



# Caldy Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

Mon	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training (school closed to students)
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> April	All students return
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup> April	UCAS Information Evening
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup> April	
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	

## UCAS INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a UCAS Information Evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the school hall. All Year 12 students and their parents are welcome to attend. Mrs Rivett will provide information about the university application process and our Careers Advisor, Mrs Montgomery, will also be there to answer any questions.

## FUNDRAISING FOR HOUSE CHARITY

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have helped over the past year to raise a tremendous £2219.65 for our House Charity, Clatterbridge Cancer Trust. Elspeth from the Trust has contacted the school to thank us for our support.

They have also asked us to share details of an event which they will be holding on 16<sup>th</sup> April in aid of Clatterbridge. Please visit the following link <http://www.clatterbridgecc.nhs.uk/charity/events/Social-and-Cultural/concert-clatterbridge>

## OXBRIDGE

Mr Byrne and Mrs Montgomery are again taking L6 students to Oxford and Cambridge colleges from 28th June to 1st July. Letters have been given to students who have expressed interest. If your son/daughter is interested but has not been in touch, please ask them to see Mr Byrne as soon as possible.

## NEW PROSPECTUS

We have recently completed a new school prospectus which is available on the school website [www.caldy.co.uk/prospectus](http://www.caldy.co.uk/prospectus).

## RECRUITMENT

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

## CALDY CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS

Please see leaflet at the end of the newsletter regarding junior training sessions at Caldly Cricket Club and the club's forthcoming visit to Lancashire CCC.



## HAMILTON SQUARE VINTAGE FAIR

(Message sent on behalf of the organisers, The Welcome Centre)

Would you like to be part of our very first Hamilton Square Vintage Fair on Armed forces day, 25th June? Hopefully this is going to be the first of many in the historical Hamilton Square.

Help us bring the paths of Hamilton Square alive on Armed forces day. We are inviting local clubs, dance schools, local artists, Vintage stall holders and local performers to get involved by bringing the paths alive in the style of the 1940's and to celebrate the Armed forces. We already have a local choir, signing choir & Jive dance club involved who will be performing a short dance or song in the heart of Hamilton Square. For more information please email Kirsten on [kirstengoddard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kirstengoddard@hotmail.co.uk) who will be happy to forward you further information.

## CAKE SALE IN AID OF REFILE

A big thank you to everyone who helped with today's cake sale, we raised an amazing £390. We would also like to thank Barclays Bank who have fund matched this amount making our final total a fantastic £780!

## CURRENT CONCERNS ABOUT SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN WEST WIRRAL



Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby Grammar School and Hilbre High School would like to issue the following joint statement;

In recent months we as educators have become increasingly concerned about the alleged expansion in the availability of drugs in the West Wirral locality. We are very concerned that students may now be more likely to be offered drugs than they were previously or that they may be at a heightened risk of being in the presence of those taking illegal substances. We believe that there is a genuine danger due to dealers coming in from other areas and supplying MKAT, MDMA (Ecstasy) and cannabis, particularly the very pungent variety known as skunk. Students with a large disposable income and/or those who spend the majority of their free time away from family or adult supervision are particularly at risk. As the Easter weekend and the Spring Break are approaching we are particularly concerned that some students will be vulnerable to this activity.



As schools we have both adopted 'zero tolerance' on drugs and students who are found in possession of any illegal substances or their associated paraphernalia will be dealt with severely, ultimately resulting in exclusion.



The following link, gives useful advice on what the effects of each drug are and the signs that people who take them may display; [http://www.adfam.org.uk/families/drug\\_factfile](http://www.adfam.org.uk/families/drug_factfile)

Please contact your home school if you have any concerns or would like to share any information; as always this will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

## 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/>

## PARKING

Could parents please ensure that they park appropriately when waiting to collect students from school. If you are waiting for your child to come out from Reception could you please ensure that you park in the car park and not on the one-way system.

## 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>

## 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.

## CALDY CC JUNIOR CRICKET

**CALDY CC JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING STARTING 1ST APRIL**

**CALDY CRICKET CLUB**

**Want to meet the winning Lancashire County Cricket Club T20 2015 side, well here is your chance.** Caldy and Lancashire CCC have linked up to provide 16 juniors to form a guard of honour when Lancashire CCC host Derbyshire CCC on Saturday 21st May 2016. It will be Lancashire's first televised T20 match with the players able to benefit from the privileges given to the guard of honour on the day. The Club will be making the most of the day with parents invited along with the players selected and the rest of the Club to make it a fantastic day at Old Trafford.

All we ask is that you join in the fun at Caldy CC becoming members for the season.

In addition Steven Croft and Warren Hegg will be attending gala dinner at Caldy CC on the 6th May 2016 when the lucky 16 will be selected.

Caldy Cricket Club aim to provide an opportunity to **boys** and **girls** to learn and participate in the game of cricket in a friendly and enjoyable environment with the emphasis on enjoyment and participation within the spirit of cricket. The Club offers training to all age groups on Friday evenings. The Club have fully qualified ECB Coaches. We play at:

**Paton Fields, Telegraph Road, West Kirby, CH48 1NZ**

We run indoor nets through the Winter and outdoor training on a Friday through the summer.

**For further information please visit our Web site: <http://caldy.play-cricket.com>**

**Registration day is the 3rd April. 10am - 2pm at Caldy Club**