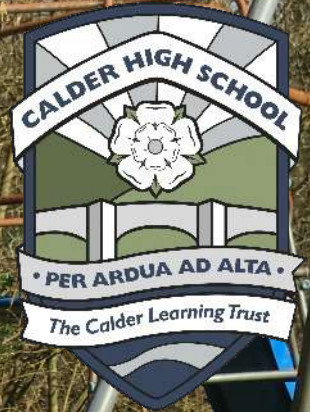
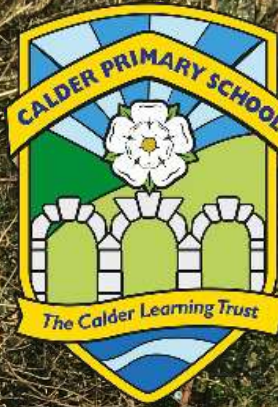


# Calder Highlights



Summer Edition 2020





## Contents

Page 3

(Mr) Taylor Talks

Page 4-5

Around the Years

- Super Sevens
- Exceptional Eights
- Notable Nines
- Tremendous Tens

Page 6-7

Primary Matters

Page 8-10

New Year, New Forms

Calder's Getting Bigger

New Year, New Staff

Page 11-12

Around the Departments

- KS3 Textiles
- PE Staff v Students Challenge
- Junior Maths Challenge

Page 13-15

Around the School

- House News & Results
- Calder Edge: Loric in Lockdown
- Careers at Calder
- You're Never Too Old To Learn New Skills

Page 16

September Start - Know Where You Will Be

*Front Cover: Isla Lay (8APS) and Zahira Greenacre (7RCR) making the most of some nice weather to complete their lockdown learning.*

## **(Mr) Taylor Talks**

As the academic year comes to an end, it has been useful to reflect on how resilient we have all been during these unconventional times. On behalf of The Calder Learning Trust, I would like to thank all our parents for their support and their constant hard work supporting your children during lockdown.

We are busy planning for September and Mr Guise has issued details of what school will look like in September, however, this could change. We will release further details towards the end of the Summer Holidays.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the students who have risen to the challenges of home learning and how creative they have been. Our Facebook page has been celebrating some of the amazing work that they have done.

Also a huge thanks to all the staff at The Calder Learning Trust. Our Associate staff and site team have been in every day to ensure the school is accessible for Vulnerable and Key Worker students. Much work has also been carried out over the lockdown period to improve the structure and aesthetics of the school.

Finally, thank you to the staff of The Calder Learning Trust for their commitment to our students' education, setting work remotely, live TEAMS lessons and generally finding new ways to engage the learning of our students.

September will bring fresh challenges and anxiety. Our Calder Cares page, on the website, has a number of resources to support your well-being regardless whether you are a parent, student or staff member. Please ensure you read Mr Guise's 'September Opening' letter which has been emailed to you; you can find it on the school website. It is very important that all students are prepared for the changes to the school day and that they know their responsibilities under this new guidance.

I am also pleased to announce that the Governors and Mr Guise have asked me to take on the role of Head of Secondary Phase from September to support Mrs Lambert as Head of Primary Phase and Mr Guise as the Headteacher of The Calder Learning Trust. I am extremely proud to be taking on this new role and continuing to ensure The Calder Learning Trust continues to be the chosen school in Calderdale.

We hope that you are able to have a good summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

**Mr Taylor**

**Head of Secondary Phase**

**The Calder Learning Trust**  
Everybody, Every Day

## Super Sevens

Hello Year 7!

As we end the school year I have been reflecting on how strange it is to have to say goodbye to you in this way. I have worked in schools for a really long time, and like you, I have never experienced an end of the Summer Term quite like this. You should all be really proud of how you have handled this time. I have heard fantastic things about how hard some of you have been working, I have also heard of the amazing things some of you have been doing in the community as well as how you have supported each other by keeping in touch via various online platforms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fissore and Mr Hidle for their commitment to the Calder family and I wish them both the best of luck in the future. I am sure you will do well and bring the same energy to wherever you may be.



