# Calder Highlights Spring Edition



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## From the Headteacher

#### **Dear Parents**

After a challenging term I hope that we can now look forward to the opportunities of spring and say goodbye to the snow! This has been a busy half term, in particularly for our Year 11 and 13 students as they prepare for the summer examinations. I wish them all every success in this last push to their finish lines!



Everyday, our students continue to astound and we are pleased to announce that three of this year's winners of Calderdale's 500 words competition came from The Calder Learning Trust. Our winners, from a record number of entries from across Calderdale, have been invited to a presentation by the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale to celebrate being some Calderdale's great young writers.

Despite the weather, the long overdue roofing works are now near completion and we are about to start on a comprehensive upgrade of our electrics. These capital works are part of a £5.5 million of improvement and development programme that will not only improve the condition of the current buildings but also the building of a new classroom block and hopefully some very exciting developments to our sporting facilities. I would like to say a big thank you to council members and Local Authority Officers who have worked with us to bring all of this together.

Alongside the developments on the school site, we have been working with Hebden Bridge Saints and the Local Authority's Environmental Projects Officer on the development of Brearley Fields (plans appear on the last page of this newsletter). We are currently awaiting the outcome of a European Union bid to develop the site as a conservation area that will improve the biodiversity of the area and provide new habitats for us all to enjoy. Alongside the conservation area, Hebden Bridge Saints are reclaiming 2 football pitches will hopefully be ready for the 2018/19 season.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in all that we do as a community.

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Anthony Guise Headteacher

# Make-up rules at Calder High

A subtle reminder regarding make-up rules.

Please can I remind parents that subtle make up should only be worn by Year 10 and 11 students. Years 7,8 and 9 are not allowed in any form. We have also had an increase in the size of eyebrows! This has led to some very challenging conversations. Whilst we accept that sometime make up can boost confidence, we also would like to stress the word 'subtle'. Thick, dark eyebrows are fashionable, however, due to some of the skills of our young people, the subtlety element is being missed. Please can we ask that you monitor the eyebrow situation.

Students will be asked to remove make-up with hypo-allergenic baby wipes if there is a need to do so.

Mr Taylor Deputy Headteacher

## **Attendance Matters**

#### **Important Facts about Attendance**

100% = no days absence from school

95% = 10 days absence from school

90% = 20 days absence from school

85% = 30 days absence from school

80% = 40 days absence from school

NB: Students falling below 90% attendance fall into the Persistent Absence category and could well be subjected to: Parenting contracts and orders, Penalty notices, Education Supervision Order or Prosecution.

#### **Reporting on Absence**

<u>All</u> absences must be reported by 9am each day by calling the attendance line 01422 889900 **Absences of over 5 days must be supported by medical evidence.** 

Please provide a medical appointment card, copies of prescription/medication given.

Absences of over 5 days without medical evidence will **not be authorised** 

Any form of unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice from the Local Authority. Please follow up any absences with a note in the student's planner to the form tutor on their return to school. Please make routine appointments outside school time. If this is not possible, please provide the medical appointment card or a copy of the hospital letter. Without this, any absences will be unauthorised. All unexplained absences will become unauthorised by the school.

#### **Punctuality**

Arriving late into school is very disruptive for the class teacher and other class members. It also means that late students themselves miss vital input from teachers.

#### Registration is at 8.35am

If, for whatever reason, you know your child will be arriving late, please call the attendance line or provide your child with a written note.

#### Late Students must sign in at the Attendance Window in Student Services.

#### The school gates will be closed each morning at 8.35am

If a student arrives late 2 or more times within the same week they will be issued with a detention. Persistent lateness can result in a fixed penalty fine being issued to Parents/Carers by the Local Authority.

#### **Holidays during Term Time**

Calder High School will not authorise any holidays in term time; the hidden cost of lost education is very precious to us. The School wishes to discourage holidays during term time as attendance is vital to academic success. If, after having a 10 day holiday, a student is then genuinely ill, then each additional day they are absent from school will reduce their total attendance by 0.5%

# Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade drop in achievement. Basically, holidays in term time do affect your child's success rate.

\*Leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be applied for on a leave of absence form.

#### Why is your child's attendance at school so important?

Your child will have access to a safe learning environment.

Your child will receive the full-time education to which they are entitled.

Your child will achieve success with their learning at school.

Your child will have the opportunity to access the widest possible range of opportunities when they leave school.

At Calder High School we would like all our students to aim for 96% attendance during each academic year

# **Conductive Music Key Stage 2 Workshops**

**W**e have been thrilled to offer, in conjunction with Calderdale Music Trust, our feeder schools the opportunity to work with Enrico Bertelli of Conductive Music.

We hosted Calder Primary, Old Town School and Luddendenfoot Academy students from Years 3 to 5 on two snowy Tuesday mornings.



Braving the weather, students from the junior schools visited one of our ICT suites where they explored the conductivity of different materials in an interesting Music & Science workshop. Session 1 looked at using a 'makey makey; (circuit board) some wires, some software and also a piece of fresh fruit to make an interactive piano while, session 2 focussed more on rhythm and students coloured in a template using conductive graphite pencils to create a playable 'drum kit'. Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and we hope to invite Enrico and Conductive Music back in the future. **Ms Peers** 





## Visit to a Fire station

Class One at Calder Primary School visited Mytholmroyd Fire Station as part of their class 'Fire' topic. They found out all about what firefighting was like during the time of the Great Fire of London, and how things have changed up to present day. They got to tour the station, investigate the equipment and try on some of the clothing. Then they got to role play in the engines and have a go at using the water hoses. They had a great morning and had so many questions for the





# **Calder Primary 500 Words Success**

All our Key Stage 2 pupils were invited to take part in the Calderdale 500 words competition 2018, along with Primary and Secondary School pupils from across the borough. We were delighted that Sidney Dodds in Year 4 and Edith Davies in Year 6 have been selected as winners by Stuart Smith, Director of Children's Services and the panel of judges. They have been invited to a special ceremony at Halifax Town Hall where they will meet the Mayor and Mayoress and council members. **Mrs Lambert** 

#### **Trump Takedown by Sidney Dodds aged 9**

Lila was a little girl who had loved sleuthing since she was three years old. She knew a lot about other people by the time she was six. Lila was also a member of MI7, a secret organisation for young spies.

