



PARENTS' NEWSLETTER
Friday 9th September 2011

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| Mon | 12 th Sept | Year 7 CATS Hockey: Sixth Form and Year 10 coaching |
| Tues | 13 th Sept | Year 7 CATS Hockey: Under 16 CUP match at home versus Birkenhead School at 4.00 pm |
| Wed | 14 th Sept | Open Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm) Art Exhibition Hockey: 2nd Team (2.00 pm) and 1st Team league match (3.30 pm) at home versus Birkenhead School |
| Thur | 15 th Sept | Open Day & Open Evening Art Exhibition Hockey: U13 & U14 Practices (15:55) |
| Fri | 16 th Sept | |
| Sat | 17 th Sept | Hockey: U15 and U16 sway versus Newcastle Under Lyme School |

WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

May we welcome you all back to the new academic year at Calday. We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new academic year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new Year 7 and Lower Sixth students.

CALDAY GRANGE TRUST

The School has received notification from Companies House that the Calday Grange Trust Company has been dissolved. This has been notified to the Governing Body who have contacted Wirral Local Authority and indicated their wish to revert to the Foundation Schools Instrument of Government. Once this is approved by the Authority a vacancy will arise for a Staff Governor and this will be advertised in the usual way. There will also be a vacancy for a Community Governor. Community Governors can be people who live or work in the community served by the school, or people who do not work or live close to the school but are committed to the good governance and success of the school.

We would welcome applications from eligible individuals. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Governing Body, please apply in writing, including a full CV, to Mr Rod Walker, Chairman of Governors c/o the school. If you would like further information about this position, please contact Mrs Debbie Ellis, Clerk to Governors on 0151 6252727.

OPEN EVENINGS & OPEN DAY

We will be holding our Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and L6 students on Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th September from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. The Head of School, Mr Mike Twist, will speak at 7.15 pm and 8.15 pm. We have also planned an Open Day on Thursday 16th September from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

ART EXHIBITION

Our annual exhibition of Art will also take place on Wednesday 14th September from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. and Thursday 15th September from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. Parents, students, old Caldeians and members of the community are invited to view the outstanding work produced for this year's examinations.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

A LEVEL

We congratulate our students on an excellent set of results which has included our first ever cohort of International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme students.

The maximum score for the IB is 45 points and this year just over seventy students worldwide achieved the maximum points. Notable highlights at Calday include the following students; Chris Yarrow (42 points) will be reading Law at Oxford, Rhys Eden (41 points), Theology at Oxford, Jonathan Campbell (39 points), PPE at Oxford, Rohan Gokhale, (39 points), Maths at Warwick and Luke Devlin, (38 points), Economics at Lancaster.

Our A2 students have also excelled. We saw percentage increases in our A*-As, A*-B and A*-E categories, (excluding General Studies); four subjects achieved 60% or more A*-As including Further Maths, Art, Electronics and Latin. Outstanding individual achievements are the sixteen students who gained 4 A*-A combined, amongst these are Philip Littler and Joe

Denniss who obtained 3 A*. A link to a summary of our A2 and GCSE Results for 2011 is available on the school website. The staff and Governors would like to pass on their best wishes to all of our students.

GCSE

The staff and governors would like to congratulate all students who sat their GCSEs here at Calday Grange Grammar School. We are delighted with the improvement in the new EBacc, eclipsing last year's success with 85.5% of our students achieving this benchmark which is built around the core subjects of Science, Mathematics, English Humanities and a language; a glowing tribute to the students and recognition of the diverse and challenging curriculum we offer at Calday.

The average number of A*-C grades per student was 10.3 and 98% of the cohort attained 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Mathematics. We also celebrate successes in Chinese where 48% of students gained an A*; in Russian where 84% of students were awarded A*-A and in Music and Art where more than 76% of students gained A* or A grades.

Individual successes include 28 students who gained more than 10 A*/ A grades and within this distinguished cohort, Matthew Kemp who was awarded 12A* grades.

Well done to all students in Year 11 who should be very proud but a special mention has to go to the incredible Matthew Cullen, the inspiration of the LeJog Campaign which has raised over £140k for research into childhood cancers. Matthew has won so many battles in the last two years, not only starting and finishing the relay from Lands End to John O Groats but also achieving 9A*/A grades in his 11 GCSEs; dreams can become a reality.

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WIRRAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARDS

At the end of last term, The Wirral International School Awards were held at Wallasey Town Hall. The award categories were divided into Primary and Secondary Schools with the winners picking up the Wirral International School Award, Making Tomorrow's World A Better Place as Global Citizens Award and the Enterprise Award.

