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Date: 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are entering into the final straight to the winter holidays; this term has flown by, despite it being an unusually long term. I continue to be very proud of our community here at Callerton Academy. The students strive to work hard and try their best in every lesson, in their reading homework and subject homework alike.

There are quite a few notices for you this week.

Trips Over the Next Two Weeks

We have two trips happening over the coming two weeks, which I know staff and students are excited about. Students will be informed in form time if they need to bring anything special into school, such as a packed lunch or hats and scarfs for a trip. To get this information at home, please review the letters that have been sent to you from either Mrs Jones for the Year 7 Centre for Life Trip or Mr Szunko for the Year 7 and 8 Pantomime trip. Of course, if you have any questions, please contact us on 0191 605 3835 or on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk.

Students on Free School Meals (FSM) – Vouchers over the Holidays

If your child is in receipt of FSM at school, you will receive a £40 voucher (£20 for each week) for the winter holidays to cover the cost of a meal per day. You will receive the voucher via email just before the holidays 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. 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 nearer the end of term.

School Christmas Dinner – Thursday 22nd December

On Thursday 22nd December, the kitchen is providing a two course Christmas dinner. This will be served through the normal lunch service and will cost the normal meal deal price of £2.30.

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There will be a meat option and a vegetarian option. As this dinner has a larger amount of side dishes etc. the kitchen will not be able to provide jacket potatoes as an alternative for this particular lunchtime, but sandwiches will still be available.

Police in School for PSHE Talks

We have the Police in school on Monday 12th December to talk to the Year 7 students about e-safety and on Thursday 22nd December to talk to the Year 8 students about staying safe in the community. The students will have these presentations in form groups, so will have the opportunity to ask questions and enter into debate. We're really pleased that the Police can come into school in this informal fashion.

UK Health and Security Agency Letter to Parents and Carers

Please see the attached information letter to parents and carers from the UK Health and Security Agency regarding Scarlet Fever and Strep A. You may find this helpful alongside the NHS website.

End of Term Reminder

A reminder that on Friday 23rd December, school will finish early at 12pm.

New Build Information

In case you missed the new building update that was sent out on Monday, please see it [here](#). There is a coffee morning on Tuesday 17th January 2023 from 10am at school where your questions can be raised. If you cannot make this time, any information shared will be sent out via the website.

Singing in the Grainger Market – Wednesday 14th December

Mr Szunko is taking his 7UP Singing Group, consisting of Year 7 and 8 students, to the Grainger Market to sing on Wednesday 14th December between 10:30am and 11:30am. They will be raising money for the Great North Children's Hospital. Please pop along to support them if you can.

Temporary Changes in Staffing

From January I will be going on maternity leave, therefore there will be some temporary changes to the senior staff structure at Callerton Academy. Mr Gilford, our Vice Principal, will

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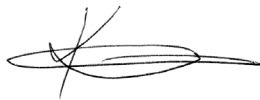
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become Acting Principal. We are delighted to have also appointed Miss Davidson, from Gosforth Academy, as Senior Leader for Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance. She is well experienced, and as such, it means that she will be able to make a smooth transition into Callerton straight away. They are both committed to the school and the wonderful community being built here by parents, students and staff; I know that they will do a fantastic job. This appointment means that there will be no change to the senior capacity here at Callerton Academy and therefore the school will be able to continue as normal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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