Last week, MI7 asked Lila to go on a secret mission. The mission she was given was to take down Donald Trump, the American President.

Lila also had a big secret. She owned two flying pets – a dog called Olive and a cat called Sylvie. Lila's mission was to get her flying pets to America to help take down Trump! However, she was worried that if anyone found out about her pets' special powers, they would be taken away and experimented on. So, it all had to remain a big secret.

Today, Lila thought it was time to go to America and take down Trump. So, she grabbed Olive and Sylvie's legs and they flew her to America. They stopped at Burger King on the way!

When they finally arrived at the White House, Lila realised there were lots of guards so she had to go undercover with her invisibility potion. Now she was invisible, she needed to distract the guards. She told Sylvie and Olive to wait in the grounds, then she twisted the wheel of a nearby fire hydrant and all the water came shooting out! The guards ran to tend to the fire hydrant and Lila sneaked into the White House, then snuck up into Donald Trump's room while they were not looking.

Meanwhile, Olive and Sylvie had got bored waiting for Lila so they started climbing up the palm trees outside the White House, to see if they could spot Lila.

The president looked round. He could not see anyone in the room but he knew something was going on. He looked out of the window, and saw Olive and Sylvie, who were climbing the palm tree outside. As they turned to look out across the lawns, Donald noticed the animals had wings growing from their backs! "Aha!" he shouted in triumph, "I've got you now!". He whipped out his mobile phone and took a picture of the winged pets. He posted the picture on Twitter, claiming they were Russian spies.

Twitter went wild. Everyone started saying the president was mad and they didn't believe him. Flying pet spies! The American government had an emergency meeting and decided Donald Trump should step down immediately. They came to the White House and took Donald Trump. Nine weeks later, the American public voted in a new president, Michelle Obama, America's first woman president.

President Michelle Obama invited Lila, Sylvie and Olive to tea at the White House to thank them for getting rid of Trump. She introduced them to her levitating hamster, Roosevelt. Then Lila's pets flew her home, and Lila never worried again about people finding out about them.



# Terrible Troll or Tricksy Teacher? By Edith Davies, aged 11

Sophie needed the loo. Up went her hand, and Miss Bookish smiled and let her go. On her way back, Sophie heard a grumbly, snuffly noise coming from the school cloak room. Cautiously, she tiptoed to the door and peaked round. Snuffle, grumble, grunt; phew, what a whiff of stables; 'Oh my' she thought. Right before her was a massive, hideous, swamp green, stinky troll. She stared in horror as the troll reached into her bag and ate her afternoon snack and all the other children's snacks too. The troll bumped down onto the bench, rubbed its warty belly and let out a cloud of green gas. "Pardon," said the troll and laughed heartily whilst reaching into his small string purse. Pulling out a jar of 'rose hip powder', he sprinkled it onto the children's hats, gloves and scarves and muttered, "Mmmhh, lots of lovely itchy nests..." Sophie, feeling quite confused and overcome did an enormous sneeze. Heart pounding, she scampered off back to class. Sophie sat down quickly, 'what do I do?' she thought, 'I can't tell, I'll look stupid and silly.'

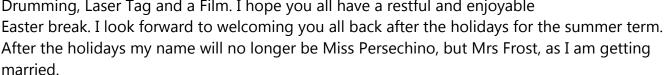
After school, Sophie's best friend Lucia asked her, "Are your gloves and scarfs itchy? Mine are!" In fact they were so itchy, Sophie and Lucia had to leave them at school and walk home in the cold.

The next day, Sophie hung up her coat and realised her gloves and scarf had disappeared. In fact, everyone's gloves and scarves had disappeared. 'Could this be something to do with the troll in the cloakroom?' wondered Sophie. But there was no time, 'I'll think about that later', she thought as she hurried down the corridor; she was going to be late for the special assembly to meet the new head teacher. Little did she know that overnight some trolls had come to take all the children's hats, gloves and scarves away. Now you might be wondering what on earth the trolls could possibly want with itchy hats, gloves and scarves but, to make mischief, what they do is build some very lovely five star troll nests. These luxury trolls nests are no ordinary nests: they contain some of the most foul things we humans could ever think of: insects and spiders; toenails and animal dung, all woven together with the magic ingredient of itchy hats, gloves and scarves all ready for the trolls to sleep and transform.

Back in assembly, Sophie was listening as the head teacher was introducing himself. "Thank you all for coming here today, my name is Mr Grimsworthy," he droned. As Sophie's mind wandered off she noticed a large, hairy wart on the head teachers chin and that scarf around his neck seemed very familiar, just like Lucia's. Snap, her mind clicked back into focus just as the head teacher was finishing "Now can any of you guess what on earth I was before I became a teacher..." It all fell into place, but Sophie kept her hand firmly down.

# **End of Term for Super Sevens**

**W**ell done Year 7 on completing another term at Calder High! We are now two thirds of the way through the year and flying towards the summer term. I am pleased to say that our rewards day is booked. Those of you who have collected lots of merits, with good attendance and behaviour will be spending the day doing a range of exciting activities including Samba Drumming, Laser Tag and a Film. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable



Well done to the following students who are the top boy and girl merit earners in each form! Keep up the good work.

**ABK** Iliana Carcarmo Mccaskill and Joel Howarth, **GPE** Josh Wademan and Amber Lewis, **GWB** Amelie Lord and Alex Sierota, **JHE** Woody Webster and Amira Akhtar, **LHK** Savannah McLaughlin and Harry Hartley, **MHN** Elias Le Locat Lister and Rebecca Haworth, **MMN** Maisy Webster and Jacob Ferguson and finally **SCS** Aisha Mahmud and Thomas Paynter.



