

NEWSLETTER

CALDER VI RETAIN THE CUP!



After two nail biting halves and a fantastic performance from our Sixth Form lads, the final on the evening of 7 May against Hipperholme and Lightcliffe finished 1 - 1 (a superb goal by Jack Earle) and then went to the dreaded penalties.

But our lads kept their nerve and ended up winning 4 - 1 on penalties, a fantastic result. Well done to Sam Talbot who got "Man of the Match" two years running. Thank you for the support we received on the evening. Staff who came to support the game gave the boys a real boost! In the photograph (Back row left to Right) , Joel Cleary, James Peavoy, Jack Earle, Joe Kidder, George Bamford, Robert Stansfield, James Smith. (Front Row) Sam Talbot, Andrew Cooper, Martin Harlow, Adam Lumb and Ryan Jefferies.

Issue 14
May 2009

CALDER VI
DIRECT LINE
01422 889918

May

Friday, 22 May
Year 10 Science Modules
School Closes for Half Term

June

Monday, 1 June
School Re-opens
Tuesday, 2 June
Year 8X Camp
Thursday, 4 June
Year 10 Science Modules
Monday, 8 June
Year 10 into Year 12
Taster Day
Tuesday, 9 June
Year 8Y Camp
Wednesday, 10 June
Year 10 Science Modules
Friday, 12 June
Year 7 French Trip
Tuesday, 16 June
Year 7 French Trip Returns
Wednesday, 17 June
Showstoppers
Year 10 Science Modules
Thursday, 18 June
Year 7 Spanish Trip
Year 8 Tutor Review Day
Monday, 22 June
Year 10 Science Modules
Tuesday, 23 June
Ex Arts Primary Days
Wednesday, 24 June
Year 7 Tutor Review Day
Expressive Arts Primary Days
Thursday, 25 June
Technology Enrichment Day
Year 12 Destinations Day

July

Wednesday, 1 July
Calder High's Got Talent
Friday, 3 July
Year 6 Transition Day

CALDER HIGH'S GOT TALENT 1 JULY 2009

WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS AROUND SCHOOL
AND ON OUR WEBSITE FOR DATES AND
TIMES OF AUDITIONS

Can you perform in front of a large audience?
Do you have a skill or talent? This event is
open to students and members of staff.



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR
STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING
EXAMS THIS SUMMER**



Term Dates 2009

Training Days (Students not in School)

Summer Term		
Half Term	Close	Friday, 22 May
	Re-open	Monday, 1 June
	Close	Monday, 20 July
		Tuesday, 1 September (Staff Training Days) Students begin on Thursday, 3 September
Autumn Term	Re-open	
Half Term	Close	Friday, 23 October
	Re-opens	Monday, 2 November
	Close	Friday, 18 December

Monday, 20 July

Tuesday, 1 September 2009
Wednesday, 2 September
2009
Friday, 12 February 2010
Thursday, 25 March 2010
Friday, 26 March 2010

**REMEMBER TO CHECK
OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPDATES OF
LETTERS SENT HOME
WITH
STUDENTS AND
WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN SCHOOL**



Have you seen the Oliver Twisted DVD?

It's fantastic!
Superb quality,
additional
extras, out-takes,
behind the scenes

All your for just £5

Available in School from Mrs Leicester
and Ms McAleese

Cheques made payable to 'Calder High School'



July Project 6 and 7 July

As usual, we have been invited to perform at The Square Chapel for two evenings as part of the Halifax July Project (formerly known as Week of Brilliance). The programme has yet to be decided, but we will showcase highlights from all the work created over the last year in the Expressive Arts Department. Tickets will be on sale from The Square Chapel after half term. The event will run from 1 to 12 July. For further details of the whole event, copy the following link into your Web browser. <http://www.thejulyproject.co.uk/>

JUST A MINUTE!

GCSE Drama Students are currently working on unique scripts which they hope will win an international competition. The event is being run by Square Chapel where theatre Director Steve Ansell has invited young and old to write a 60 second play/sketch/scenario for his **Gone in 60 Seconds Festival**. The script selection is happening both sides of the Atlantic. Some American scripts are being performed here and vice-versa. The plays will be filmed and posted on the Internet.



"Writing a play for such a short time span is really challenging for the students. This competition is new to us although it has been running for a few years" said Mrs Jill Leicester. We have only worked on a few lessons so far but we have already got quite a few contenders we wish to enter".

If any of Calder's plays are chosen, they will be performed in the Viaduct Theatre, Halifax on 5 June 2009.



Year 10 Geographers weekend in Horton-in Ribblesdale

16 GCSE Geographers had a weekend of fun and hardwork as they headed up to Horton-in Ribblesdale in the Yorkshire Dales on 8 May. Accommodation was based in a bunkhouse with magnificent views of Pen-y-Ghent. Students undertook a variety of tasks and investigations that will help them with their Geography and Science courses. Students visited White Scar Caves then on to a working quarry, a village study and finishing off with a Sunday morning stroll along the Ingleton Waterfall Trail. The evenings were spent planning tasks and writing up findings. However, there was some time off for students to enjoy the countryside surroundings.