In September I will be welcoming the new Year 7 students to Calder High School but I will always be around if any of you need help with anything. I am really looking forward to seeing you back in school in September; I hope you have a great summer and a well-deserved break.

Stay safe everyone! **Mrs McLaughlin**

## Excellent Eights

Hi Year 8,

I hope you are well.

The year has passed extremely quickly, mixed with some strange and unusual times. I have been very impressed with your academic progress and efforts this year and want you to know that I am proud of each and every one of you.

Over the next academic year I will continue to support your year group as you transition into Year 9 and into your final year as a Key Stage 3 student.

Stay safe, take care, and have a fantastic summer. I look forward to welcoming you back in September. **Mr Hussain**



Mr Hussain trying to get his head around a Teams meeting...



## Notable Nines

Hello Year 9,

I think we can all agree that this academic year has been like nothing we have ever experienced before, and hopefully, won't ever again!

Once again, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and I am looking forward to working with you again in Year 10. I am full of optimism as you embark on your first year of Key Stage 4 and GCSE study and I am absolutely sure we are heading for a positive academic year ahead. There may be some unusual changes we all have to get used to when we do return to school but I am confident we will take these in our stride and act in a mature manner in and around school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Stainthorpe and Mr Ahmed for all their hard work and commitment to their form groups 9CSE and 9AAD and wish them all the very best as they leave Calder High School at the end of this term. I would also like to wish Mrs Lamb all our best wishes as she is now on Maternity Leave. I am excited to hear her news when her baby arrives - hopefully soon!

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and I am really looking forward to seeing you all again when we return to school - I have missed the year group so much and can't wait to get back to 'normal'! Please take care, follow the guidelines and look after yourselves and your families. **Mrs Byrne**



## Tremendous Tens

Hello Year 10,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a well-earned summer break!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" for all your hard work and efforts during the past term. It has been a difficult period for everyone and I have been really impressed with how you have handled the pressures of lockdown and independent study. I know that some of you are feeling anxious about the work you have missed and what September will look like in regards to your GCSE's? Please rest assured that myself and subject staff are here to support you through your final year and make sure that you achieve the best grades you possibly can.

Unfortunately due to the unforeseen circumstances we were not able to meet as a year group and say our goodbyes to the following tutors: Mr Crisell and Mrs Fisher – Thank you for all your hard work and good luck in the future!

I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school in September! **Mrs Binks** 😊



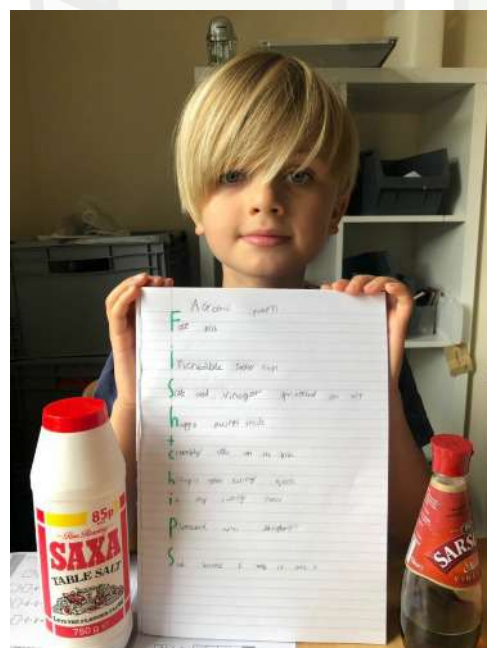
# Primary Matters

## Class 1 Highlights



## Class 2 Highlights

Emily Robertshaw with her poem about strawberries and Doug Wilson's poem about fish and chips as part of our Food Themed Week!





## Primary Matters Continued

Florence Watson who designed and made a homemade guitar in our Music Themed week, Arthur with his informative poster all about space exploration in Space week and Teo cooking up a storm at home.



**Year 6 Leavers' Surprise Party**



## All Change....New Year, New Form?

Don't worry, none of you are changing form, however your form will have a new name next year! For reasons I won't bore you with, for a long time we have been wanting to name forms after houses and not after staff initials. For example, from September 7JPN will still have Mr Pearmain as their form tutor but will be known as 8SH1 as all members of the form are in Shibden. Likewise, 8RSK will still have Mr Speak as a form tutor but will be known as 9WA1, as all members of the form are in Wainhouse.

