



# Calday Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 DoE Training (Bronze)
Weds	16 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March                      Good Friday (school closed)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March                    Easter Monday (school closed)  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March              Year 10 Parents' Evening  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April                          Non Uniform Day  
    School closes for Easter break

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Shuban Kumar in Year 7 who for the fourth year in a row has been awarded prizes at the Wirral Festival of Speech and Drama. This year he won a cup for solo verse speaking, a shield for Bible reading and a cup for Sight reading. As a personal achievement Shuban has also recently received his 1st Dan karate black belt.



Ben Kana, Daniel Ogram Hayes, William Joy and Danyl Wells were selected to represent the school in the regional finals of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge. They gave up lunchtimes for practice and were put through their mathematical paces during four rounds of thought provoking yet enjoyable maths puzzles. All the boys showed excellent team work and aptitude and managed to finish 2nd in the competition, pipped to the post by West Kirby Girls! It was a close competition and the boys were fantastic all day. Congratulations to them for performing so well and hopefully we can improve in next year's competition.



Well done to James Young (U6) who has won first place in the Sir Trenchard Cox Scholarship competition. This scholarship, which is run by Art History Abroad, awards the winner the value of an Art History Abroad 2 week summer course which is led by enthusiastic tutors who will bring the art of the Renaissance and the culture of Italy to life.

The scholarship is open to all, but is particularly intended to encourage students who do not have a scholarly interest in art history. It is awarded as result of a competition, which invites an imaginative, though not necessarily art historical, response. For more information please visit <http://www.arthistoryabroad.com/Scholarships-available.html>.

## SPECIAL CENTENARY SHOW OF SWING IN THE WILLOWS

Many congratulations to the cast of the Swing the Willows who performed to over 1600 students at the Floral Pavilion on Tuesday this week. The accolades which we have received from the primary schools have been outstanding and they should all be justifiably proud of their achievement.



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

Well done to all students who participated in the House Music Festival. Further details to follow next week.



### SENIOR QUIZ TEAM OFF TO THE NATIONALS!

Huge congratulations to the Senior Quiz Team who have made it through to the National Finals of the Schools' Challenge competition for the second year in a row. The team - Daniel Lawson, Lochlann Pryer, Joe Toby and Tom Owen - held their nerve to win a tense, hard-fought match at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton, with the final score 610-620! With ten points per question, this meant that just one correct answer made the difference! Well done, and best of luck for the Nationals in April.



### GERMAN EXCHANGE 2016

Last week, Mr Lamprey and Miss Scott accompanied 14 pupils from Year 10 to Gladenbach in Hessen for our annual exchange with our partner school, Europaschule. As well as activities with their partners and host families, boys participated in a German cooking session at the school, making German waffles with sour cherries and cream - delicious! In addition, they visited the beautiful university city of Marburg, taking part in an historical walking tour and then visiting the local archives. A trip to Frankfurt was also included with a visit to the Senckenberg Museum, Pauls Kirche and the Römer, followed by some shopping in the afternoon. The exchange was very successful and fun was had by all!

### OXBRIDGE

If your son or daughter is interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge, please urge them to attend the meeting next week. Beth Thorne, Nathan Kellner, Riona Kelly and Mrinank Sharma will be in school on Thursday, 17th March in H13 at 12.00. This is a valuable opportunity to hear from ex-Caldy pupils who are now at Oxford and Cambridge.

### RECRUITMENT

We are currently looking for examination invigilators. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in applying please ask them to visit the school website for further details.

### INTROMED APPLICATION FORMS

If any students are interested in medicine, Intromed application forms for work experience at Arrowse Park Hospital (4th – 8<sup>th</sup> July) are now available from Mrs Montgomery. Forms must be returned to Mrs Montgomery by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### 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 30th 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.

### DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES (UPDATE)

**We now have large box of unused phones which have been donated by students and staff but please keep sending them in.**

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)

### FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING! (UPDATE)

Thank you to all those who have used the easyfundraising website as last month we raised a fantastic £100. Parents and staff have commented on how easy it is to use. To sign up and help us raise funds for the school please visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

## RAISING FUNDS FOR CLAIRE HOUSE

Mr Lamprey is raising funds for Claire House and will be competing in the following challenges:-

Sunday 24th April	8 mile off road	9.00am start
Monday 25th April	5 mile road or off road	7.00pm start
Tuesday 26th April	8 Hill sprints on school hill Heswall (5miles ish)	7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club
Wednesday 27th April	Seaside run plus run back 6 miles	7.00pm start from Leasowe lighthouse
Thursday 28th April	4 x 8 ( figure of 8) again on school hill	7.00pm start from Heswall Squash club
Friday 29th April	Caldy hills 7 miles	7.00pm Calday Grange Grammar school
Saturday 30th April	Birkenhead Park run 3miles +	9.00am start
Sunday 1st May	Liverpool Spring 10k 6 miles	

Parents are most welcome to join him on any of the runs.

For further details please contact him via [colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk](mailto:colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk). He would also appreciate any donations which can be made at [uk.virginmoney.com/ColinLamprey](http://uk.virginmoney.com/ColinLamprey)

## 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 23rd 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>

## 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.

## 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.



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)