Further Year 10 Geography trips will be taking place on 2 and 3 of July as they head up to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales and Grasmerre in the Lake District where students will have a chance to learn about the geographical formation of the landscapes.

Lancashire Youth Dance Theatre Festival

We are delighted that Mr Jason Smith's film, 'Purgatory' has been selected to be presented at the Lancashire Youth Dance Theatre Festival in May.

They will be showing the film as part of their 'dance for camera' strand. Jason's created film will be shown in The Gallery space at The Duke's Theatre and will be screened at numerous points throughout the day on Saturday, 16 May.



If you are interested in attending the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

SLR FILM CAMERAS WANTED

30mm SLR cameras needed for AS level photography project.



If you have any unwanted 30mm film SLR cameras that are no longer being used at home, would you like to consider donating these to the department for use by the students in producing traditional darkroom prints for their photography coursework.

Year 11 GCSE Mathematics Trip to Leeds University



A hundred Year 11 students were given the opportunity to attend Leeds University for a day of revision. Two days were available. On 1 April the day was aimed at trying to achieve Grade 'C' and on 2 April students worked towards aiming at achieving Grade 'A' at GCSE. The day was financed from money awarded due to the school achieving Technology College Status and it was run by examiners from the Edexcel Examination Board.

The day offered students a chance to master key Mathematical topics in order to achieve higher grades. All the lectures were given by the team of examiners that have written this year's GCSE Mathematics exams. In addition to receiving examination tips from the 'horse's mouth' the students, along with hundreds of students from other schools, also got a taste of university life with a full day of lectures.

Feedback from both students and staff has been very positive; many students commented about how much they enjoyed the day, how much they learned and how they now feel better prepared to revise key topics with confidence.





Keep us up to date

Please let us know of any change of emergency contact numbers, change of addresses or change of circumstance as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date.

MATHEMATICS EXAM SUPPORT

The Mathematics faculty is holding drop-in sessions for all students preparing for GCSE or A'level exams.

Sessions are being offered in Ma5 on lunchtimes Tuesday to Friday and after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between now and the exams.

Students can access revision websites, work through examination questions or bring problems from their own revision.

A whole variety of Mathematics revision materials are available on the school's VLE. If any student needs guidance they just need to ask their Maths teacher for help.

SOMETHING FISHY IS HAPPENING IN CARE TAKERS!

Some Year 9 students, in support of the work through Care Takers Inclusion Centre, have been offered a 9 week alternative Science course in Fly Fishing. We believe this is something that they will be able to succeed in, enjoy and engage with.



Students will be taught through a kinaesthetic tactile learning style to the best of their potential. They will experience learning outside the school environment on Friday afternoons with Mrs Paniczew, Mr Mann and a coach from Ripponden Fly Fishing Club.

So far the students have been involved in theory sessions learning about the equipment, (purchased by the school), needed to fly fish. All elements of the curriculum have been incorporated into this activity.

Students have been putting their newly acquired skills to the test on the river at Brearley. As this part of the river is owned by Hebden Fishing Club, permits will have to be bought to fish here. Unfortunately, on that occasion, they did not catch any fish, but all the students should be congratulated on their patience and determination. They showed exemplary behaviour and good awareness of all health and safety aspects covered during the theory lessons.

The school has great pride in the students' achievements so far. Successful completion of this course will provide evidence towards an ASDAN qualification, along with a real sense of achievement and the acquisition of some real-life skills.



PAPARAZZI STYLE OSCARS PROM—YEAR 11

**Wednesday, 24 June at Liquid Night Club, Halifax
7.30 pm until 10.30 pm**

Tickets £15 (Includes free soft drink)

Tickets available from YAL's Office at lunch times, breaks and registration. After exam leave, they can be purchased from Ms Jenkins. Tickets are selling fast so don't miss out on what will be a fantastic evening. Keep watching our Website to see photographs taken on the night and details of how to order copies.

Summer Extra-Curricular Activities

Please check out our Website for details of the summer extra-curricular activities included within our very extensive Programme.

These include Rounders, Netball, WTF Taikwondo, Tennis, Cricket, Cheerleading, Gym Sticks, Athletics, Archery and Climbing



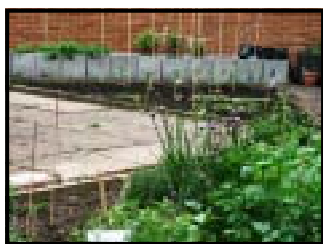
YOUNG LEADER

Ben Barker in 8YC, is one of Calder High School's

Sports Ambassadors and very much "into cricket". Ben was invited to represent Calder High as a Young Cricket Leader at the Yorkshire v Sussex match at Headingley in early May. Students from Todmorden High School, who have also completed their Young Leaders award, also attended. It was an opportunity for Ben to use his leadership skills supervising multi-skill sessions for young up-and-coming cricketers. However, the chance to meet and greet the players was the ultimate reward! It was a day well spent for Ben with, hopefully, more to follow. Well Done!