Students will only have a new form tutor if their current tutor is leaving or if you are in the current Year 10. We have no plans to re-form students currently in Year 10, however you will have either an English, Maths or Science teacher as a tutor next year so they can support you with your GCSEs.

If this all sounds confusing, don't worry as there will be plenty of signs around school in September telling you where to go! A list of tutor bases for next September can be found at the end of this newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and have a well-deserved rest! **Mr Washington**

## Calder's Getting Bigger!

In September the school will have over 1300 students. This is the biggest we have ever been! Luckily, we have a few new classrooms with the new English block and an extension to the Diner to accommodate these numbers. In addition we have almost 20 new staff. Many of these will be Year 7 form tutors. If you would like to see what your new teachers look like, read on or click on the link below to access their profiles.



<https://www.calderlearningtrust.com/high-school/assets/Transition/Meet-your-new-tutor.pdf>

We would also like to welcome Mr Gray, the school's new Deputy Head, who has the job of overseeing curriculum change in the future, and two new teachers of Science who will be Year 8 form tutors. As you can see they certainly have a wide range of interest and hobbies! **Mr Washington**

## New Year, New Faces

### Meet the Senior Leadership Team !

Hello, my name is **Mr Gray** and I am Deputy Headteacher of The Calder Learning Trust




#### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite Hobbies:**  
I enjoy reading and love getting lost in a good novel on holiday. I'm a keen sports player and watcher. I run for a local club, having become too old too play football. As my wife will tell you, I'm happy to watch any sport on TV. Kabaddi anyone?

**Favourite bands / music:**  
An eclectic mix of artists and genres including 90s Indie, Sixties Soul and Folk Music

**Favourite film:**  
Spirited Away or the original Karate Kid

**Favourite foods:**  
You can't beat a Devon cream tea on a sunny day. Jam first - then cream!





#### All About me

I'm excited to take on a new role as Deputy Head at Calder this year having previously held a similar role at another 4-16 Academy in Halifax.

I've been teaching for 23 years, at schools in Bristol, Nottingham, Rochdale and Halifax.

I grew up in Devon but now live in Todmorden with my wife and four children. As a Geography teacher, I love getting out into the beautiful hills of the Calder Valley with my dog, Albus Dumbledog.

I have a keen interest in the science of learning and how we can develop a curriculum that supports students throughout their academic career.





## 7ST1 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Mrs McDonald** and I will be your Year 7 form tutor. Our tutor group is called 7ST1 and we are in Stoodley.

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
My favourite sport is football and I support Manchester United and Huddersfield Town

**Favourite bands / music:**  
Bombay Bicycle Club, Foster the People, The Stone Roses and anything from the 90's

**Favourite film:**  
Anything Disney

**Favourite foods:**  
Anything Italian: Pasta, Pizza. YUM!



### All about me

I have a little girl called Olivia, she is two years old. I have two cats; one is named George (he is black and fluffy with a white nose) and the other is named Teddy (he is tabby like a tiger). In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and going to concerts with my dad. This will be my first year working at Calder High School, so like you I am a little nervous but Calder high is really lovely school and I'm sure you will love it here! I can't wait to meet you all!



## 7ST2 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Miss Duffy** and I am going to be your Year 7 tutor! Our tutor group is called 7ST2 and we are in Stoodley!

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
I love to go running and train at the gym!

**Favourite bands / music:**  
Most musicals!! The Kooks, Jamie T, Beyonce and many more!

**Favourite film:**  
Ooooh so many to choose from! I love anything Disney but I think its got to be The Greatest Showman!

**Favourite foods:**  
Anything my mum cooks, especially Aubergine Parmigiana!



### All about me

I am a Drama teacher and this will be my first year at Calder, so we will be starting our Calder High journey together!

In my spare time I love to visit the theatre to watch shows and eat sweets!

I enjoy exploring new places with my friends and family, especially if I can take my two dogs!

I can't wait to meet you all and am excited to get stuck into our new school together!



