff (CAPS) we would like to invite you to take part in our annual quiz night which will take place on Saturday 7th March in the school hall, starting at 7:30pm. The invitation is open to all parents, family and friends, (aged 18 years and over). The evening will have a St Patrick's Day theme including Irish stew, guests are welcome to bring their own drinks. No more than 6 in a team, we can group smaller numbers together on the night.

There is no charge, however a voluntary donation will be asked for on the evening to cover catering, any profit will go towards school funds and a student supported charity 'Rock of Joy'.

We have a limited number of teams we can accommodate so please contact us to book in your team asap. please email attendees names to: Jacqui.mciver@calday.co.uk. Should you require a vegetarian option please let us know at the time of booking. We do hope you will join us!

FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE CALDAY ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND STAFF (CAPS)

Thank you to those parents who attended the CAPS meeting on Monday 2nd February. The minutes from this meeting will be available shortly on the school website.

FUNDRAISING FOR REFILWE

A huge thank you to all students who came to the cake sale last Friday. A fantastic £580 was raised for Refilwe. Thank you for your support.



We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a post box situated outside the Administration Office for the students to place vouchers in. Thank you for your support.



FORMER STUDENT PROMOTES WORK OF BRITISH TINNITUS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday 4th February a former student, Matthew Hudson, delivered an assembly detailing the causes and impact of Tinnitus. This is particularly relevant to our students as one of the main causes of this affliction is the continually listening to music at high volume via headphones/earphones and attending concerts where the volume of music can be extreme. Matthew delivered a powerful assembly, encouraging students to think about practical steps they can take to limit potential damage to their hearing. He promoted the work of the British Tinnitus Association.

It is not easy for a student who only left Calday last year to stand up in front of 400 students and staff and deliver a 15 minute assembly. Matthew confessed to being nervous but did a superb job and we thank him for his contribution.

LIVERPOOL CHAMBER TRAINING – APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAYS

Liverpool Chamber Training is hosting Apprenticeship Open Days to advise young people what is available when they finish school/college. These drop in sessions will take place between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 18th February, Wednesday 18th March, Wednesday 15th April and Wednesday 27th May. For more information contact the recruitment team on 0151 236 3222 or via email recruitment@liverpoolchamber.org.uk.



THE PORT SUNLIGHT SEA DOGS PERFORM IN AID OF RNLI

The Port Sunlight Sea Dogs are coming to Melrose Hall, Hoylake on 21st February at 7.30pm to perform in aid of RNLI. Free admission, bucket collection for RNLI, bring your own drinks - tea and cake available to buy.

Please note that this event replaces the "The Light up the Lifeboat" Celebration and Lantern Parade which was scheduled to take place at Hoylake Community Centre on 21 February – this has been cancelled.

The Lantern Parade will now take place alongside the HVL Easter party at Hoylake Community Centre on Saturday 28th March 2015. Please support this fundraiser for the lifeboats if you can!

SAMBA BAND

Twelve months ago we were fortunate enough to be able to start up our own Samba band and the group are now looking to increase their numbers. They meet after school on a Tuesday evening in E Block and no previous experience is necessary. Students from all year groups are welcome to join - just drop in, no need to sign up or book in advance. Further information can be obtained from the Music Department or Community Office.

'SLOUCH' BEANIE HAT

A new school hat is available to purchase at the cost of £8.00 each, full details can be found in the school webshop at www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/shop



DROPPING STUDENTS AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please be aware that the Traffic Enforcement car which is equipped with CCTV cameras to catch motorists parking illegally is visiting the school on a regular basis and issuing fines to motorists who are dropping off on the zig-zags etc outside of the school. We also ask that parents refrain from dropping students off within the school grounds unless it is for medical reasons.

SUPPORTING 'COUNT THE KICKS'

The school has started to collect some recyclable items to support the charity 'Count the Kicks'. This is a charity aimed at raising awareness in pregnant ladies of being aware of fetal movements to reduce the number of stillbirths. Approximately 90% of babies could possibly be saved if medical assistance had been sought sooner.

The charity is able to trade in the recycled items for funds to help their work. An information booklet that explains the history behind the charity and their aims and a leaflet that explains the recyclable items that are accepted by the charity can be found by visiting their website www.countthekicks.org.uk or on the 'latest news' section of the school website

If you would like to help us, please follow the instructions on the leaflet with regards to items that can be posted directly or dropped off at reception for the attention of Mrs Jenny Cooper. Please note that we CANNOT accept the clothes etc due to lack of storage space - you would need to send for a bag and arrange collection of these items directly. Thank you for helping us to support this important charity.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DESIGN A STAINED GLASS WINDOW TO CELEBRATE THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF CADETS IN CALDAY

2016 will be the 100th Anniversary of Cadets in Calday. In 1916 a detachment of the Officers' Training Corps was formed in the school which is now the Combined Cadet Force. We wish to commemorate this by installing two stained glass windows above the main entrance doors and we are offering students the opportunity to enter a competition to design it.

Their design should incorporate images which show a simple theme for each of our Navy, Army and Air Force sections (possibly a dinghy for Navy, a bell tent for the Army, and a glider for the Air Force). The CCF crest should also be included. The windows each measure 85 cm by 110 cm.

Completed entries on A3 or A4 paper (including name and form) should be submitted to Reception by Thursday 2nd April 2015. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email the CCF at ccf@calday.co.uk or to see Mr Adcock, CCF Contingent Commander.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

The procedure which will be used in the event of adverse weather conditions can be found in the policy section of the school website.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

Could we please ask parents to ensure that the absence reporting line is only used to inform us that their child will not be attending school due to illness. We have noticed an increase in messages being left in relation to other issues such as homework, requesting that staff ring home etc. If you require any assistance in relation to matters other than illness could you please use the main switchboard number to contact a member of the administration office who will be able to assist you. Alternatively you may wish to email members of staff directly and email addresses can be found at www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/contactstaff. Thank you for your co-operation.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise the impact of our fundraising activities and would like to draw your attention to a donation website we are currently signed up to where we can benefit from your shopping.

The easyfundraising website rewards shoppers who purchase from various online retailers by making donations to good causes. Calday Grange Grammar School qualifies as a good cause and by using this site one of our parents has already contributed £37 for 6 months of shopping. Imagine the impact on funds if a significant number of others followed suit!

Could we please ask you to take 5 minutes of your time to take a look at the following link and sign up to the website via <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.

You simply need an email address and a password to register. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to choose answers to 12 short questions about the school.

Please remember that you can give your opinion through Parent View at any time during the school year. At the time of an inspection, you can refresh or resubmit your views and the facility will overwrite your previous response so that only one 'view' for each parent, per school, is held.