Eco Trail - 23 May 2009

As part of the **Big Green Weekend** event being held over the Spring Bank holiday (23, 24 and 25 May), celebrating all things **green**, Calder High School will be opening its new Eco Garden to the public on 23 May only. The garden is maintained and looked after by Calder High School Students. The garden has a mixture of herbs, fruit, vegetables and wild flowers.



Students go to the Garden Club to learn about growing their own vegetables, flowers and herbs.

If anyone would like to help out in the school's

Eco Garden or make donations towards plants, seeds, etc, please contact Ms McGeever or Mr Sykes in school. We would be grateful for any form of assistance.

For more information about the Big Green Weekend and events being held in both Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd, copy the following link into your Web browser.

www.biggreenweekend.org.uk

PACE EGG 2009

A fantastic day was had by all once again at this year's Pace Egg event over Easter.

Thanks to everyone who came and watched. We raised £600 for the Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team. For Johnny McQuade, Isaac Rose, Joachim Goddard and Dylan Wilby it was their last performance; they will be sorely missed but we are on the look-out for new talent, so if you are interested in performing in this great tradition next year - get in touch! Special mention for Rowan Carter who stepped in at Heptonstall for the Heptonstall Pace Eggers and learnt his lines two hours prior to the performance. Well done!



Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a huge success. We hope to see you all again next year.

Report written by Billy Painter (full version on our Website).

Calder VI LEAVERS' PROM

**The Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield,
Friday, 19 June, 7.30 pm to 1.30 pm**

Tickets £30 each, which includes a three course meal.

Please make cheques payable to Calder High School.

A coach will be stopping at Hebden, Calder VI, and Halifax on the way and then dropping off the same on the way back.

The 53 seater complimentary coach will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so the sooner you buy a ticket the more likely it is that you can be guaranteed a place!

Tickets will be available in the Calder VI Dining Area.

If you require any further information, please email Calder VI students, Hannah Bradbury or Katie Smith or ring Halifax 889918 at Calder High School





Already on the way to professional accreditation...



**NQT Training Event at Calder High
Wednesday, 6 May 2009**

On 6 May, Calder High School played host to thirteen Newly Qualified Teachers from across Calderdale who are coming to the end of their first year in the teaching profession. Colleagues from primary, secondary and special school settings took part in the first of two days' activities to help them reflect on the "core standards" for the profession to identify an area of their practice which they would like to research by applying new techniques or approaches in the classroom.

Delegates spent the morning looking at strategies for inclusion and personalisation, with specialist input from Julie Edwards, Calderdale's consultant for Gifted & Talented learners and Educational Psychologists, Vicki Harold and Magdalen Maguire. Calder High Teaching & Learning Consultant, Kerry Standring and Advanced Skills Teacher, Jonathan Emberton, led the afternoon session with an introduction to The Teacher Learning Academy - part of the General Teaching Council for England.

With help from Inclusion Consultant, Debbie Sweet and Calder High SENCo, Brian Muir, delegates then finished the day planning a short-term research project to tie in with the morning's themes, which they will undertake before the second meeting on 30 June.

Deputy Headteacher, Chris Sylge said: "It was great to see the wealth of ideas coming from these young professionals, and particularly to have both primary and secondary colleagues working together. As the Calderdale Training School it is important for us to give colleagues from a wide range of settings the opportunity to reflect on and develop their practice. The Teacher Learning Academy provides a means of recognising the learning and professional development that teachers gain through their day-to-day practice and we are now putting together a plan to become a TLA Centre."

Absence Hotline

Tel : 01422 889900

Dedicated line for all absences. Answer service available.

Email : absence@calderhigh.calderdale.sch.uk
or lindseyh@calderhigh.calderdale.sch.uk



STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR SKILLS IN PRAGUE—16 - 19 APRIL

Three Calder High Drama students have performed in an international festival in a former concentration camp near Prague. The students - Dario Coates, Jess Stanley and Rowan Mataram - were accompanied by Dance Teacher, Mr Jez Gregg for the event organised by the International Schools Theatre Association, for which Mr Gregg is a tutor.

They worked with 100 young people from schools in Moscow, Rome, Copenhagen and Cairo to perform at Terezin, in the performance space once used by prisoners of war. "It was a very harrowing and traumatic experience for us," said Mr Gregg. "but our students worked with professional actors and musicians who described them as the life and soul of the festival." He added: "I am very grateful to the Headteacher for allowing the time to attend international schools which adds such an extra dimension to what we offer here." The visit was arranged by Gilly Kerrod of the Calderdale Theatre School.



