



Caldy Grange Grammar School Parents' Newsletter

Friday 24th June 2016

Mon	27 th June	
Tues	28 th June	Year 11 Clearing
Weds	29 th June	
Thurs	30 th June	Welcome day for prospective Year 12 students
Friday	1 st July	Year 13 Leavers' Ball

CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Don't forget that you are invited to join us at our **Sixth Form Welcome Day** on **Thursday 30th June** from 9.30 am to 3.15 pm.



The day will consist of team building and social activities.



We look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENT SUCCESS!



Many congratulations to Charlotte Manning and Harriet Quarless-Edge who have been selected to exhibit their art at the Deeside Arts Group exhibition which takes place this weekend at Westbourne Hall in West Kirby. Both girls won the student prize for their outstanding work.

EUROPA CUP IN BARCELONA



Congratulations to Matthew Webster, Akil Thiruselvan, Owen Lau, Arthur Cooper and Elliot Powell from Year 9 who were part of JFC Greasby U14s team who won the Europa Cup in Barcelona last week. The team competed against 12 other football teams from around the world, eventually beating an Albanian Academy in the final. This was made even more special as the boys actually played the matches on the Camp Nou pitch, the home of FC Barcelona - a once in a lifetime experience!

ROCKET COMPETITION TAKES OFF AT CALDAY!

The school hosted the Merseyside leg of the Bloodhound SSC Microbit Model Rocket Competition earlier this week. A number of our Year 10 students raced their rockets against students from Upton by Chester High School and Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn from Denbigh. The army were on hand to supervise the competition. Watch this space to find out whether we have made the national finals!

Please visit the website below to view photographs from the competition.

<http://www.educatemagazine.com/blast-off-at-caldy-as-it-hosts-rocket-competition/>

RESULTS FROM MERSEY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the recent Merseyside Track & Field Championships held on 11th June, Calday had seven students selected to represent Wirral Schools at the Oval, Bebington. The results were:-

- Ben Wallace (Year 7) won both the 100m and 200m races (13.1 and 26.0 respectively) and will now represent Merseyside County against Cheshire County
- Joe Fountain (Year 7) came second in the 800m (time of 2:26.2)
- Daniel Hayes (Year 7) came a close 4th in the same 800m race
- Finlay Austin (Year 7) returning after injuries ran a good race to finish 5th in the 1500m
- Jack Bellis (Year 9) was up against a strong field in the 100m and acquitted himself well
- Ceiran English (Year 9) ran a very good 300m to finish 3rd
- Jake Quarmby (Year 9) suffered a rare defeat in the 1500m and finished second.

Well done to all the boys who were a credit to themselves and the school.

STUDENT BUS TRAVEL FROM WALLASEY, NORTH WALES AND CHESTER



2016/17 annual bus passes for students who travel on one of the school operated services are now available to purchase online at www.calday.co.uk/buspass. **The deadline for selecting your child's bus pass for 2016/17 and signing up to our Direct Debit payment scheme is Sunday 10 July.**

The school continues to work with two local operators, Cass and Carvers, to provide a safe, well managed and affordable service that gets your child to school on time each day. All buses and coaches used have seat belts fitted and parents are asked to remind their child of the need to use these on every journey.



Payments for 2016/17 will be collected by paperless Direct Debit through our secure payment system called GoCardless. These changes were introduced in 2015 to improve affordability and convenience for parents as you will no longer have to go online and remember to make the payments once the Direct Debit has been set up.

The annual price of the Wallasey bus pass has been frozen at £450 and the price for Chester and North Wales bus passes have been subject to a slight price increase to £875 and £995 respectively.

You may pay in full or, if you sign up to the monthly Direct Debit payment option, the cost of your child's bus pass is spread into eight payments as follows:

Wallasey (C buses)	£56.25 per month
North Wales & Chester W buses excluding St Asaph & Caerwys)	£109.37 per month
St Asaph & Caerwys	£124.37 per month

The timetables for the services are published on the school website. Parents of students who will be travelling from North Wales and Chester are requested to purchase a particular bus stop (from 1 to 13). Once the student numbers for each bus stop are known the specific routes and timetables will be published.

If you have any queries with these arrangements please contact the school at gocardless@calday.co.uk

SCHOOL PLAY



This term's play, which will be performed in the library, is Anthony Burgess's own adaptation of his 1962 novel, *A Clockwork Orange*. Avoiding the flashy sensationalism of Stanley Kubrick's film version, the play concentrates on the political and moral issues that are raised by the story. Alex, a vicious teenage thug is sentenced to ten years in prison but is offered an early release if he agrees to be a guinea pig in the brainwashing/conditioning experiments of Dr Brodsky, experiments which, it is hoped, will cure him of all criminality. This will be a fast-paced, lively production and the satirical style allows for a good deal of humour despite the serious themes.

