



# Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Mon	7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup> March	
Weds	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sixth Form Information Evening
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup> March	House Music Festival
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Non Uniform Day Cake Sale

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Good Friday (school closed)

Easter Monday (school closed)

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Non Uniform Day

School closes for Easter break

## SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

All Year 11 students are invited to attend our next Sixth Form Information Evening which will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the subjects they are considering for sixth form. More details, along with a planning sheet to enable students to organise their evening, will be sent out prior to the event.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

- Further to the item in December's newsletter we were pleased to hear this week that Adam Metcalfe (9BW) has passed his JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) with top grades. He received an 'A' grade in all 3 categories - Vocabulary, Grammar & Reading. Well done Adam – a fantastic achievement!
- Congratulations to Ellis Cleworth (Year 7) who recently had a full page feature on his swimming success in the junior sport section of the Liverpool Echo. Ellis continues to be no stranger to the winner's podium and in the three years that he has been competing he has won more than 240 medals and lifted numerous cups and club trophies. Ellis is very driven and continues to strive towards his greatest ambition which is to represent Great Britain at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

## SPECIAL CENTENARY SHOW OF SWING IN THE WILLOWS

To celebrate over 100 years of drama productions at Calday, the cast of Swing in the Willows will be performing a special centenary show on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton. Over 1600 Year 4, 5 & 6 students from local primary schools will pack the auditorium to watch our students perform a musical version of Wind in the Willows. The Mayor & Mayoress of Wirral, Councillor & Mrs Rowlands will also be attending the event. Good luck to all the students who are taking part in the performance.



## **HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

We welcome Shaun Lock to Calday who will be adjudicating the performances during the school day in the House Music Festival. The music prefects and students have been working very hard preparing performances for the following categories:

Choir  
Ensemble  
Pianist  
Instrumentalist  
Instrumental Duet  
Arrangement  
Boy/Girl Band  
Rock Band  
Wild Card  
Vocalist

## **HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT – THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7.00 pm**

Tickets are available at £3 each via scopay. Tickets are selling fast and therefore it is unlikely they will be available to buy on the door. The concert will showcase winning performances and highlights from the day.

## **CAREERS**

- For any Year 11, 12 and 13 students who are interested in a career in engineering, there will be a talk by an emeritus professor, Liverpool University, Professor Padfield on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 noon in the school hall.
- Sergeant Collier RAF will be coming into school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. If any Year 11, 12 and 13 students are interested in meeting with him please see Mrs Montgomery who will be happy to arrange an appointment.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 4 & 5 STUDENTS**

We are now taking bookings for a CGC activity day being held at Calday on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The event is open to Year 4 and 5 boys and girls and costs £20 per student. Please visit the school website for workshop details and to complete an on line booking form [www.calday.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops](http://www.calday.co.uk/cgccaldayworkshops)

## **DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES**

Did you know that the average UK household has two unwanted or unused mobile phones? We are working alongside a company called Fonebank, a mobile phone recycling initiative which will raise funds to enable us to support student enrichment activities.

The scheme is very straightforward and Fonebank will pay their current website prices for any handset that is received from us. We are therefore asking if parents could kindly search the cupboards and drawers for those unwanted mobile phones and send them to school with your child. The collection point is outside the dining hall.

We do hope that you might be able to help with the collection. For more information please visit [www.fonebank.com/schools](http://www.fonebank.com/schools)

## **MESSAGE FROM MERSEYTRAVEL**

We have been notified that from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 Happy Al's will not be providing 8 of the 9 services it recently commercialised following the cancellation of these contracts with Merseytravel earlier this month. This involves 628, 711, 620 Wirral services which serve Hilbre High, Ridgeway High, West Kirkby Grammar and Calday Grammar schools.

As the 8 services will not be run commercially after the specified date, Merseytravel will now draw up and consider a number of options to ensure that there is suitable provision from May. We will keep you apprised of progress in relation to this and communicate further once replacement service provision is finalised.

## **JUMP FOR CLATTERBRIDGE!**

Two of our fantastic year 10 boys in Hollowell House, Matt Martin and Dan Wallace, have come up with a hair-raising idea to raise money for the school charity ... by bungee jumping off a 300 foot high crane!! On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April this year, Matt and Dan will be throwing themselves (literally) into this fundraising event in an attempt to raise at least £350 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

When asked what inspired them to do such an event, they replied: "...it is a charity that is very close to our hearts as we have family members and friends affected by cancer.... Clatterbridge does *amazing* work with people affected by cancer and so, any money that you could spare to donate to this awesome cause via our mad adventure would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to support the school charity through sponsoring Matt and Dan, please visit their Justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/matt-dan-bungee>

## SEND CONDITIONS

Parents often ask us about different SEND conditions, how they can support their child and how we help them at school. There is now a set of information sheets about a range of conditions on the Learning Support area of the website. If you are concerned that your child may have one of the conditions mentioned please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Storey SENCo.

## PARKING

We have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding inappropriate parking around the school. Could we please ask parents to ensure that they park legally and do not obstruct pavements and driveways.

## 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/>

## SCHOOL SPORTING HONOURS

An important part of the school culture is to honour individuals who have shown exceptional sporting achievement. Many students are successful without us knowing about it and we would like to add their names to the honours board. If your son/daughter has achieved a level of national recognition we would very much like to celebrate it. Please email [geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk](mailto:geoff.bosworth@calday.co.uk) with the details.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £935 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the free school meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term.

If you don't apply our School will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for free school meals for our school to receive the Pupil Premium funding. The next census date is January 2016 and we encourage all eligible parents or carers to complete their applications ahead of this date to ensure that the School receives funding in 2016/17. Please visit the parent section of the school website for more information.

## 100 YEARS OF CADETS AT CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2016 will see the centenary of the formation of the First Cadet Unit at Calday Grange Grammar School



In the spring term of 1916 a unit of the Officers' Training Corps (OTC) was established to help train young men to take their place in the ranks of the Army embroiled in the First World War. The successor to this OTC unit is today's Combined Cadet Force Contingent which has both a Royal Navy Section and a Royal Air Force Section.

The CCF has clear objectives; to develop leadership qualities amongst its cadets, to foster a team spirit, to develop personal qualities of self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance in cadets and to instill a commitment to service.

To celebrate this event there will be a parade at the School on the morning of Saturday 19 March 2016, during which a new Contingent Banner will be dedicated. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and demonstrations of cadet activities in the afternoon. We also hope to install a stained-glass window to mark the anniversary and this will be unveiled during the day. Guests are invited to arrive at 09:30. The daytime event will finish at approximately 15:30.

Please get in touch with Major Adcock via [ccf@calday.co.uk](mailto:ccf@calday.co.uk). Please inform your friends and relatives of the event.



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

If you would like to join CAPS and assist in planning and organising events to benefit the students in the school and the community at Calday please email [CAPS@calday.co.uk](mailto:CAPS@calday.co.uk) or visit [www.calday.co.uk](http://www.calday.co.uk)