SPORTSMARK AWARDED

Calder High School has been re-designated with the prestigious Sportsmark Award.

The Award has been made following a detailed analysis of sporting activity in all year groups, and there are now 90% of students undertaking two hours a week of quality PE and extra-curricular activities.

Head of the Physical Education Faculty, Mrs Caroline Lee said; "We have widened our extra curricular activities to access the needs of more students by buying new equipment such as a trampoline and four table tennis tables. We run new clubs as well as all our traditional sports which we continue to have great success in."

There has been particular success in football, and a development plan for netball which has "risen in profile massively" says Mrs Lee. "We also have large up take at GCSE and A'level which helps students to reach their two hours of quality PE.

"We are constantly looking at innovative ways of increasing physical activity for our students, with fun runs at Christmas, inter-form events and an event coming up for national mountain biking week."

A new course in archery for beginners starts this week, available for students in Years 7,8 and 9. The four week course will be delivered by qualified coaches and successful candidates will receive a certificate.

WHAT AN EXPERIENCE

This year's French Exchange took place over a packed two and a half week period in March. Following a busy but enjoyable visit by Le Collège Roger Salengro to the Calder Valley between the 11 and 18 March, the return leg began just two days later. Forty students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 set off for the town of St Pol-sur-Ternoise in the Nord Pas-de-Calais region of France. During our time in France we spent time in lessons with our host school, visited the beautiful Belgian town of Bruges and visited some of the historic WW1 and WW2 sites which are plentiful in this area of Northern France. We also had a lot of fun during our market challenge in the local town of Arras where students excelled themselves when set the tri-colore challenge (ie to purchase something red, white and blue).



We were very warmly welcomed by our hosts. Special mention should go to David Hyatt in Year 11 who experienced a huge range of French gastronomically delights including steak tartare, frogs legs, snails and rabbit! Good effort David!

Students who took part in this year's visit deserve a big congratulations for the way they conducted themselves throughout the two weeks and we are looking forward to taking many of them back again next year, along with a few new faces from current Year 8.



LIFETIME AMBITION ACHIEVED

Former Calder High School student, Spencer Harris has achieved his lifetime ambition to be a professional footballer. Spencer, 18, from Hebden Bridge, has signed for Huddersfield Town after working his way up from the Club's Academy. A former star with Hebden Bridge Saints, as well as the Calder High School team, he has been under-18 captain at Huddersfield.

A spokesman for the Club described him as "a versatile player who can operate across the defence and midfield, but is most commonly deployed as a centre-half."

A virtual ever-present in Town's Academy team, Spencer has made several appearances for the reserve side and got his first taste of the first-team environment when he was added to the match-day squad for Town's League One clash with Tranmere Rovers last year.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S FUND RAISING PERFUME

A mother and daughter have created a perfume to raise money for a school charity venture. Jessica Allen in Year 7 and her mother, are trying to raise money for the school's Great Generation Project trip to Uganda this summer.

Jessica came back from school one day really enthusiastic about the project and said she would like to help. They spent about four weeks mulling it over and thinking about how they could contribute.

They decided to make the limited-edition fragrance, through Mandy's business, Daisy Diva Natural Products.

Mandy, of Luddenden Foot, said: "We are donating all profits from the sales of our new vitamin E face oil fragrance – linden blossom and tangerine. "It was the very first fragrance that I fell in love with when I started the business." She said the scent reminded her of a sun-warmed garden.

Jessica has been helping to bottle and label the fragrance and has been giving out samples in Spirals, Market Street, Hebden Bridge and the Bear Co-op, Rochdale Road, Todmorden.

Both shops have been selling the oil over the Easter holidays and it is now available through the Daisy Diva Website.

The Great Generation Project works to prevent poverty and help stricken communities across the world build better living environments. Calder High School aims to raise £16,000 for the trip and are planning more fund-raising events. See update of events later on in the Newsletter.



DANCE FESTIVAL

Northern Ballet's Dancition Project, supported by the Halifax, has involved four of our primary schools, increased the understanding and enjoyment of dance and creativity as a way of learning, to develop teachers' skills in delivering dance activity and to aid the transition from primary to secondary school. The project involved 28 Calder High students working in four of our feeder Primary Schools and a trip to see Northern Ballet Theatre's Mixed Programme. The Dance Festival held in the Ted Hughes Theatre at the end of April, allowed students from all schools to perform their piece of work to an audience. This performance was part of the Junior Dance Leadership Award. Mr Gregg said: "It was a fantastic evening celebrating the creativity of so many young people in Calderdale. I think all involved gained huge enjoyment from the event and it has enabled Calder to develop already strong links with feeder primary schools, a great project and a great collaboration"

Donations of £150 from this event will go towards the Great Generation Project. Special thanks to the The Halifax, staff and students at Calder High School, Burnley Road Junior School, Cragg Vale Junior School, Riverside Junior School and Scout Road Primary School, Calderdale Council and Northern Ballet communications and technical staff.

