



Calder House News



Term 2 - 2019

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

Once again we have had an extremely busy start to the year. It is that time of year when academic pressures, as well as co-curricular pressures start to build.

The term started with the Grade 8's completing Borver week, which culminated with the tough yet rewarding Vietnam. The new young men in Calder acquitted themselves earning themselves a commendable 2nd place in the Borver week Inter-house competition. They were then welcomed into the house with a 'Handing over of the Tie' ceremony which our house leaders ran.

We have had an excellent start to the year and I must thank the house and the staff for their valuable inputs into the successful start we have had. I look forward to what the rest of the year holds.

Corona Season

As I am sure you are all aware of the recent Corona Virus outbreak in South Africa, schools have been closed at this stage until the 14th April 2020. Please may I ask that all parents and children take heed of our Presidents request to be safe in these worrying time.

With the extended April holiday, we will lose a week's worth of teaching time. All of the staff are working hard at ensuring our learners are not inconvenienced or disadvantaged by this loss of time.

It also raises the question of whether we will in fact be in a position to re-open after the Easter weekend and if not, what plans we have in place.

See next page for work details

For the time being we will make the following contingency plans:

1. All Learners are already on a class team if work was not handed out prior to end of term.
2. Most departments are creating a new team for the whole form in addition to this.
3. Work will be loaded onto this team by Wednesday 18th March.
4. In order to access the team, your son will need to copy and paste or type portal.office.com into your web browser. Then sign in with his school login details.

Should you not have access to the internet, then please email your son's class teacher for them to email you the relevant work. Teachers email addresses can be accessed on the schools web page.

OUR HOUSE

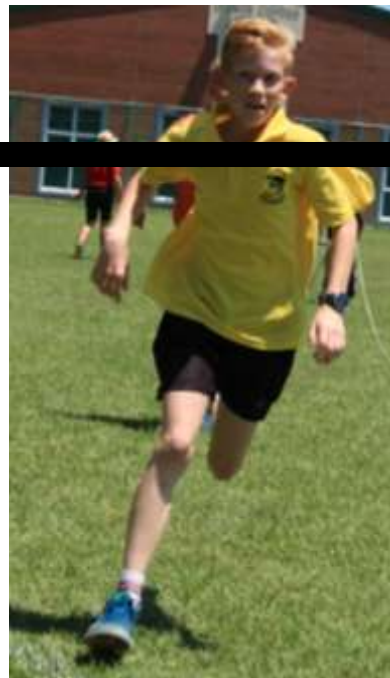
Inter-house Competitions

This is a day for the whole house to get involved and sees boys participating in a number of events. We placed 2nd overall in this and 6th in the Inter-house swimming and a very commendable 4th in the Athletics with a number of boys excelling in a number of events. Special mention

must be made of Connor Wessels for winning the Open Shout put, Marcel Masivekeni for winning the Open discuss and Ethan Maynard for participating in almost every single event. The overall commitment from the young men of Calder house has been exemplary and sees us sitting in a very well deserved 2nd place overall. We will keep striving for excellence for the remainder of the year.

Photo's from Virtus Challenge







Swimming



Athletics



FROM THE BOYS

Fifth Form Camp

My fifth form camp was the best camp experience I have ever had, the bond between my "brothers" and friends was incredible we had so much fun, it's actually quite hard to explain. The drive we had to push through some of the toughest activities was indescribable. One of my favourite highlights of the camp was when we had to rap jump face forward down the dam wall. Why was this a highlight? Well at first I was extremely scared to climb over the little ledge but once i realised I was supported by the cable and nothing could happen it was so much fun and just like life you need to realise your supported by people to be really free. So during this experience I built even better bonds with my brothers and came even closer with my friends.

One of my other main experiences was going in the tunnel for the night walk. One by one the groups would go down through the tunnel. Not know what to expect, the tunnel was also had water in it which made the experience more enjoyable. Our clothes were wet and I over heard one of my cabin mates say that he took his camera with and it had got water damage.

Over all the bonding and sharing of moment. It was by far one of the best camps I have ever been on.

Ryan Grant
Jason Munitich



About William Calder

Calder house was named after the founding headmaster of the School; William Calder had earned his teaching qualification at the Edinburgh Training College. He was always regarded as a skillful teacher who made effective use of his blackboard, but his former pupils memorably remembered him also as "tall, cold and canny Scot", who, like a punishing ogre, lurked ominously in the Upper Schoolroom (*FH&H*, p25). After he left in 1867, Calder returned to Scotland to become a senior master at the Edinburgh Merchant Company School for 30 years.