## 7ST3 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Miss Greenwood** and I am a Mathematics Teacher and Year 7 Tutor. Our tutor group is called 7ST3 and we are in Stoodley.

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
I enjoy rock-climbing and watching football.

**Favourite bands / music:**  
ABBA, Bon Iver and Lewis Capaldi

**Favourite film:**  
Good Will Hunting

**Favourite foods:**  
Paella and Chocolate Brownies



### All about me

I'm a newly qualified teacher in my first year working at Calder High School. I love reading and taking my dog for walks in the countryside. I can't wait to meet my students and look forward to teaching and helping you achieve the best that you can in your first year.



## 7SH1 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Mrs McVey** and I am going to be your Year 7 tutor! Our tutor group is called 7SH1 and we are in Shibden

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
I enjoy swimming and yoga. My husband makes me watch Liverpool!

**Favourite bands / music:**  
Too many to name! I love all music, it's part of the job description!

**Favourite film:**  
I'm a massive Harry Potter fan

**Favourite foods:**  
Mexican food, pizza, basically anything covered in cheese



### All about me

I will be new to Calder in September too and I am new to the area so I hope you can tell me all the best places to visit.

I am a Music teacher and play the euphonium, piano, ukulele and I love singing. I also enjoy doing all kinds of crafts in my spare time.

I have a 2 year old son called Max and a cat called Dora.

I'm so excited to get to know you and meeting you all very soon!



## 7SH2 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is....

**Miss Halpin** and I will be your Year 7 form tutor. Our tutor group is 7SH2 and we are in Shibden.

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
I don't really watch any sports but I do like to go out walking!

**Favourite bands / music:**  
I absolutely love music and love listening to lots of different genres! I love the band "Queen" and love listening to musical theatre music!

**Favourite film:**  
Les Miserables (the musical)

**Favourite foods:**  
Curries and a roast beef dinner!



### All about me

I have a little boy called Ollie who is three years old and a ragdoll cat called "Blue"! In my spare time I like to sing and sing at weddings and parties! I also like to go on holiday with my family! This will be my first year working at Calder high! I am really excited to starting and look forward to meeting you all!



## 7HA1 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Mr Bell** and I will be your Year 7 Tutor. Our tutor group is called 7HA1 and we are in Hardcastle.

### Hobbies/Interests

**Favourite sports:**  
I love to watch Rugby League and my favourite team is Wakefield Trinity. I am also a big cricket fan.

**Favourite bands / music:**  
I listen to all types of music but really enjoy listening to rock music in the car.

**Favourite film:**  
All action or adventure films. I have to admit to being a big fan of the Star Wars films!

**Favourite foods:**  
Any Italian food.



### All about me

I have two dogs and a cat and like to explore the countryside on long walks with my wife and the dogs.

I really enjoy cooking and experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen (with varying degrees of success!). I love to cook Italian food.

Like you, I am new to the school but I am really looking forward to meeting you as it is a fantastic place to be.





## 7HA2 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is....  
**Miss Carroll**. Our tutor groups is called 7HA2 and we are in House Hardcastle.

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
I really enjoy lots of sports but my favourites are trampolining, netball, and running.

Favourite bands / music:  
Bon Jovi, Dua Lipa, Ed Sheeran and Stormzy.

Favourite film:  
I love films so its hard to pick one but my top three are Dirty Dancing, Footloose, and The Greatest Showman.

Favourite foods:  
My own homemade chilli.



### All about me

I love animals and I have a little dog called Ted, he's a Shih Tzu. In my spare time I like to go to the gym, lots of walks and spending time with my family and friends. This is my first year at Calder High School as well so I'm new just like you! We can go through this journey together. I can't wait to meet you all in September.



## 7WA1 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Miss Collieran** and I'm a Science Teacher and Year 7 Tutor.

Our tutor group is called 7WA1 and we are in Wainhouse.

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
Boxing classes, running, indoor rock climbing and weight training

Favourite bands / music:  
Travis, The Beautiful South, James, Muse, Catatonia

Favourite film:  
Saved

Favourite foods:  
Blackberries, oranges, Thai curry



### All about me

I love animals; I have two house-rabbits called Billy and Cabbage. In my spare time I like drawing, painting and reading.