SHOWCASE OF EVENTS

On 13 May the Year 12 Drama Students performed a showcase of their exam work. There were extracts from their set plays 'When You Cure Me' and 'The Insect Play' and a series of monologues taken from a wide range of sources. It was a varied programme and of a very high standard. The event was free and open to all. Thank you all for your support.



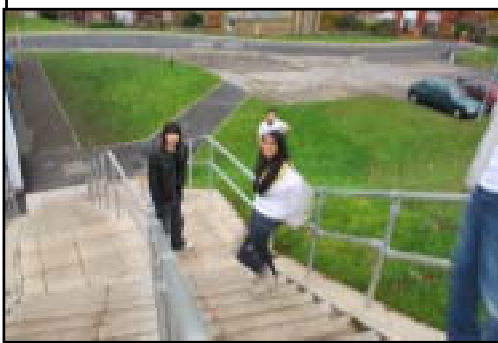
Calder VI Enrichment

This year we have developed the Enrichment Programme in Calder VI. The programme runs every Wednesday afternoon periods 5 and 6 for Calder VI students. Below is a sample of the comments we have received from students.

Strictly Come Dancing

I chose this because I enjoy dancing and I thought that it would be a challenge because it's not the kind of dancing I usually do. However, it was quite easy once I got going and my partner was good at it which helped immensely. It was a real laugh and the teachers were helpful when we were struggling with the new moves. The way we learnt was good because the moves were split up into stages and were easy to understand. The prize if we won was money....not a lot of it, but still...£10 is £10 !! I just felt that I was flying when I was dancing...probably why I won!!!

Whooooopeeeeeeeeeee!!!! *Written by Katie Greenwood*



Photography

I really enjoyed the photography sessions, as I felt I learned so much from them. Also the teacher was really nice and put up with us asking questions constantly. She was a really good teacher and taught us many skills that would come in useful in the future, such as how to use levels, curves selective colouring and cloning techniques. We also learnt how to take photographs and reproduce some famous photographs, we also learnt how to compose different photographs with loads of props which was really enjoyable!

Written by Naranjanpal Hare

Make-up

Make-up, not a topic for the faint-hearted male obviously, but a great way in which the females can sit and swap beauty tips and even learn trade secrets from a professional beauty therapist! Whether we were heart-shaped or oval, we spent 5 weeks learning how to frame our faces beautifully with subtle make-up, how to tint eyelashes and eyebrows, and also how to lengthen those lashes with extensions, not to mention a bit of reflexology in between - something for both mind and body beauty. I think everyone who did the 5 week course can say that they learnt at least one good thing about how to apply makeup effectively, and we all came out of sixth form looking gorgeous every Wednesday afternoon. Everyone loves being pampered, and this was a lovely way to spend time and do it alongside all our academic studies.

Ceramics

Amin Nazmeen had an amazing experience at a Ceramics Workshop. Amin said it was fascinating to know how a model head could be produced by using clay and enjoyed learning different techniques on how each feature of the face could be made and developed. I would definitely recommend it to anyone wanting to try something different.

MATHS CHALLENGES

Around 30 students from Years 9 to 11 took part in the intermediate Maths challenge with a great deal of success. There were 5 gold medal winners, 12 silver medal winners and 8 bronze medal winners.

Furthermore, Fin Plumpton was invited to take part in the Hamilton Olympiad in which he achieved a certificate of merit. Also Matthew Wedge-Roberts and Johnny McQuade achieved a certificate of merit in the Pink Kangaroo challenge. In March a team of four students travelled to Manchester to take part in the team Maths Challenge. Rebecca Wedge-Roberts, Rose Wagner-Revitt, Charlotte Gibbon and Jasmine Simms competed against some of the top schools in the north west. Unfortunately, the team did not finish in the top three, but everyone enjoyed the day's events.



CALDER HIGH GREAT GENERATION PROJECT 2009

Calder VI students have again been involved in raising funds with a charity called The Great Generation. (Please visit www.thegreatgeneration.org for further information). The charity is an organisation which aims to capture the spirit of giving that followed the earthquake in the Indian Ocean in 2004 and maintain this momentum so that more resources are channelled towards long-term development in communities suffering in poverty. The simplistic and ambitious vision of the organisation is to strive to create a world free of poverty, hunger and disease.

The charity runs volunteer projects that support improvements in health, education and the environment, working closely with local organisations to identify projects that will deliver long-term benefits to communities in need.

