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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and looking forward to the Spring weather. At Callerton Academy, we're busy as usual, with learning, reading and extra-curricular activities. There are quite a few notices for you in this letter.

### **Support**

As a school, we strive to support all families as much as possible, whether this be socially or financially. Please contact Miss Robson on 0191 605 3835 or via email on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) for confidential support. You can also access a variety of different services on the Newcastle City website via this [link](#).

### **Free School Meals Vouchers for Easter Holidays**

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a £15 voucher per week to cover the cost of a meal per day. You will receive the £30 voucher via email, and you can select which supermarket to use it at, whichever is best for you. At Callerton Academy, we use a company called Wonde to provide these vouchers for parents and carers. Here is a [Youtube video](#) that walks you through what you should receive. The system is easy to use with clear instructions on the email that will be sent to you in the last week of this term.

### **Year 7 Parent and Carer Evenings – Advance Notice**

After the Easter holidays, we have Year 7 Parent and Carer Evenings. These are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress. These Parent and Carer Evenings take place virtually on a programme called SchoolCloud. Parents and Carers can book five-minute slots with all their children's subject teachers. The software allows everyone to access the event, wherever they are. Before Easter, students will receive a letter with more information and a unique link for you to be able to book appointments with subject teachers. The dates are:

7A and 7D	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
7B and 7C	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April

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## **Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening**

We will be holding an information evening for Year 9 parents and carers on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. This is an important event for you to be able to learn about the subjects your child could study and the support in place to help students make the right choices. Our teachers will be there to answer any questions about the different subjects and qualifications we will be offering at KS4. We will communicate more information with you about this next week.

## **Academy Advisor Parent Role**

Please see the attached letter and nomination form to join the school's Academy Advisory Group (like a school governor role). This is a great opportunity for any parents/carers who wish to involve themselves in the school. It may be that you have been part of the school community for a couple of years, or it may be that you are new to the school as your child has just joined us. Previous experience is not needed, but a commitment to attending the four meetings each year and willingness to support a couple of opportunities across the year is essential.

## **Northumbria Police Information for Families - County Lines**

Northumbria Police have asked us to distribute information regarding county lines to all families. Children can be vulnerable to many different things, and as parents and carers, it is best to be informed of the risks that young people may encounter. Please see this attached document. If you have any concerns, as usual, please contact the Pastoral Team on 0191 605 3835 or email us on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk).

## **Our New Build – Steel Signing**

As you might have seen, if you pass our new school site, there is construction work underway. We'll be coming to you with a new build update from the Trust soon.

This week, nine of our Year 9, were invited to 'sign the steels'. Which means that they're signing the steel beams, at the steel factory in Sunderland where they're being made, that will make up our new school. This is very exciting and a real landmark in our journey as a growing school.

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The students were selected after entering a writing competition set up by Ms Troy and Mr Brady. They had a wonderful day and, as expected, were great ambassadors for our school.

### **PE Kit Expectations from Mr. Middlebrook**

We expect all students to change into full kit for their PE lessons, regardless of their level of participation in that lesson. If they will not be taking a full part in the lesson, they must provide a signed note in their planner with a reason for this. Many thanks for your support.

### **The Last Day of Term – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

The last day of this term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, will be a half day, and students will finish at 12pm. The school coaches will collect children at this earlier finish time. We will provide children eligible for Free School Meals with a packed lunch to take home with them.

### **Detention for the last week of term – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Detention will move to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March for the last week of this term. After Easter, detention will resume to Friday.

### **Plea for Trainers**

At Callerton Academy, we are committed to providing equality of opportunity. Our ethos is that no student or family should feel that education is out of their reach. Thinking forward to the Year 7 residential trip, it's likely that the students will need two pairs of shoes, ideally trainers. So, we'd like to start collecting trainers that are no longer needed but are decent enough to pass on. If you have any spare trainers in your house, we'd be grateful if you could either send them in via your child, or bring them in yourself to Main Reception.

### **The Bi-weekly Newsletter**

As our school grows in size, I'm finding it more challenging to fit all the great things that are happening at Callerton Academy into the Newsletter – it could be 10 pages long! So, the newsletter will continue with important notices, but please keep an eye out on our

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Callerton Academy Facebook page, which has bi-daily updates about what's going on in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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