Pupils from each school gave presentations on their international work to a panel. The participating schools were Christ Church CE (Birkenhead) Primary School, Ladymount Catholic Primary School, Sandbrook Primary School, The Lyndale School, Townfield Primary School, Woodlands Primary School, Wirral Hospital School, Calday Grange Grammar School, Hilbre High School, Prenton High School for Girls, The Mosslands School, Upton Hall School, Weatherhead High School, Wirral Grammar School for Boys and Wirral Grammar School for Girls.

Our students did us proud and won the Wirral International School Award. Many congratulations to all students to took part.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted to inform parents that the school has been successful in gaining the International School Award and is now accredited for three year from September 2011. The International School Award which is offered by the British Council is an accreditation framework for schools to record and evaluate their international work and embed it into the curriculum and whole school ethos. We would like to thank staff from the Languages Department, in particular, Mr Jackson, for helping us achieve this outstanding award.

PARKING

You may recall that in our July newsletter we informed parents and students that Wirral Council had introduced new parking restrictions on Grammar School Lane and surrounding areas in March this year. Whilst we understand the council's reasons for applying the restrictions, we are now faced with addressing how we can reduce the considerable additional pressures this has put on staff, many of whom now spend valuable time each morning searching for a place to park which is often a distance away from the school.

We explored a series of options, including the possibility of utilising the green space adjacent to the sports pavilion on Grammar School Lane. We have been advised that we would not be able to obtain planning permission for this and therefore a decision was made to designate all parking facilities within the school grounds as 'staff parking only' with effect from the start of this term. Could we please ask parents to remind their son/daughter that they are now unable to park on the school grounds. We understand that this will be disappointing for some students however, it was felt it was important to address the needs of staff parking as a priority.

CONGESTION & SAFETY

Could we please ask parents to avoid dropping-off their children at the bottom of the school steps, as this causes unnecessary congestion in the car park. *Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing. A major problem is caused by parents setting down and collecting boys from Grammar School Lane. The Parents' Association, in conjunction with the School and the Road Safety Authorities, has requested that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may be to cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives".*

Sixth Form students with cars are also reminded that they should respect our neighbours and in particular should not park in Bramhall Close or Calday Grange Close. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Could we please also ask that parents defer from making arrangements to pick up and drop off their children in either of these roads.

HOST FAMILY REQUIRED

A Year 11 pupil from near Hamburg in Germany would like to spend some time in the UK and is looking for a place to stay. If your son/daughter studies German, this is an excellent opportunity to improve their language skills, or if they don't study German, it could also be a chance to broaden their cultural horizons! Detailed information about the student who is willing to pay a family to host him, or alternatively set up an exchange with a Calday pupil and host somebody in return is available from Mr Wood at school. Any pupil from years 9 and 12 is welcome to apply.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION (NEWSLETTERS)

If you would like to receive an emailed version of our newsletter, please send an email to mdaemon@calday.wirral.sch.uk with subscribe cggnews in the subject bar. Please note, the subject bar must be spelt correctly in order for your subscription to work and you will receive a confirmation email once your subscription has been processed. All newsletters will outline instructions for you to unsubscribe should you no longer wish to receive emails in the future. If you encounter any problems please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ellis at the school.

Please note, the newsletter will still be available on the web-site and a hard copy can be collected from the school reception by your son/daughter.

CALDEIAN HANDBOOK

The Caldeian Handbook (formally called the New Caldeian Handbook) has recently been updated and includes a Sixth Form Section. The information contained in this handbook will support students of all ages during their education at Calday. The handbook can be accessed via the school website in the A-Z section.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE – JUNE 2012

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that there will be a nationwide celebration to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee during the first weekend of June 2012. They have declared that any schools which are already closed on this date due to the half-term break can allocate an alternative day when the school will be closed. To ensure that there is minimum disruption to pupil learning, the most appropriate date for Calday will be the last day of the Summer term, Friday 20th July 2012 and therefore we will finish on Thursday 19th July 2012. Please be aware that next year's Year 7 and L6 pupils will finish on Wednesday 18th July as their statutory 190 days attendance will be complete at that time. The changes have been made to the term dates on the website and we would be grateful if you could amend your calendars accordingly.

RUNNING CLUB

Calday Grange Running Club meets at 4.15pm on Mondays at the Pavilion next to the astro. All abilities welcome. You will need trainers and a drink. The cheapest and easiest way to get fit! Further details are available from the PE Dept.

MENS AND LADIES KEEP FIT

Tuesday evenings for men 7.30-9.00pm
Wednesday evenings for women 7.00-8.00pm

Both evenings are based on playing games, basketball, volleyball etc and is not your traditional circuit type training. Further details are available from the PE Department.

LIVERPOOL MARATHON - SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

We need pupils to help man a water station during the Liverpool Marathon on Sunday 9th October. In return for our assistance, the organisers will make a donation towards school sport. If any students are available to assist, please collect a letter from the PE Department.