We have started the Calder Edge and pupils are working towards their 'Apprentice' level award; the focus for this term was 'communication'. Your postcards will be delivered to your Primary Schools to tell current Year 6 students all about life at Calder High and to try and ease and worries they may have. I'm sure your old teachers are interested in what you are getting up

to in Year 7 too. It is clear that you all put in a huge amount of effort when writing your postcards and Mr Washington and I are proud to be able to deliver such fabulous pieces of work as part of our Transition process. I look forward to seeing your work on the current theme of 'Organisation', all of which will contribute towards your award at Christmas time later this calendar year.

#### Calderdale Children's Book of the Year.

Nine students from Years 7 and 8 are taking part in Calderdale Children's Book of the Year. The students will submit book reviews for four fiction titles, giving their thoughts on the books and also meet once a month for an hour after school in the LRC to share their thoughts with their peers. This year's chosen books are; Evie's Ghost by Helen Peters, Being Miss Noboby by Tamsin Winter, Stargazing for Beginners by Jenny McLachlan and A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge. The final event will be held on 15th June in Halifax Town Hall where students will join discussion groups, take part in quizzes, meet students from other schools and meet the authors of the books. Students will also be able to vote for their favourite title and have their reviews entered into a

prize draw. On Tuesday 13th March Year 7 had a **Road Safety Theatre production** delivered by The Riot Act in school as part of the Safer Roads West Yorkshire 'Deadly Distraction' theatre tour.



The production promotes key road safety messages to young people in an accessible and engaging way with an aim to raise awareness and reduce casualties. Theatre is a powerful tool that can be used effectively to engage young people on an emotional level, challenging perceptions and stimulating critical thinking and behaviour change. Students listened carefully and respectfully and participated well in the subsequent discussion about the play, characters and issues raised. Feedback from students was very positive!

# **Excellent Eights**

**W**ell done Year 8, you have successfully made it to the end of a busy term and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all better and I am extremely pleased with the continued hard work and effort you have shown throughout. I think that you will all be ready for a well-earned break and would like to take this



opportunity to say Happy Easter. Thank you to all our form tutors who do an excellent job in making sure you are all ready to start your day well and a big thank you to parents who have been extremely supportive throughout the academic year.

Please make sure you are well equipped for returning to school and please be reminded that our expectations for uniform are high; trainers are not part of uniform and makeup/nail varnish is not allowed. No jewellery other than 1 pair of studded earrings and a watch are to be worn.

Parents/Carers thank you in advance for your continued support with this matter.

Students are encouraged to collect merits throughout the year which contribute towards the House Championship and the end of term rewards trip. Individual students along with form groups are celebrated during form time and assembly. The following students are the top 5 for merits at the end of February half term and again at the end of term 2:

Charlie Whitworth, Ester Hulme, Jack Wilson, Isabelle Rolls, Malaika Hussain, Ted Broadbent, Ewan Allan, Millie Hart

Well done and keep up the good work.

The top 3 forms for merits in Year 8 are as follows: 1st – JPN 2nd – KSR 3rd – KCH

#### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the following students who have managed to maintain 100% attendance so far this academic year: Sam Bradshaw, Holly Bunzl, Daisy Butterfield, Hattie Moore, Tristain Nelson, George Pilling, Emma Sampson, Jack Wilson

The top 3 forms for attendance are as follows: 1st – JPN 2nd - JKN 3rd – KSR

#### **End of Year Rewards Trip**

I am pleased to inform you that the end of year rewards trip has been booked and will take place on Tuesday 17th July 2018. Year 8 students will participate in a day of outward bound activities at Waddow Hall, near Clitheroe. During the day students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities from abseiling, bushcraft, archery, canoeing, zipwire, tree climbing, orienteering, bouldering and grass sledging. The price of the trip is £25 and payment is to be



made via Parent Pay. Please be reminded that this is a rewards trip to celebrate student's successes and certain criteria will need to have been met by the student. As a school we are always striving to achieve good behaviour and attitude to learning. Students are encouraged to collect merits on a weekly basis as they will also be needed to qualify for the trip. More information in regards to criteria will be issued nearer the date.

Mrs Binks

## **News from Year 9**

**W**ell done Year 9, you have successfully made it to the end of a busy term and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Uniform and equipment has been excellent on the whole but please can you use the Easter holidays to restock your pens/pencils and make sure that uniform is correct for returning to school. Please note that skirts should be knee length, trainers are not part of uniform and makeup/nail



varnish is not allowed. No jewellery other than 1 pair of studded earrings and a watch are to be worn. Parents/Carers, thank you in advance for your continued support with this matter. Parents evening was extremely successful; it was so nice to see so many parents in attendance and hear such fantastic feedback from staff.

Options evening which finally took place on Wednesday 21st March (delayed due to snow) was a really well attended event and a great opportunity for students to enquire about the subjects they study for their GCSEs.

#### Well done and Keep up the good work

Students are encouraged to collect merits throughout the year which contribute towards the House Championship and the end of term rewards trip. Individual students, along with form groups, are celebrated during form time and assembly. The following students have are top 5 for merits at the end of February half term and again at the end of term 2:

Andrew Wilkinson JDY, Millie Rycroft LHN, Agnes Gitner JDY, Imaan Ali ART, Sopjie Pang EHL, Mille Jowett MGD, Zain Ali JDY

The top 3 forms for merits in Year 9 are as follows: 1st – JDY 2nd – HHM 3rd – LHN

#### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the following students who have managed to maintain 100% attendance so far this academic year:

Rowan Butler MGD, Joseph Deighton MGD, Minnie Gott EHL, Brodie Greenwood LHN, Zachary Heaton ART, Rudy Hildreth MGD, Daisy Holmes HHM, Lewis Innes TCN, Noah Kelly EHL, Mabel Lamper HHM, Dan Mateer LHN, Leah Ridings MGD, Katherine Schofield TCN, Sadie Short ART, Danielle Taylor HHM

The top 3 forms for attendance in Year 9 are as follows: 1st - LHN 2nd ART 3rd - HHM

A huge congratulations to Alex Mogg – Wright TCN who was selected as one of the winners of the 500 Words Short Story Competition. Alex has been invited to join the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale at a presentation in the Mayor's Parlour at Halifax Town Hall. Well done Alex, a fantastic piece of writing! You can read his story on the next page.