This is my first year at Calder High School. I can't wait to meet you all, and I'm sure that we will all help each other to settle in!



## 7WA2 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Mr Sharpe** and I will be your form tutor. Our tutor group is called 7WA2 and we are in Wainhouse.

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
I used to play rugby league, I support Liverpool so I like to watch them play football, I like bike riding and playing 5-a-side football.

Favourite bands / music:  
Bastille, The 1975 and Fuse ODG.

Favourite film:  
Anything Marvel and Harry Potter.

Favourite foods:  
Chicken Korma pizza, TGI Fridays sesame chicken strips and salt and pepper chicken from the Chinese.



### All about me

I have two dogs called Ted and Bruno who are both two years old. At the weekends I enjoy going on bike rides with my friends as well as playing a few games on my Xbox. This will be my first year working at Calder High School so I will also be new, like yourselves. I hope we can help each other to settle in, I am sure that together we will make a great form group. I look forward to meeting you all soon!



## 7WA3 - Meet your Tutor

Hello, my name is **Dr Sharp** and I'll be your form tutor when you join Calder High. Our tutor group is called 7WA3 and we are in Wainhouse

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
Cycling - I love cycling! Cricket, running, triathlon and just about any sport!

Favourite bands / music:  
I love classical music and sing with the Halifax Choral Society. Bands I like are U2, Radiohead, Embrace and Bob Dylan

Favourite film:  
I don't get time to watch many films but I like anything with some action involved

Favourite foods:  
Can't beat a curry, but also veggie chilli



### All about me

This is my first year at Calder High, but everyone here is really friendly and helps new people to settle in. I've got two children who are 13 and 10. They love sport too! We've got lots of pets as I used to work at London Zoo before becoming a teacher. Frogs, cats, fish, corals and lizards to name a few. Can't wait to meet you all in September. Have a good summer!



## Meet your new tutor!

Hello, my name is **Mrs Gilhooly** and I am the new tutor for 8SH3 formerly known as 7AHE

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
I'm not really into sports if I had to choose it would be motorbike racing and I've had a little dabble into racing so know how exhilarating it can be!

Favourite bands / music:  
I'm into most things rock and metal including Metallica, Kings of Leon and System of a down - the louder the better!

Favourite film:  
All things Marvel recently finished the Avengers series

Favourite foods:  
I love cooking and baking and experimenting with flavours. I love spicy foods and am partial to cheese!



### All About me

I have lived in Bradford since 2002 when I started studying at the University of Bradford. Upon completion I worked for the NHS in their laboratories as a Biomedical Scientist in Microbiology.

I am married with 2 children and a cat and a dog so it's a busy little house and if I find myself any free time I spend it in my workshop woodworking and pyrographing! I'm a keen DIY'er and own the majority of the power tools in our house.

I love travelling and hope to add to the house soon with an additional form of transport (I want another motorbike) so you never know I may ride to school on the odd occasion.



## Meet your new tutor!

Hello, my name is **Mrs Thurston** and I am the new tutor for 8HA1 formerly known as 7AFE

### Hobbies/Interests

Favourite sports:  
I grew up spending every weekend hiking and walking. I enjoy watching rugby (union) and most recently been to watch Ice Hockey at the new rink in Leeds.

Favourite bands / music:  
I like lots of different music genres and have been to many music festivals. I like punk, rock, indie a little bit of folk.

Favourite film:  
My favourite Disney film is Sword in the Stone and my favourite film is The Grand Budapest Hotel - I love any Wes Anderson film.



### All About me

Originally I am from Cumbria and I am sure you will be able to tell this from my accent! I studied at The University of York and have lived in Yorkshire ever since. I now live in Haworth which is lovely village but a little wet and cold! I am married and have one little girl who is 1 and a dog called Strudel! We spend most of our weekends out walking on the moors or taking a trip to the coast.

I love baking cakes- If I wasn't a teacher I would love to have my own café! I also love to travel and we try to get to a different county every year alongside visiting our family home in the South of Spain. This is my little piece of paradise.