A group of Calder VI students took part in a project in a community in Kampala, Uganda last year and this year's group will be building on the foundation we initiated in 2008. We work with a community living in conditions of poverty with high rates of HIV/AIDS, rife with malaria and cholera diseases and an average life expectancy of 49. We work with the community helping them both practically and financially to become more self-sufficient, to improve the sanitation and to help them improve the quality of their lives. Much of the work is in meeting, listening to and enjoying the company of the people in community and helping to respond to their needs as they identify them.



Each volunteer in the project is required to raise £1,200 and the school will be sending a group of 16 students and staff to Uganda on 18 July for two weeks. Therefore a total of £19,200 is required to be raised.

Thus far, the students, staff and community have raised almost £7,000 towards the total and I am very grateful to all those who have contributed so generously already. In particular, could I thank the No Hands Massage Clinic in Hebden Bridge who are repeating their support from last year where clients can donate £10 to the Great Generation project for a massage. The company then doubles the donation, meaning that the project receives £20 for every massage. Please contact Mariella Severynen or visit www.nohandsclinic.co.uk for further information. Also Mandy Allen, mother of Jessica Allen in 7YA, who launched a vitamin e face oil through her company Daisy Diva Natural Products. The face oil was sold in local shops over the Easter holidays with all proceeds going to the project.

The fundraising covers all costs of transport, accommodation and food and around 35-45% will provide ongoing community development. Some of the funds will be used to improve local infrastructure, for example building water pumps or developing better sanitation. Another part of the funds will be used to provide local people with the chance to help themselves, by giving them small loans to start a business or get the training required to find a job. The loans are then repaid and volunteers are invited to make a decision about a new microfinance investment into the community.

The school will be running a number of events in a final push to raise the funds required. The following events are intended to take place:



Rowed to Africa competition for each year. Tutor groups will be challenged to compete against each other to see how far they can row (on machines) in an hour. Calder VI students will be sponsored in an endurance challenge. Staff competition between faculties to challenge the PE Faculty. To take place week beginning 6 July.
Talent Show - Calder High's Got Talent 2. Auditions will commence soon at lunchtimes. A finale will be held in the Ted Hughes Theatre on Wednesday, 1 July.
Year 7 Disco to be held in the Ted Hughes Theatre on Thursday, 11 June.
Curry and Quiz Night to be held in Calder VI on Friday, 3 July.
Calder Film Society showing of Mamma Mia to be held in the Ted Hughes Theatre on Thursday, 18 June. Film plus karaoke; 70s gear recommended!

A Specialist Technology College and Training School



Year 7 Spanish Trip September 2009

The 35 students from Year 7 (and

the staff!), who are involved, are looking forward to their visit to Spain in September. We will be flying to Santander and staying in Santillana del Mar, in the Cantabria region. We will be staying in small wooden chalets in a Holiday Village, which has good restaurant facilities and a swimming pool. Travel is by coach and air from Stansted Airport, when we will arrive on the Thursday evening and settle into the accommodation. During the trip, the group will enjoy a programme of leisure and cultural activities, such as a town trail in Santander, a market visit purchasing items (in Spanish) beach visits and a visit to Los Picos (mountain range).

In the evening, there will be entertainment in and around the Holiday Village. Further information will be sent out in due course and an information evening will be held at school early September. A reminder to all students involved, there are still outstanding 2nd payments of £100 not received by a number of students. The next instalment of £150 is due by 22 May.



PROMOTION IN THE RANKS

Two Calder High students from Year 7 were successful over Easter in the True Spirit Taekwondo event. John Horner and Arthur Byrom

have been promoted to 9th kups. (The kups represent belts and are graded down, starting with 10th/white.)

Mr Mark Bellanfante, who runs the after-school Taekwondo Club said he was really pleased with their efforts. "We are always happy to welcome new members to the club, which runs on Thursdays." Sessions are running Monday and Thursday straight after school. When exams are taking place check the change of venue. Everyone is welcome both staff and students alike and the wider community from 4 years upwards.

For more information speak to Mr Bellanfante in the main school.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM IN REGIONAL FINAL



Many congratulations to our Mock Trial team from

Years 8 and 9! We won the local heat of the competition in March, including the trophy for the best team of magistrates (Jack Nahajec, Jo Biglin and Kitty Wilson Duncan), the individual awards for best usher (Jem Paramor), best prosecution lawyer (Joe Cotton), best defence lawyer (Jack Deighton), best defendant (Rose Wagner Revitt), best prosecution witness (Rebecca Wedge Roberts) and best defence witness (Ella Saltiel).

The team is very much looking forward to the regional final, which is taking place on May 16th. Good luck to them all!

Anne Todd and Ruth Roebuck

Update!

Congratulations to the winning team! We are delighted to announce that our wonderful team won the Regional Final in Rochdale on Saturday, 16 May and will now be competing in the **National Final** on Saturday, 20 June in Manchester.

LOOK OUT FOR EXCITING SPORTS EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Week beginning 15 June Mountain Biking Week

Sessions for Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday , 16 June and a Mountain Biking Club on Tuesday, 16, 23 and 30 June and 7 July.