#### **End of Year Rewards Trip**

I am pleased to inform you that the end of year rewards trip has been booked and will take place on Tuesday 17th July 2018. Year 9 students will have a day in Bradford attending Hollywood Bowl and Bradford's Ice Skating Arena. The price of the trip is £14 and payment is to be made via Parent Pay. Please be reminded that this is a rewards trip to celebrate student's successes and certain criteria will need to have been met by the student. As a school we are always striving to achieve good behaviour and attitude to learning. Students are encouraged to collect merits on a weekly basis as they will also be needed to qualify for the trip. More information in regards to criteria will be issued nearer the date.

I hope you all have a lovely, welcomed and relaxed Easter holiday see you in Term 3. Mrs Binks

Year 9 student, Alex Mogg-Wright is one of the winners of the BBC Radio 2 500 Words short-story writing

competition for children aged between 5-9 and 10-13 years of age. Schools were invited to send 4 entries for each of the two age categories. Calderdale Council are proud to promote this great opportunity so our young children of Calderdale can show us their writing talents.

#### Foiled by Alex Mogg-Wright

Reece Arkwright stood, legs evenly spaced at a shoulders width apart. His hand twitched like a snakes mouth, hanging lazily above his black leather holster, poised and ready to strike. His eyes were locked in a deadly gaze with a rather large man a few meters ahead.

He scowled ever so slightly, sweat forming on his brow from the contrast of the cool night air on his smoldering skin. Despite his current predicament Reece could feel the adrenaline coursing through his body like a tidal wave, spreading from his chest to the very tips of his fingers. It felt as if his entire life had boiled down to this one moment, this one insane moment that would decide the fate of the two combatants.

He felt electric.

He felt euphoric.

He felt alive.

Several onlookers had gathered around the two, their breathing slow and steady in anticipation for the break of dawn. Time had frozen for them, to the point where the only movement was a lone tumbleweed rolling away into the vast loneliness of the desert. Not even the loud mewl of a nearby horse caused even the slightest quiver. The bets had been placed, but no-one dared try to predict the outcome.

Jock Barrowman was nervous. That was a sentence never to be taken lightly. As one of the best gunslingers in the west he rarely lost a duel. So Jock Barrowman admitting being nervous was difficult to comprehend. He had had to stop himself from grabbing his revolver out of sheer nervousness. He felt safer with the cold weight of a gun in hand.

It was nearly time now, the hours spent waiting feeling like an eternity.

10 minutes.

They eyed each other, looking for any signs of hesitation on the others blank expressions.

7 minutes.

Their hands clenched and unclenched in anticipation for the ensuing duel.

3 minutes.

Their gazes locked onto one another's, each tilting their heads in understanding and respect. *0 minutes*.

Golden light spilled across the town, as if the horizon were bleeding the beautiful rays of golden heaven.

#### "DRAW!"

Not even a split second later both Reece Arkwright and John Barrowman found their hands darting towards their holsters, yanking their respective weapons free of their confines. Now free of the leathery prison the weapons were free to do as they were meant to.

To destroy.

The click and bang of their revolvers rang out across the entire town, startling the nearby wildlife into a frenzy.

A small smile graced the lips of both Reece and Jock, a thin trail of crimson blood trickling down the side of the Jocks mouth. Reece's smile turned to a smirk as he pulled away his shirt to reveal a dented metal plate, shielding his chest. "Well, damn." Jock slowly slipped into a merciful sleep, feeling himself being torn from the pain to eternal peace. Reece walked to the lifeless body of Jock Barrowman to claim his revolver.

"This will make a fine addition to my collection."

## Year 10 from Miss Fox

Hello and thanks from me! I cannot believe how fast my first term has gone. I had been told on numerous occasions when I started at Calder High School just how fabulous my Year 10 are, so far (apart from a few blips) they are proving those statements to be correct. I would like to say a massive thanks to each and every student for making me so welcome and also to their families



who have been extremely supportive. Of course, we have the reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach to look forward to in July, so please make sure payments are received by May 1st 2018.

#### 100% attendance super stars.

Well done to the following students who have been in school every day September - March. Keep up the good work.

Ahmed Aadam 10PPN, Bugby Greta 10LCK, Crowther Elijah 10ACS, Greenwood Faye 10RAS, Harlow Luke 10JEM Hubbard Oliver 10LCK, Kauser Naira 10RWN, King Elliot 10ACS, Lord Milly 10RWN, Marshall Abby 10RAS, Mcgrath Rachel 10LCK, Moloney Wood Charlie 10JEM Stocks Tessa 10LCK, Warrington Antony 10RWN and Webb Beatrice 10PPN.

#### Top 3 forms for attendance September - March. Well done!

10RAS 96.6% 10NOM 96.2% 10RWN 96.1%

Big shout out goes to the following students who were named by others for being a good friend, helping others, being honest, reliable and helpful in the community.

Annie Farmer, Abukuse Dixon, Lucy Biggins, Will Simpson, Olivia Webster, Antony Washington, Faye Greenwood, Omayr Mirza, Ebonie McWhir, Alisha Hussain, Ruari Chesworth, Abbie Marshall, Thaddeus Carey Whitehead. A special mention goes to the following students who 'Just get it right' Elliot King, Millie McParland, Tasmin Wickrameratne.

#### **Year 10 Calderdale Healthy Child Programme.**

A group of Year 10 (female) students were recently asked to take part in a consultation for Calderdale MBC'S Public Health Department, regarding Healthy Child Programme services for 5-19 year olds. The consultation was to get the views from young people about what services the council could look at providing for their age group and how best these could be implemented.



**Harry Hazeltine** was recently selected to take part in a football tournament at Barnfield Training Centre, in Burnley, which is Burnley FC's training ground. The tournament was organised by Burnley FC Academy, who Harry hopes to play for professionally in the future. Other clubs in attendance included Carlisle Utd and Fleetwood Town. This was a great opportunity to showcase his talents in front of three professional clubs whilst competing in the tournament. Harry says 'the day gave me a fantastic opportunity to meet and play against older and more qualified footballers, which has pushed my game along already'.