## Around The Departments

### Key Stage Three Textiles

Key Stage Three Textiles students have been producing creative responses to every task set during lockdown; we have been very impressed! Year 7 have been exploring colour by creating amazing positive posters and weather plushies inspired by the artist Lisa Congdon. Year 8 have been developing their designing and making skills looking at the work of Clare Youngs and making their own animal collages. Year 9 have been studying the work of Jennifer Collier and continued to impress every week with their simply stunning research, dress designs and experiments with different materials. **Miss Brook**



### Staff v Students PE Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the 'staff v student' challenge last week. It was great to see so many staff and students getting involved. We were narrowly beaten by the students with staff having a cumulative total of 1603 kilometres and the students 1612 kilometres.

As the week progressed, more staff and students took part. Since last week, we have had a number of requests from both parents and students for another staff v students challenge. Parents have said it was great to see the children feeling part of Calder again and seeing all the photos of other students and staff. Staff said it encouraged them to get out of the house in the evening and they felt great afterwards. Therefore, we are going to give it another go this week (Friday 10th 6pm - Friday 17th July 6pm). Most phones have a fitness app that will track the distance covered during the day, you will be surprised how many steps you can do just walking around the house. No matter how few you do, they all add up.

As an extra incentive, we thought as well as staff v students, we would also included a cross faculty competition. There will be a prize on the first day back for the department with the most kilometres accumulated (think technology might be the ones to beat here!).

Thank you once again and hopefully we can beat the students this time! **PE Department**



**The Calder Learning Trust**  
Everybody, Every Day



## Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Junior Maths Challenge online.

Ffion was awarded 'Best in School' and Ben was awarded 'Best in Year'.



Ffion Noot-Williams	Gold
Ben Julian	Silver
Amber Blackburn	Bronze
Brooke Sutcliffe	Bronze
Charlie Pickens	Bronze
Christina Dole-Ayuso	Bronze
Elizabeth Yates	Bronze
Harriet Robinson	Bronze
Tom Owen	Bronze

## English Micro Fiction

### **The Mask in the Gallery**

Lonely, I hang in my frame watching the on lookers staring at me. I dream longingly about the outside world only wishing that I could experience what life has to offer. The other paintings laugh at me with their dull colours of famous people. A great war hero or an adventurous explorer. Only things I could dream of. But I am just a painting full of colours and shapes, not of any war hero or adventurous explorer, I am just me. **Edward Mortimer**



### **Blueberry Haiku**

*I based my Haiku on the artwork that I have drawn on blueberries:*

Hanging low in bloom

The berries so lapis blue

They fall – blue runs, silence

**Martha Roxburgh**





## House News and Results

House events began well this year with an assortment of closely fought competitions including Benchball, Basketball, Hockey and Rugby. However, for obvious reasons, none of the competitions planned for the spring term and after were completed.

As the year progressed, Wainhouse steadily built up a lead and at the beginning of Lockdown the scores were as follows;

**Wainhouse 950, Hardcastle 850, Stoodley 700, Shibden 675 points**

It was still too early however to begin to dream of a first Wainhouse victory as in previous years they had also been leading at this stage! Everything was now down to the Merit and Attendance totals to decide the House Cup. In the Merits, Hardcastle were the clear winners, Shibden were second, Wainhouse were third and Stoodley were fourth. In terms of Attendance it was even closer with three Houses having exactly the same totals. This meant that the overall results were as follows;

**Hardcastle 1<sup>st</sup> with 1650 points, Wainhouse 2nd with 1550 points, Shibden 3rd with 1275 points and Stoodley 4th with 1200 points.**

A massive well done to all the students who were involved in the competitions. Hopefully next year we can have a full and complete House program with a Wainhouse victory at the end of it! **Mr Webb**



## Calder Edge: LORIC in Lockdown

Like many things, the Calder Edge has been badly affected by lockdown, although we hope you have been using many of your LORIC skills to get through it! In fact we know that many Year 7 students have been working hard on developing their LORIC skills during their time at home in recent weeks. You've been demonstrating resilience, organisation & initiative in particular by learning new skills by trying out new hobbies; making a two course meal for family and helping with shopping for vulnerable and shielding family and neighbours. As always we are very proud of them.

