



Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

23rd JANUARY 2015

Mon	26 th Jan	Year 10 Enterprise Day (in school)
Tues	27 th Jan	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Weds	28 th Jan	DofE Meeting (lunch time)
Thurs	29 th Jan	Cake Sale in aid of Refilwe
Fri	30 th Jan	

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.

REMINDER – DofE SILVER MEETING FOR STUDENTS

A meeting will be held at lunch time on **Wednesday 28th January** in the school hall for all students signed up to the SILVER award. All students are asked to attend to agree their expedition groupings with Mr Bosworth. Please note that all key dates including expedition and training dates can be found on the school DofE website: www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/dofe

COMPLIMENTARY THEATRE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS OF CHINESE

We have a limited number of tickets to give away for a Chinese extravaganza performance showing at the Stockport Plaza Theatre, Stockport on the afternoon of Saturday 28th February. Free coach travel from school is included departing Calday at 12:30pm and returning at approximately 6:00pm, to request tickets please contact the community office.

Everybody who attends requires a ticket regardless of age; students who study Chinese are eligible to apply for a maximum of 4 tickets. Please [e-mail:community@calday.co.uk](mailto:community@calday.co.uk)

DROPPING STUDENTS AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Could we please ask parents to refrain from dropping students off within the school grounds unless it is for medical reasons.

L6 OXBRIDGE POTENTIALS

If your son or daughter missed the introductory talk this week please ask them to speak to Mr Byrne next week.

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.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We have been asked to inform parents about an event taking place at Wirral Change (St Laurence's school in Birkenhead) on Friday 6th March from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Please visit their website www.wirralchange.org.uk for further details.

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.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 2015

House Music Rehearsal Day: Tuesday 3 March

House Music Festival: Wednesday 4 March

House Music Concert: Wednesday evening 4 March (further details to follow)

To take part, all students must be able to attend the concert as all house choirs and house ensembles will be included in the programme.

All students are invited to take part in this event. Auditions and rehearsals will be held by senior music prefects and supervised by Music Department staff. Prefects will inform students as to when the rehearsals will commence.

House choirs and house ensembles (both non-auditioned) will rehearse after school on Mondays and Thursdays respectively but students may be required to rehearse at additional times. It is expected that all students who are members of the school bands and choirs (both senior and junior) take part in these categories.

Auditioned categories -

- Junior and Senior Pianist
- Junior and Senior Piano Duet
- Junior and Senior Instrumentalist
- Junior and Senior Vocalist Musical Theatre
- Junior and Senior Rock Band
- House Arrangement

If students would like to audition for any of these categories, they are to pass their name to Mrs Gilbert by **Wednesday 21 January** and their interest will be passed to the relevant senior music prefect.

CAKE SALE

We will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 29th January 2015 in aid of Refilwe. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received and can be handed into reception for the attention of Mrs Rowlands.

CALDAY ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND STAFF (CAPS)

As you may be aware, we have recently re-established a school/parents association. We have agreed that it will be a parent and staff association, with all parents and current staff being automatically enrolled as members. The Calday Association of Parents and Staff (CAPS) will hold their first General Meeting on **Monday 2nd February at 6.30pm School Hall**. A copy of the proposed constitution has been posted on the school website (parents – CAPS) for members to review.

During the meeting the constitution will be ratified and members elected to the key posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in holding any of these key positions, you should inform the school via the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Debbie Ellis (debbie.ellis@calday.co.uk) by **Monday 12th January**. If more than one person expresses an interest in taking up these key posts, the school will invite them to compose a simple pen portrait which will be published, and an election held on the evening of 2nd February.

ILLEGAL TRADING IN SCHOOL

Please remember that we do not allow students to trade in school; it presents too many risks. If you suspect your son is trading then we would appreciate your support in preventing it happening. We will apply appropriate sanctions for those not following the advice.

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.

AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIPS

Airbus currently have two types of apprenticeships available, one is a sponsored degree course with no fees, plus vocational training designed to develop high level aeronautical engineering skills. Entry requirements are 300 UCAS points (equivalent of 3 x B's) including grade B in both maths and physics.

There is also an apprenticeship for business students to become a Supply Chain Logistics Higher Apprentice; Entry is B Grade Business Studies. For further information please visit www.jobs.airbusgroup.com. The closing date is 31 March 2015.

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/>