Congratulations go to Jessica, who recently entered 'The Young Writers' Teen Poet' competition and had her poem called 'The First World Problem Problem' selected for publication in the forthcoming book 'Reflections - A Collection Of Teen Poets, which is due out in March 2018.

Jessica's English teacher had encouraged her to enter some competitions due to the high standard of work she was producing. Jessica sourced the competition herself; entered and won space in the forthcoming book. Well done Jessica. **Miss Fox Key Stage 4 Manager** 



# Year 11 from Mr Kenworthy

Time flies when you're in Year 11 and we are fast approaching the summer exams. While many students are feeling the strains, stresses and pressures that are associated with GCSE exams, this shows they care. I hope the Easter break is used wisely by all. Students have an opportunity to access some revision classes over the holidays, some will use the time to revise, but I do hope all students use the time to recover and rest as well.



#### 100% Attendance since September

Adomavicius Edvinas, Ali Kibriyah, Ayub Khalid, Baylis Megan, Bell Owen, Birch Sophie, Brooks Kieran, Cushing Callum, Denning Joe, Dermo Alfie, Fahey Erin, Gosling Sapphire, Greenwood Lucas, Hare Pavandeep, Hellowell Ben, Howarth Jordan, Hussain Alisha, Javed Khuram, King, Alexei, Leach Esme, Little Abby, Mansha Zahra, McGivern Sophie, Owers Ruby, Scott Kai, Simpson Heather, Smethurst-Robinson Esther, Tait Ashleigh, Thompson Frances and Woodhouse Mae.

All students have been offered the 'Leaver's Hoodies' as a memento of their time at school and their classmates. These are available on ParentPay and ordered from Miss Fox. The Prom is also booked for June 28th at the Casa in Brighouse. Tickets and costs will be available after Easter.

#### **Catch-up Revision Sessions**

Growing numbers of Year 11 students are benefiting from attending the extra sessions after school in all options. At present these sessions are voluntary, but

every little helps! We would encourage all students to attend these revision lessons from Monday to Friday 3-4pm. They will support learning and give our students the best chance of success.

Despite their best efforts, the Year 11 boys football team were knocked out in the quarter finals of the cup by Brooksbank. The team were excellent in the first round, comfortably knocking Trinity Academy out of the competition.

### **Good Luck**

I would like to wish all of you in Year 11 every success for the future. You are an extremely bright and talented year

group. I fully believe that with hard work over the next 2 months this group can achieve the best grades Calder High has ever had. **Mr Kenworthy** 

# Year 11 Geography Field Trip

This month Year 11 Geographers have completed their second and final piece of GCSE fieldwork in preparation for their final exams. In stark contrast to the data collection at the River Wharfe, this recent field trip was based in central Leeds. The topic of study was an investigation of how and why land use changes along an urban transect. During the day students visited three sites: the



regenerated Leeds Dock area close to the Royal Armouries, the retail locations of Briggate and the Trinity Centre in the CBD and then a residential area in the inner city. Students worked hard throughout the day and collated some useful results for processing in class.

**Mr Washington** 

# Race for the Line

On Thursday 17th March all Year 7 students took part in the 'Race for the Line' competition. The event is intended to inspire tomorrow's engineers and scientists with a national rocket car racing competition involving around 70,000 students in England, Scotland and Wales. Students designed and made a foam rocket car and (optionally) wheels and axles. Visiting



Rocketeer teams from the competition's Navy, Army, RAF and Academic partners visited school to facilitate an at-school race day to identify the teams that will go forward to Regional Finals that are held at 35 Forces bases around the country in late April and May. The Regional Finals will identify the top 40 teams from the 18,000 competing nationally who will be invited to the national finals to be held at RAF Wittering on the 28th June 2018.

The national event has been developed to coincide with the 'Bloodhound Project' <a href="http://www.bloodhoundssc.com/project">http://www.bloodhoundssc.com/project</a>

The BLOODHOUND Project is a global Engineering Adventure, using a 1,000mph World Land Speed Record attempt to inspire the next generation to enjoy, explore and get involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

After all cars were raced, the top 3 winning and qualifying cars were 1 = *The Best*, 2 = *Golden Girls* and 3 = *Winner Winner Chicken Dinner*. The teams for these cars will be taking part in the next set of races which involves a full day of 'research, re-design and racing' at Catterick Barracks. Teacher Mr Cameron said "All the students had a really exciting time even though the weather was awful. Each class and each team were really competitive and cheered and jeered each other on all morning. The guys and girls from the army were brilliant with the students and, on what could have been a wash out, ran a great competition. It was brilliant to see how enthusiastic and how really well behaved our students were and how much they were enjoying themselves. It is going to be a great experience for the winning teams to move up to the next level and get chance to re-design and develop their skills in the full day competition".



# **Ullswater Outward Bounds Trip**

**T**he annual Ullswater Year 10 Outward Bounds Trip set off from Calder High School on Monday 8th January. Over the past 20 Years this trip has been part funded by Stuart Chadwick from Vale Upholstery. Unfortunately, due to the 2015 flooding, this was not possible this year as Stuart and his business were badly affected and the students had to fund all of the costs.

Twenty Year 10 students set off for the Lake District not really knowing what to expect. On arrival, the group was split into two groups of ten, one with Miss Robinson and one with Mr Webb. The first two activities were jog and dip and a problem solving task. To say that the lake was cold would be an understatement! Below 5 degrees Celsius was the estimate as the students totally submerged themselves in the water.

Challenge, teamwork and working on employability skills were main focus points for the week. The emphasis was on student centred learning and problem solving on each task. The students worked well and steadily got better and better as the week progressed. An assortment of activities, ranging from gorge walking, to canoeing, rowing, climbing, underground tunnelling, night orienteering were all set to push the students and to test their mental resilience and physical capabilities.

There were many examples, too many to list here, of how students succeeded and developed throughout the week. The group were certainly the best group of students that we have ever taken on this particular trip. They exceeded our expectations and hopefully came back with a wider range of skills and techniques that can be useful to them in both the world of work and school. On behalf of myself and Miss Robinson, I would just like to thank the students and staff at Ullswater Outward Bounds Centre for such a fantastic week. It is one of the most worthwhile trips that Calder High School runs and I hope that we are able to continue it for many years to come.



