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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you at the end of our seventh week and end of the first half term at Callerton Academy. We, as staff, have been so impressed with our Callerton Academy Year 7 cohort who have completed the transition into secondary school so very well. Many congratulations Callerton Academy Year 7!

### **School Coats**

A reminder that students must have a school coat as part of their uniform from the first Monday back after half term (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November) and that they need to wear their school coat as they walk into school. Miss Robson has contacted you if your child has stated that they do not have a school coat. I know that there have been some supply issues and that you are all working hard to make sure that students are equipped – thank you.

### **School Uniform**

The students look very smart in their uniforms and are a credit to you, themselves and the school. This term, visitors to our school (on tours etc.) have commented on how smart the students look and how well they present themselves and Callerton Academy.

As you would expect, we have had some students misplace uniform in school and on transport. Please can you make sure that their surname is written on the washing tag with permanent marker, or a nametag sewn onto the washing tag.

### **Free School Meals Vouchers for over Half Term – Wonde**

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a £15 voucher over the half term to cover the cost of a meal per day. You will receive the 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. 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.

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## October Half Term

Next week is October Half Term, so the students are off school. I found [this](#) article in the Newcastle Chronicle, which highlights what families can do in the North East over the half term.

The school office will be open on Monday from 8am to 4pm and closed for the remainder of the week. If you have a query, please email [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) and we will get back to you from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## COVID-19 Testing over the Half Term

Thanks to all of you who have been diligently LFD home testing twice a week. Please continue to do so over the half term and report your results (either, positive, negative or void) on the [NHS website](#) and with the school via this [link](#). We will give students, who were part of the in school LFD testing, at home LFD tests before the half term holidays.

## Old Books required for School

We are asking for old paperback books that you no longer want as families to use in school to make Christmas decorations. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please send your child into school with them to drop off with Mrs McElvenny in room 9.

## Callerton Students Meet NUFC Legend

Callerton Academy was asked to represent the Gosforth Group at the NUCASTLE building opening last Tuesday. We had many students who volunteered to attend, from which eight students were picked at random out of a hat. Please see the news article [here](#). The students who attended were excellent ambassadors for our school.

## Thank you

Thank you for your support during our first half term. I hope that you manage to enjoy some family time over the half term holiday.

Yours faithfully,



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