The play will be performed by students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The performances are on Wednesday 6th July, Thursday 7th July and Friday 8th July at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained online (via Scopay) or from Mr Lewton. There is some violence and bloodshed in the play which might make it unsuitable for young children.

'A KINDA MAGIC'

Don't forget that on Wednesday 13th July, our very own 'Calday's Got Talent' success Ben Harris will perform magic and mentalism in front of a live audience – YOU! - all to raise money for the wonderful Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

One of the youngest ever members of the Magic Circle, and endorsed by Las Vegas magic legends such as Lance Burton and Uri Geller, Ben will amaze and baffle you like you never thought possible! The night promises to be entertaining, charismatic and quite simply... magical, with tricks that were originally performed by the legends of the magic world.

As if being mesmerised isn't enough, there will also be a raffle on the night with prizes donated by the wonderful staff at Sainsbury's Upton, as well as an auction for some incredible prizes including a bottle of Moët et Chandon signed by footballing legends Sir Geoff Hurst, Ray Wilson & Martin Peters!! Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from Scopay.

Join us for the
**CAPS FAMILY QUIZ
& BINGO NIGHT**

Friday 8th July

6.30pm Arrive for registration and
Marigold's Sausage & Chips

7pm sharp quiz starts

Tickets £5 for quiz and food

BAR



PRIZES!

Please email CAPS@calday.co.uk with your name and number of places required and go to Scopay to pay – both by Wednesday 6th July

CHARITY BUNGEE JUMP

The bungee jump on 19th July is going to go ahead as arranged! If you know of anyone who would like to take part please contact the school, there are still places available. All information is at www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/lettershome

Those people who have paid need to make sure permission forms are handed in to Miss Gill in the Maths Office.

AEROSOLS

Please note that we are no longer sanctioning the use of aerosols in school and on buses with effect from Monday 13th June due to the negative impact on the breathing of asthma sufferers. Students should bring an alternative type of deodorant if they wish to use one in school.

SUPPORT FOR MATTHEW JONES

Matty's parents have written a post about his situation for the Huffington Post and would greatly appreciate if parents could read, share and comment on the post to support Matty's campaign for treatment. In particular, if comments could be added on the post it will help to keep it visible on the site. http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/nicholas-jones/chronic-kidney-disease-jeremy-hunt_b_10318488.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CRICKET COURSES (run by Cheshire Cricket Manager, Keith Beggs)

Once again, the following cricket courses are being held :

Monday 25 - Friday 29 July
Monday 1 - Friday 5 August
Monday 8 - Friday 12 August
Monday 15 - Friday 19 August
Monday 22 - Friday 26 August

- held at Glasspool site, opposite Caldby Rugby club, Telegraph Road, West Kirby
- school years 2 - year 10, boys and girls both welcome
- reception, or year 1 children welcome (if they can last the day!), or half a day is £10
- 9.30 - 4.30pm (early drop off available at 9am)
- full week £55, one day £15
- 20% discount for sibling if full week booked and 10% discount if more than one week booked
- please inform me of medical issues at time of booking
- all coaches are ECB qualified

To book , please ring or email Keith Beggs (Cheshire Cricket coach), mobile: 07828 565860 or email:kjb4218@gmail.com

VACANCIES

Due to growing numbers within the school and changes in September to our lunchtimes, we have the vacancies listed below. Full details are available from the school website:

Learning Support Assistant (1 x 30 hours & other part-time opportunities)
Cleaners (x 5 shifts)
Catering Assistants (x3)
Sports Coaches (1 x football, 1 x rugby)

MESSAGE FROM WEST WIRRAL CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Calling all Wirral West residents – come along to our next meeting to see how you can help influence what happens in your local area. The meeting will take place on Thursday 30th June at 7.00 pm in St Michael's and All Angels Church, 1 Gills Lane, Pensby, CH61 1AF.

CAREERS INFORMATION

- For any students who are interested in medicine, the following two courses are available in Liverpool:-
'Getting an Interview' course - Saturday 13th August and also 'Mastering the Interview' Course on Sunday 16th October.
The same courses are also being held in Manchester 'Getting an Interview' on Saturday 20th August and 'Mastering the Interview' on Saturday 22th October. Book online www.tomorrowsdrs.co.uk. Further information is available from Mrs Montgomery.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST SHOPPING!

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/>



Calday Association of Parents & Staff

If you want to lend your support to CAPS and get involved in fund-raising events to raise funds for the school, please get in touch with us: caps@calday.co.uk

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.

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 May 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.