In normal times, students would finish their Calder Edge portfolio by October half term in Year 8 and this is followed by a graduation ceremony just before Christmas. This clearly isn't going to be the case this year and as a result students currently in Year 7 will continue the Calder Edge throughout all of Year 8, using tutor time to do this when it returns, and it is hoped that we will be able to organize a summer graduation in June or July 2021. **Mrs Healey**



**The Calder Learning Trust**  
Everybody, Every Day



## Careers at Calder

Throughout lockdown the school has engaged with numerous organisations in order to give our students excellent careers education, information, advice and guidance. Elaine & Rob, our careers specialists, have held virtual meetings with students to help them with their decision making and have produced PowerPoint presentations on all the local post 16 opportunities.

Numerous students have taken part in the various activities organised by universities, being awarded prizes as a result. Students in Key Stage 3 have also enjoyed using BBC Bitesize to research different careers opportunities. Next year we will continue to work with these establishments and will develop new opportunities to support our students. **Mrs Healey**



## Lockdown in the LRC

Since lockdown I've had lots of emails and contact on Class Charts and Facebook to do with reading! Some of you have taken the traditional route and rediscovered old favourites, some have bought new books while some of you have taken the opportunity to download everything from graphic novels to Find My Past at the local library. I've asked for book reviews, film reviews, opinions on whether the book is better than the film (always) and generally wondered what you were up to.

For those of you involved in the Calderdale Children's Book of the Year there is exciting news on its way....we can't enjoy our usual day at Halifax Town Hall, meeting the authors and hoping our reviews win prizes (Calder are always very successful I'm proud to say) but there is going to be a special recognition for some. Watch this space if you sent me a review. In the meantime get ready to see your friends at school after such a long wait, but still stay safe.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again in September. **Mrs Dales**



## And Finally.....You're Never Too Old To Learn New Skills

As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, at Calder, currently with a responsibility for Teaching and Learning in the trust, I normally thoroughly enjoy visiting various lessons throughout school. It's a great opportunity to engage with both staff and students and really nice being able to see staff putting new ideas into practice and talking with our students to find out what helps them learn best. Therefore it has been very strange not doing this whilst in lockdown.

During lockdown I have learned a lot of new skills, as we all have, and learned even more about how students can learn best 'remotely'. I am convinced some of these things will, in the longer term, mean we can apply these to our existing practices as teachers and students when get back in school to enhance and improve the way we teach and students learn.

Remote technology has helped enormously to support teaching & learning but I recognise that this hasn't been accessible for everyone but like many schools all over the country we are lobbying both local & national government to support schools more so that we can support you. This includes teachers being able to set work using ClassCharts and students being able to see what work they need to do. Using ClassCharts has also been very helpful in making sure that some of the amazing work that some students have done in lockdown is acknowledged.

Using Microsoft Teams has meant we can teach remotely and I tried this early on with a group of Y10 Science students who were effectively the 'Calder High guinea pigs'. I was so impressed with the way they took to the idea quickly and efficiently, not speaking over each other and happily listening to each other's responses and asking questions verbally or typing them in 'the chat'. In fact, in my opinion, they took to it much better than the teachers. Many teachers have also learned other new skills and new programs for example Loom. Loom is excellent way to deliver a PowerPoint presentation remotely at the same time as listening and seeing the teacher you are familiar with.

It has also been very nice to receive feedback from teachers who tell me how their lessons have gone on TEAMS. They have said how much they have enjoyed having the opportunity to practice teaching as normal as it can be working remotely. There have also been some funny things like Mr Draper telling me how he'd fallen off his chair whilst delivering a live Teams lesson.

There are also some great examples of teacher's good practice being shared more widely. Ms Stanger has had her English lessons published across West Yorkshire after using the 'Speakers for Schools' resource and Mr Robinson had an article published about how to use new technology in the national journal 'Teaching History' published by the Historical Association. I do hope that you have all coped whilst being away from school and have missed us. We have missed you although I do like the mute button on Teams and sometimes wish I could use that in a normal classroom setting!