# **Iceland Field Trip**

Over February half term, a small group of Year 10 and 11 students travelled to Iceland as part of their Geography studies. A vast under-populated island, Iceland offered our students a unique opportunity to appreciate how mighty forces shape the earth. Summer or winter, astounding scenery and a great range of cultural attractions guarantee an unforgettable stay. Both students and staff had a great time visiting a range of landscapes and landforms such as Þingvellir National Park, Strokkur geyser, Gullfoss waterfall, the secret lagoon and views of Eyjafjallajökull.



Students were inspired by the natural landscape, experiencing first hand the theory learnt in lessons with the actual terrain providing valuable case studies and exam preparation. The students were incredibly well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the greatest amount of snow Iceland has had in the last ten years!



# **School Angel Website**

**D**o you shop online? Would you like to help us raise money without it costing you anything? Would you like to do this without registering your details? If so, please visit:

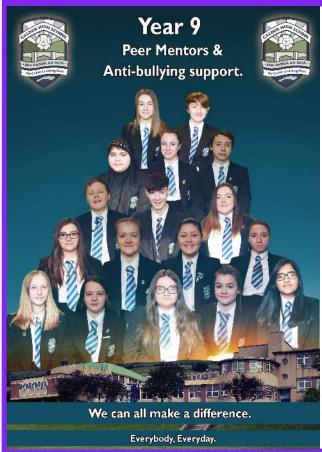
www.schoolangel.org.uk/calder-high-school.html

and select the online retailer you wish to shop with. Once you have made your purchase, the school will receive a donation from the retailer. Easy!





# Peer Mentors/Anti-bullying Ambassadors



**S**eventeen Year 9 students have recently undertaken training in school to become Peer Mentors/Antibullying Ambassadors within school. They were trained on how to best help younger students who may struggle with issues they may have. Advice can be given on a range of subjects to include friendship fallouts/help with reading or homework and how it is best to let an adult know if they are worried about anything.

Once a week, the ambassadors go to their allocated Year 7 forms where they meet and talk to them. It also means younger students have older mentors who can possibly relate to how they may be feeling. This will help to breakdown barriers that some students can face whilst at high school. **Miss Fox** 





# **Cross Country Championships**

**T**he Calderdale Cross Country Championships took place at Crossley Heath School on Wednesday 24th January. Calder High School had 3 girls and 9 boys competing.

In the girls Year 7 race, Megan Moston finished a creditable 44th with Imogen Wood in 51st position.

In the Year 9 Girls race, Chloe Latham got off to a storming start and was in the top ten after the first lap. Unfortunately the second lap took its toll and she finished in 50th position.

The Year 7 Boys Race was an excellent one with some good Calder results. Harry Mulvaney-Johnson was 15th, Alex Sierota was 18th, Micky Short finished 21st with Finley Penman in 35th and Adam Russell in 54th. Harry just missed out on West Yorkshire qualification by 3 positions needing to be in the top 12 to be selected.

The Year 8 Boys Race was the most successful for Calder. Although all the Year 8 students had to compete in the same race as the Year 9 students, they fought really hard. Leo Austin was our first



finisher in 4th position; Joe Hobbs was 6th, both qualifying for the West Yorkshire Championship at Leeds Grammar in February. Joe Adams, a relative newcomer to Cross Country, finished 17th, a really excellent result, with Max Smith in his non-grip trainers in 50th position.

Well done to all those who participated. It would have been nice to take more from the older year groups, but those who did run did their best and gave it a go.

G Webb.

# Your House, Your Identity, Your Choice

All students belong to a school house, and to promote house identity badges were issued in September 2017. The badges have done a great job promoting pride and belonging. However as some were lost or broken, the Student Council thought that they should look for another idea. With the help of the Senior Student Leadership Team, it was decided that house ties were the future. After visiting other schools, looking online and speaking to manufacturers three options of tie were chosen. As with the school blazer, the house tie will be phased in with the new Year 7 (current Year 6) and new Year 10 (current Year 9) next September. Students in other year groups will be also able to wear a house tie as they will go on sale at £3.25; that's less than a penny a day! However which one is best? As Year 9 will be the first to get the chance to wear the new tie, it was decided that they could choose. A presentation was given at assembly of the three options, A, B and C.

## **Option A**



## **Option B**



## **Option C**



Each student was given a token and as they left the assembly they voted for their choice. 63% chose option A, 36 % favoured option B and only 1% of the students liked option C. Thanks to all of Year 9 for their considerations when voting.



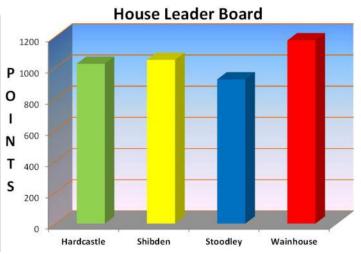


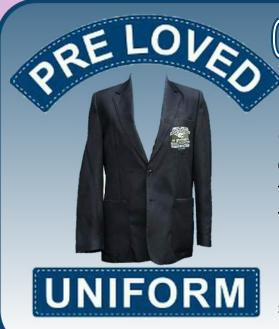




## House Leader Board so far...

	Santa Dash	Year 7 Benchball	WOW Word Term 1	MFL Cake Decoration	Geography History Quiz	Year 8 and 9 football competition	Year 10 football competition	Year 7,8 Chess competition
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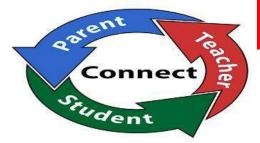
CALDER HIGH SCHOOL PTA PRE-LOVED SCHOOL BLAZERS

Clean student blazers that no longer fit or are no longer needed can be handed to Student Services in school. These will then be offered for sale at Parents Evenings and Transition events.

Monies collected will go towards whole school PTA projects

## **Parent Teacher Association**

It has been a busy term for the Parent Teacher Association. On the back of a very successful race night, the PTA has recently allocated funds to support the provision of equipment for students participating in the Duke of



Edinburgh Awards Scheme and for the purchase of new library books for the Learning Resource Centre. In addition, we have supported Mrs Clough and some Key Stage 3 students on a recent Learning 4 Life day in the redevelopment of the eco-garden into a nice social space for student use this summer.

