

## Headteacher Update 05/05/2023

The Netball and Football teams have enjoyed success this season. We entered two equally balanced teams in the North Lanarkshire Senior Competition. At the end of the group stage one of our teams finished runners up, unfortunately they lost to the winners of the other Group, St Ambrose, in the Semi Final. Our active schools coordinator Nicola Joergensen organised for Abby from the professional Netball team Strathclyde Sirens to deliver a number of workshops during Future Fridays. The players were then able to attend a match to watch Abby play at the Emirates Stadium and meet her in the fan zone afterwards.



We were able to enter an S1 and an S2 boys football team in the respective Leagues this season. The S1s recently drew 4-4 away to St Aidan's before losing 1 –4 away to Carlisle HS. We saw a huge improvement in the S2 team this season and eagerly look forward to next season. The S2 Boys are going to the Outward Bound Centre at Loch Eil 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June for a Leadership course.

### P7 Visits

We have an extensive P7 Transition throughout the final year of Primary School. This year for example as well as on Open Night, we had the full intake up for seven morning plus two full days this week. During these visits pupils took part in a large variety of activities and lessons. On Thursday I informed them that this would be the last time they would arrive in their Primary School uniform, in August they would be our class of 2023. The visits have gone well and we look forward to welcoming all 110 in August.

### Parent and Carer survey

Thank you to all those that completed the recent online survey. We will work through each question and look to how we can improve. In the meantime here is some quick feedback.

- 88% agreed or strongly agreed that they feel their child is safe at Calderhead High School
- 87% agreed or strongly agreed that staff know their child as an individual
- 93% agreed or strongly agreed that staff treated their child fairly and with respect
- 89% agreed or strongly agreed that the school was well led and managed
- 88% agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with Calderhead High School.
- 93% agreed or strongly agreed they were comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem.

## School Uniform

We have organised for BE Uniform, Wishaw to come on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> June 4pm to 6pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5pm to 7pm for Blazer and PE T shirt fitting. Ordered items can then be collected in August free of charge from the school. We have worked hard with pupils, parents, carers and staff to provide a Uniform that is relatively cheap to purchase and maintain. Apart from the Blazer and House T Shirt the rest can be sourced in most supermarkets or large retailers and costs much less than branded goods. Depending on growth spurts we have found the Blazer lasts at least two years.

We ask that pupils wear

- black blazer with school badge
- white shirt/blouse with appropriate school tie (S1 - S4 tie or S5 - S6 tie)
- black formal trousers/skirt (no leggings or joggers)
- black pullover/cardigan
- black shoes



Pupils tell us they like wearing the uniform, the vast majority do wear it. They tell us it gives a sense of belonging. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)



We recently organised a DYW conference for local employers and education staff. We were delighted by the support we got from both employers and the local community. After the conference visitors were invited to take guided tour of the school. Our aim is to ensure that every pupil leaves with a suitable positive destination. The feedback for both the conference and tours was very positive. One visitor whose three children attended the school when it was in the old building was very complimentary about how the school had improved physically and also how the inclusive ethos made it a pleasure to be here.

## Recent Feedback

*"I have to say, I was thoroughly impressed by the ethos in both the department and the wider school, there was a real sense of calm within the building which was lovely to witness". Kirsty Hair, Teaching Fellow in Business Education, PGDE Secondary Business Education Coordinator, University of Strathclyde.*

All the Headteachers in the Calderhead Cluster have recently agreed our joint aim is

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