

## Callerton Academy Permanent Site Newsletter: December 2022

In our July newsletter we informed you that the DfE were working hard to appoint a contractor for the build of our new school following the news that Caledonian Modular (CML) had entered into receivership. This was to be a direct award through the DfE's Construction Framework. We are very disappointed to have to inform you that this second procurement round has been unsuccessful.

As a result the DfE has upgraded the design requirements for the school building to meet the very latest specification for new schools. This means that the project will attract increased funding to incorporate new sustainability design features, such as increased insulation, a green roof to increase bio-diversity and photo-voltaic panels to generate green electricity, with the aim of achieving Net Carbon Zero in operation.

The process to transition the previous design to the new specification is now complete, and a new competitive procurement exercise will start in the New Year. It is now likely the construction work will commence in the Autumn of 2023, and it is anticipated that the school will be completed for teaching and learning during the summer term of the 2024/2025 academic year.

We will continue to provide a high quality education experience in our temporary school. The process to secure funding to support the increase in student numbers over the next two school years and the provision of a full GCSE curriculum offer in September 2024 is well underway. This will include remodelling the hall and dining room area and opening up the top floor to provide a third science laboratory, food science room, ICT suite and a second large multi-use space for teaching PE and drama.

We know you will have many questions, therefore, we plan to publish a list of Q&As on our website in due course which we hope will cover most of your immediate questions about the project, its delays and what the next steps are. We are holding a coffee morning for parents and carers at 10am on January 17<sup>th</sup> where we can show you our plans in more detail and address any concerns you may have.

We appreciate that this is not the news you wanted to hear, it certainly isn't the update we were hoping to provide and we will continue to update you via our termly newsletters.

In the meantime you can be assured that we will continue to provide an excellent teaching and learning experience for our students in our temporary home.

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