Members of the committee are also looking into the possibility to gain charitable status for the PTA. This will allow us to gain match funding which in turn will greatly support future fundraising efforts.

A further initiative we are introducing is the collection and sale of 'pre-loved' blazers (please see

additional advert). If your son/daughter has grown out of their blazer and it is still in good condition, we would be most grateful if you could clean it one more time and donate it for the PTA to re sell. All blazers can be handed in at Student Services and will be available for sale at Transition and Parents evenings.

Our next scheduled event is the forthcoming Fashion Show which will be held in the Ted Hughes Theatre on Friday 27 April. Tickets are available for purchase on Parent Pay. All proceeds will be split between the PTA and Overseas Project and we hope you will be able to attend. Please note this is a 'ladies only' evening

and you must be 16 years or over. Finally, the next PTA meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th June in

the Shoulder of Mutton, Mytholmroyd.



# The Calder App

**C**alder High School is coming into the 21st century with the 'MyEd' App. We have chosen to use this App to improve communication with parents and make life a little bit easier.

MyEd system allows parents to do the following:

View attendance

View timetable

View behaviour

View school calendar

Access information including briefings

View school presentations and download letters

Access updates from the school

Access electronic communications sent home

It is available both on Android and iTunes free of charge, you just have to register. However, you need to ensure your email address is correct on our system.

If you are unsure, please contact <a href="mailto:rsutcliffe@calderlearningtrust.com">rsutcliffe@calderlearningtrust.com</a>



A group of 18 volunteers from Calder VI will be taking part in the 53rd Halifax Long March which begins at midnight on 1st/2nd April (Easter Sunday into Easter Monday) to raise money for the annual Overseas Project.

Students will start the walk at midnight from the YMCA in central Halifax

and will follow a secret 26 mile route around Halifax and Calderdale which can take up to 10 hours to complete. The staff and students taking part are hoping to raise as much money as last year, if not more, which was a huge £4,500! All the sponsor money received will go directly towards this year's project which is in Ghana, West Africa, and next year's project which will be in Togo, also West Africa. Student volunteers will spend two weeks of the summer working at a school improving facilities whilst also working directly with the children who attend the school. Anyone interested in participating in the Halifax Long March can find details here: <a href="https://longmarch.org.uk/">https://longmarch.org.uk/</a> and anyone wishing to donate to the Calder VI Overseas Project can do so by visiting our GoFundMe page at: <a href="https://gofund.me/calder-vi-ghana-2018">https://gofund.me/calder-vi-ghana-2018</a> or by contacting project leader, Emma Byrne on <a href="mailto:ebyrne@calderlearningtrust.com">ebyrne@calderlearningtrust.com</a>.

## **Fundraising Fashion Show**

On Friday 27th April, the Calder Learning Trust PTA will be joining forces with the Calder VI Overseas Project 2018 Team to host a fundraising Fashion Show in the Ted Hughes Theatre, Calder High School, to raise funds for the PTA and the Overseas Project.

Fashion company Shop2Drop Ltd will be displaying and selling a huge range of ladies clothing and accessories from high street stores such as Oasis, River Island, Next, Top Shop, M&S, New Look and Debenhams, to name a few, all in a range of sizes from 8 – 20. Many of the items will carry a price tag of UP TO 75% off the retail price!

Tickets for the Fashion Show are priced £5, with an age limit of 16+ and is a 'female only' event. There will be a fully stocked 'cash only' bar on the evening (alcohol and soft drinks available) and payment for clothing can be made by cash, debit/credit cards or by cheque. The show will begin at 7pm.Tickets can be bought on the ParentPay system or by emailing Emma Byrne on <a href="mailto:ebyrne@calderlearningtrust.com">ebyrne@calderlearningtrust.com</a>.

See advert on next page for details





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## Calderdale 5 A-Side Tournament

The Year 7 boys competed in a very strong Calderdale 5 a-side tournament this year. With the popularity growing, the competition had to be completed using an indoor and an outdoor venue for the group games. Calder came through the group with two wins and a defeat to Ryburn. This set of results was enough to see the boys through to the semi-final where they took on Brighouse



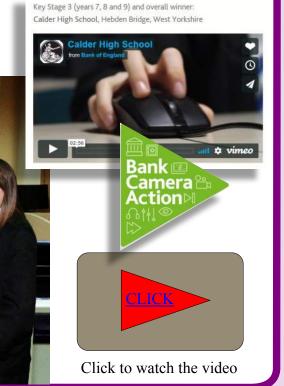
who were the winners of the other group. The boys put in their best performance of the evening to beat Brighouse and set up a final with Ryburn. The lads took their opportunity for revenge and beat Ryburn 3-0 in the final. It was a great evening and the boys fully deserved to win the competition.

They will now represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire competition. Well done boys. **Mr Hudson** 

# National Media Prize, We Did it Again!

**W**e did it again! We are very happy to announce that for the second year running, the Calder High Media Production Team have won the National Schools' Film Competition, organised by the Bank of England. This year we came top in the Key Stage 3 category, as well as being overall winners once more. The theme of this year's competition was "What independence means to me" and the students responded by filming themselves engaging in activities that give them a sense of artistic freedom and individuality; such as film-making, baking and drawing. As well as

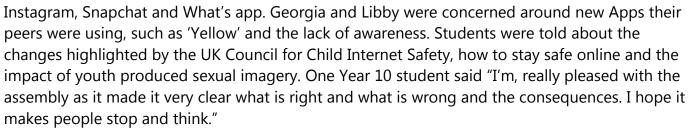
the school being awarded funds for film production equipment, the students involved in the production of the film will also receive a cash prize. Here's to next year's competition!



# e-Safety at Calder

As the digital age continues to expand, the dangers around mobile technology are constantly changing. Calder High students have received assemblies from Mr Taylor, Deputy Head and Georgia Leadsford and Libby Nemeth from the Antibullying Team around the dangers young people face today.