Week beginning 29 June National School Sports Week

Lots of events. All students will learn a new game in PE that week! They will also learn about our link school in Bangladesh.

Week beginning 6 July Row to Africa 2 Inter-Form Rowing Competition

The sequel event, last year we made it to Paris. Can we make it to Africa this year?

NEW INITIATIVE IN SCHOOL



Two social work students from Huddersfield University are working at Calder High School as part of their degree course.

Harriet Wall (21) from Rochdale, and Kelly-Marie Jackson (24) from Burnley, are working as part of CHS Training School status, under a new initiative to involve social workers within school situations.

The two students have worked in administration with the Attendance Officer, and with Educational Welfare staff, as well as working with groups of students on issues such as substance misuse, behavioural difficulties, home visits to families and Statutory and Non-Statutory Agencies.

They are being supervised by Inclusion Centre and Support Manager, Mrs Candice Pancziew, and Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Mrs Denise Booth, who said: "This scheme reflects the Extended Schools initiative in action. It is really worthwhile for all involved."



Harriet and Kelly-Marie, hope to specialise as childrens' social workers, said that they were enjoying their time at Calder High: "It is a really good opportunity for us." We wish them well in the future.

YEAR 9 PE CELEBRATION TRIP TO THE 'THEATRE OF DREAMS'



On 25 March, the PE Department offered a very exciting opportunity to visit the recently launched education programme for Secondary Schools at Old Trafford Football Stadium, the home of Manchester United.

A group of Year 9 students who have consistently involved themselves in sport and extra curricular activities at Calder High School and have been identified by staff as making excellent progress in PE lessons, were involved in a variety of events. The students had a talk on stadium and event safety, fitness and nutrition, then visited the trophy room. The four trophies currently held by Manchester United were on display and students were able to have their photos taken with them.

There was time to look around the museum before the tour of the stadium started. The tour took in the stands, the players' lounge and changing room, the players' tunnel onto the pitch and the dugout. The tour also included a look at the commemorative displays for the Munich disaster of 1958.

The whole event was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and staff even though they didn't get a chance to meet any of the players or the manager.

KIRSTIE AND JESSICA TO THE RESCUE

Two Year 11 students, Kirstie Purvis and Jessica Patrick made a quick rescue on their way to their Maths Exam. They were walking along a path in the Sunnybank area of Mytholmroyd. They saved it from being 'squished' by a car, as Kirstie put it! They named the duckling Poppy. It was in distress and had been parted from its mother. After trying to find a mother duck to



foster it at the nearby canal, they decided it would be too dangerous to leave the duckling on its own on the canal. There were about four drakes and a number of crows hovering above so they decided to bring Poppy into Students Services for food and comfort. After a quick telephone call to the RSPCA, they were more than happy to take it under their wings! Thank you to Kirstie and Jessica for rescuing Poppy. Kirstie and Jess are hoping that they have done well in their exam too! We have just heard that the Vet on duty at the RSPCA has a family of rescued ducklings at home and with Poppy it will make a nice little family!



STUDENTS CREATE CHEMICAL REACTIONS

Four of our Year 8 girls were selected to attend the Salters' Festival of Chemistry in Bradford last month. The girls attended this one day fun event to take part in practical chemistry activities against other schools in West Yorkshire.

Calder High's team of 4 undertook 2 activities, one to identify different compounds and to separate a mixture of different powders using various techniques. Our students won first prize in this event winning a radio and certificate. The students were chosen because of their excellent practical work in school.

The Salters' Festivals of Chemistry are an initiative of the Salters' Institute. Their objective is to help promote the appreciation of chemistry and related sciences among the young.

We will be taking 4 students again next year so we will be keeping a close eye on this

Up and Coming Events

SHOWSTOPPERS

17 June – Year 10 Drama Students

A fun packed cabaret style show which has now become a regular annual event and is always over-subscribed. Tickets on sale after half term.

ARTS EXPERIENCE DAYS

24 and 25 June

The Expressive Arts Department will be opening its doors to our local feeder schools who will be sending talented art students to experience specialist teaching and facilities (in Art, Dance, Drama and Music) as part of its gifted and talented programme.

This was a huge success last year with many of the students involving themselves in extra curricular arts events when they started this year in Year 7.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE



A FIRST FOR CALDER HIGH IN CRICKET

Calder High's Year 7 cricket team are through to the second round of the prestigious Yorkshire schools cricket competition. As the school has never entered this competition before they had to start in the preliminary rounds of the competition. All the boys should be justifiably proud of themselves and will look forward to the next round of the competition.



National Youth Guitar Ensemble

A young musician from Calder High School has successfully auditioned for the National Youth Guitar Ensemble.

Fingal Plumpton, who is in Year 10, is pictured here (second from left on front row) with the ensemble at their final performance in Oxford during their Easter course.

