

Callerton Academy Permanent Site Newsletter: July 2022

Welcome to our summer term information update about the building programme for our brand new school.

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes since the news in March that the appointed contractor for our new school had entered into administration.

The Department for Education are well advanced in discussions with another contractor to take forward the construction of the new school buildings. In order to move things forward as quickly as possible once a new contractor is appointed, the full planning application for the permanent school was submitted to Newcastle City Council in June 2022. The outcome of the planning application is expected in late autumn.

The next step will be for the Department for Education to enter into a Pre-Contract Services Agreement with a new contractor. As soon as this happens engagement meetings to finalise the design details with the Trust will re-start and the contractor will then be able to provide a confirmed programme and completion date.

As we explained in our March update the new school buildings will now not be completed for a move by September 2023. In the meantime plans to provide more space at the temporary site have been agreed. The extra areas will be opened up during the 2023 summer holidays.

The young people attending Callerton Academy on the temporary site have had a really excellent quality experience across this year and the Department for Education, Newcastle City Council and Gosforth Group are all working closely together to ensure that this continues and that the construction of the new school buildings happens with the minimum of delay.

We are looking forward to sharing the next stages of the project with you in next term's update and appreciate your continued interest and support.

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