To support the work they are doing, Mr Taylor has also updated the website to support parents and students with concerns around various Apps such as



Students have taken an online e-Safety questionnaire before the assemblies and the results were shared. Mr Taylor said "this is a scary age for young people as we don't know the impacts of their behaviours online in the future. The best we can do is ensure we give them the knowledge and tools to keep them safe online and make informed decisions". Mr Taylor is leading the safeguarding campaign by offering parents a number of options; "I want to support those parents who, like me, may not be as familiar with certain apps and online activity. I want to be

able to help parents feel confident to have difficult or awkward conversations with their children around e-Safety to ensure they know what to do to safeguard their children". Mr Taylor will be producing a Deputy Head Bulletin with the help of the student

voice with updates for parents.

Further details can be sought on the schools new webpage at www.calderlearningtrust.com



As part of a set of lessons on maps and their uses, Mr Washington's Year 7 Geography classes were challenged with making a 3D model of their own



island. Students needed to be imaginative and creative when



thinking of a name and shape and use three different coloured layers of cardboard to represent the relief of the landmass. As you can see, there were some splendid examples ranging from hearts and rugby balls to stars and even a turtle. Students got to vote on their favourite island and merits were awarded accordingly.

Mr Washington

## **Our School Certainly Rocked!**

Our Performing Arts students transported us to the hall at Horace Green Prep School for the evening where we had the pleasure of experiencing some of Mr Schneebly's (aka Dewey Finn played by Jed Kuterersc) interesting teaching 'methods'.

The show, based upon the hit film, is a hilarious story of a failed rock musician's foray into world of supply teaching at a prestigious and very traditional high school. He soon introduces the students to rock music and enters the 'Battle of the Bands' competition unbenknown to the headmistress and the childrens' parents. The school band don't win the competition but Dewey Finn and his class win the hearts of the crowd and the support of the parents and staff at Horace Green. He even wins the heart of Rosalie Mullins (Headmistress, played by Beatrice Webb) herself!

Dewey and Rosalie had some fabulous songs along with a beatifully touching solo from Tomika (Amber Marsden) and many side-splitting moments for characters Ned (Elliot King), Patty (Ellie Pickup), Summer (Annie Lavender) and Billy (Jude Wilson).

"You're in the band!" - The onstage student band (Zack-Charlie Hetherington, Lucy-Rosie Hetherington, Karl-Dexter Pearce, Freddie-Charlie Pearce) have worked closely with our peripatetic team to learn all the music by heart!

Big numbers the crowd enjoyed were "Stick it to the Man" and "Teacher's Pet" were choreographed by our ex-student Zweyla Mitchell Dos Santos who volunteered her time to support the production rehearsals.

Staff cameo roles certainly pleased the students amongst the audience, with staff from the Humanities, Media and Science rocking out as the band 'No Vacancy' (with students Isaac Hughes Denis & David Collins) and our Head of Maths playing a strict old fashioned teacher leading the song "Faculty Quadrille"!

The Performing Arts Team has worked incredibly hard on this production and students have shown real commitment, some giving up virtually every lunch break, attending regular after school rehearsals plus a full weekend schedule the show. Our junior schools matinee had record attendance this year with our theatre literally bursting with Year 5/6 and our evening shows were played to a full house.

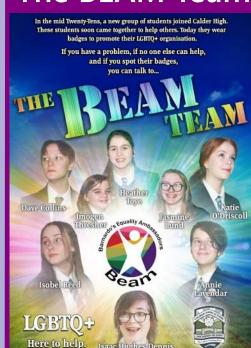
It was a very ambitious project to work with a live on stage student band along side a live pit band. It was a huge success and we are very proud of our students.



As a reward for all their hard work, we are taking the cast to London in July to see the West End version of 'The School of Rock' and I expect we will sing along to every word of every song!

Ms S Peers

## The BEAM Team



Calder High School has always supported a diverse and unique community and this is reflected, for the third year running, the BEAM Team. Our Beam Team are Equality Ambassadors who have received training from Barnado's around supporting LGBTQ+ classmates within our school, so we all feel confident to be who we want to be. They meet weekly and look at ways in which they can promote equality around school.



## **PGL Netball Tournament**

On Friday 9th March, 54 students travelled to Shropshire to represent Calder High School in the PGL Netball Tournament. Over 40 teams took part in the competition with Calder entering 3 Year 7 teams, a Year 8, Year 9 and a Year 10/11 Team, more than any other school at the tournament. Students played exceptionally well with both the Year 8 and Year 10/11 teams making it through to the semi-finals and finishing in 3rd place. Throughout the whole weekend, students made huge progress in their netball skills and learnt a lot from the experience. The girls had a fantastic time at Boreatton Park, where as well as taking part in the Netball tournament, they also had the opportunity to try activities such as the zip wire, giant swing and quad biking. **Mrs Atkin** 



## **Calder Cares**

At Calder High we want to ensure that all students have access to a variety of support networks both in school and out of school. We take Student Wellbeing very seriously and have many methods of support available for our students. However, we want to ensure that students and parents have access to support in one place, therefore we are launching Calder Cares. This is a bank of resources, web addresses, advice and general support which can signpost students and parents if they have any concerns. We have put together all our pastoral

support packages so parents have access and know what we can offer to young people and what



is available to parents. Included in this are details of our Peer Mentor programmes, BEAM Teams, Antibullying Ambassadors and more importantly for parents, clear and practical advice around social media. So if you do not know your Snapchat from your Instagram or your Facebook from your Twitter, please see the school website or follow us on our Facebook page and Twitter @Calderhighschool. Well Done to Callum Ingham, Y8 for winning the logo design for the Calder Cares identity.

# **MFL Cake Competition**

The MFL faculty held a house cake decorating competition in January to celebrate all things European. Students decorated their cakes with a range of European themes from an architecturally inspired Spanish orange cake, European monuments, flags, gingerbread Europeans and pizza cakes. We were really impressed with the quality of entries and could not resist the temptation to do a small taste test as well. Well done to the winners Amelie Lord, Emily Scholefield, Savanna McLaughlin and Ruby Sutcliffe for their fantastic winning entries. Points were awarded to Shibden and Wainhouse. A future on Bake-Off awaits ...