Take care, stay safe & try to have a good summer ready to learn in September. **Mr Healey**



Mr Healey teaching Y8 about diffusion on TEAMS. Where is the tie?



## Tutor Bases: Know Where You Are Going

### CHS Tutor Groups - September 2020 restart

Year 7 – Mrs McLaughlin			
Form	Room	Tutor	House
7SH1	HU10	Mrs McVey	Shibden
7SH2	HU9	Miss Halpin	Shibden
7ST1	HU8	Miss McDonald-Webster	Stoodley
7ST2	HU7	Miss Duffy	Stoodley
7ST3	HU6	Miss Greenwood	Stoodley
7HA1	HU5	Mr Bell	Hardcastle
7HA2	HU4	Miss Carroll	Hardcastle
7WA1	HU3	Miss Colleran	Wainhouse
7WA2	HU2	Mr Sharpe	Wainhouse
7WA3	HRC	Mr Sharp	Wainhouse

Year 8 – Mrs Binks			
Form	Room	Tutor	House
8SH1 (JPE)	MA6	Mr Pearmain	Shibden
8SH2 (GSN)	DR1	Mr Smeaton	Shibden
8SH3 (AHE)	MA4	Mrs Gilhooly	Shibden
8ST1 (RCR)	MA2	Mr O'Driscoll	Stoodley
8ST2 (SBN)	MA1	Miss Brown	Stoodley
8HA1 (AFE)	MA5	Mrs Thurston	Hardcastle
8HA2 (RSE)	LA3	Mrs Semple	Hardcastle
8HA3 (HSN)	LA2	Mrs Sugden	Hardcastle
8WA1 (ERN)	MA7	Mr Robinson	Wainhouse
8WA2 (ABR)	LA1	Mr Barber	Wainhouse

Year 9 – Mr Hussain			
Form	Room	Tutor	House
9WA1 (RSK)	PE2	Mr Speak	Wainhouse
9WA2 (RDN)	PE1	Mr Dean	Wainhouse
9WA3 (AAH)	EA1	Miss Ahmed	Wainhouse
9ST1 (KCR)	EA5	Mrs Crosier	Stoodley
9ST2 (APS)	EA4	Mr Powers	Stoodley
9SH1 (RTE)	TE6	Miss Wearmouth	Shibden
9SH2 (JKL)	TE1	Mr Penson	Shibden
9HA1 (SEM)	EA3	Miss Morley	Hardcastle
9HA2 (GKN)	TE3	Mr Butler	Hardcastle



Year 10 – Mrs Byrne			
Form	Room	Tutor	House
10WA1 (KRN)	SC7	Miss Robinson	Wainhouse
10WA2 (LHN)	SC8	Mr Hudson	Wainhouse
10HA1 (MHN)	SC5	Miss Haran	Hardcastle
10HA2 (CSE)	SC2	Mrs Greenwood	Hardcastle
10ST1 (AAD)	SC4	Mr Cameron	Stoodley
10ST2 (SCS)	SC9	Mr Coles	Stoodley
10SH1 (LLB)	SC3	Mrs Linforth	Shibden
10SH2 (NOM)	SC6	Mrs Oldham	Shibden

Year 11 – Mr Kenworthy			
Form	Room	Tutor	House
11HPR (10MGD)	EN9	Mr Parker	Mixed Houses
11JSL (10RCN)	EN4	Miss Southwell	
11AHN (10LLH)	EN1	Mr Hodgson	
11JEM (10DCL)	EN2	Mrs Elam	
11KRO (10JPN)	EN3	Mrs Roman	
11KSR (10MHD)	EN7	Mrs Stanger	
11PPN (10SMY)	EN6	Mr Partington	

## Saturday Art Classes Wainsgate Chapel

Come and explore your inner artist in a fun, relaxed and friendly environment

10am-1.00pm  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Qualified Art Teachers  
DBS registered

All materials provided

£15.00 per session or £40.00 for all three  
For more information contact -  
creativebloc5@gmail.com  
Amanda 07967 996450 or Anisha 07950 325431