The ensemble was established by the English Guitar Teachers' Association and offers the highest standard of ensemble training in the UK for young aspiring guitarists, with the inspired musical leadership of Gerald Garcia.



A Specialist Technology College and Training School

OPEN GCSE DRAMA EXAM

This year, due to the large amount of students, the exam was run during the day. Friends and family were invited to be in the audience. "The day went very smoothly; said Ms McAleese (Head of Drama). The examiner was impressed with the organisation and the disciplined, imaginative performances of the students. We have to wait until August now, to find out their results!"

EXAM SHOWCASE EVENING

Extracts from two scripted plays and a series of monologues were performed in the Ted Hughes Theatre on 13 May. This was a final run-through before Year 12 took their exams. It included a wide range of both tragic and comic pieces.

Good luck to everyone taking exams.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS QUALITY MARK

Calder High has recently gained the Secondary Schools Quality Mark Award – the first secondary school in Calderdale to achieve this.



The prestigious award recognises the high standards of numeracy and literacy attained by the school's students, as well as the mentoring and reporting systems in place at Calder High. It comes as a result of over a year's work by Anne Todd (Literacy Co-ordinator) and Sue Brown (Numeracy Co-ordinator), and the committed support of every teacher and teaching assistant in the school, as well as Calderdale's Teaching and Learning adviser, Lindsey Murray.

The bid to achieve the Quality Mark involved the collation of evidence that the high standards demanded by the Basic Skills Agency were being met and culminated in a full day inspection of the school. Two of the school's Key Stage 4 students, Billy Painter and Chaim Narang, accompanied the inspectors and answered many detailed questions about their experiences as students at Calder High. The resulting report from the Basic Skills Agency was glowing in its praise of their contribution to the bid, as well as referring to the outstanding commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm found throughout the school.

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Street Dance (SAM HENDY) is back !! Monday evenings throughout term in the Dance Studio 5.00 pm-6.00 pm. No experience necessary, only a love of dancing required !! All welcome £2.50 per session.

ADULT climbing sessions Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm at the climbing wall. Contact Abie on 07960448532 for further information.

BRAND NEW this term URBAN SURFING - a mix of skateboarding and surfing! It's fab no experience necessary ! WEDNESDAY 3.00 pm-4.00 pm Calder High Students only and 4.00 pm—5.00 pm Year 5/6 students. Cost £1 per session.

Information sheet and consent form available from the LRC or Student Services. Consent form must be returned at first session otherwise no surfing!

ARCHERY for beginners with White Rose Archery Club. Thursdays 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm. Once again information from the LRC or student services. Consent form must be returned at first session otherwise no archery!

Contact Mary Smith on 07970 734639 for more information on any of these activities.

Miss Kathy Lockyear is running a Dance Club for Year 7's Monday lunchtimes and a Cheer-leading Club for Year 7s and 8s Tuesday lunchtimes.



Calder High School
Brier Hey Lane
Mytholmroyd
HALIFAX
HX7 5QN

Telephone 01422 883213
Fax : 01422 882684
www.calderhigh.org.uk

Student Planner

The student planner is intended to be a really useful tool in the learning process. As well as providing important information, it is a valuable mechanism for home-school communication. We ask that you:



- Check the homework section regularly to ensure that homework is being recorded.
- Sign the planner each week to show that you have seen it.
- Use the planner to send messages into school.

**CALDER VI
DIRECT LINE
01422 889918**

REVISED Mathematics Examination Dates Year 7 and 8

Year 7 - Tuesday, 19 May and Thursday, 21 May
Year 8 - Monday, 15 June and Tuesday, 16 June



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS
WHO ARE TAKING EXAMS THIS SUMMER**



OUR WEB SITE CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR EXAM REVISION

Check out some useful websites to help you with your revision.

Copy the following link into your browser

<http://www.calderhigh.org.uk/exams.htm>

EXAM DATES REMINDER

Summer GCE/GCSE Exams

Tuesday, 5 May - Wednesday, 24 June 2009

RESULTS DATES

Summer 2009 GCE Exams	Thursday, 20 August 2009
Summer 2009 GCSE Exams	Thursday, 27 August 2009



**DO SOMETHING
FUNNY FOR MONEY
13 MARCH 2009**

WE ALL DID SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY AND RAISED A LOT OF CASH

Thank you to all parents/carers/friends/staff of Calder High who helped raise £1,350.65 on 13 March. This amount will be split between Great Generation and Comic Relief.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING INTERESTING TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to write an article, send in a photograph or advertise something in the next Newsletter, please send it to Diane Kershaw, Administration Manager at Calder High School, email dkershaw@calderhigh.calderdale.sch.uk or Telephone 01422 883213



This Newsletter is kindly sponsored by Sweet & Maxwell

THOMSON
SWEET & MAXWELL