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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this bi-weekly letter finds you well. As usual, the students, staff and community are buzzing at Callerton Academy. It's been so wonderful to see how the new Year 7's have been settling with support from their role models, the Year 8 students.

I have quite a few notices, as usual, for you this week.

### **Reading Homework**

Students at Callerton Academy all have a borrowed reading book that is part of their daily equipment. They must read for a minimum of 20 minutes a night, five nights a week and record this in their planner. They are required to write one or two sentences that summarise what they have read, and to record the page number they have read to. Tutors will check that students have done this reading homework daily. We also encourage students to share their reading experience with their families, so a signature by a parent or carer who has seen them read is great practice.

Reading is celebrated in every subject at Callerton Academy, to ensure our students become expert readers. Expertise in reading will not only help students achieve academically, but it is a fundamental life skill.

### **Catering at Callerton**

At Callerton, as previously mentioned we have Newcastle City Council running our catering services. All students can have a £2.30 meal deal every day. We have a three week menu, which can be viewed on the website from next week. We'll soon bring together our student council, who will be able to have input into some menu changes over the year.

For families who pay for school meals via iPayimpact, please can you make sure your balance is topped up, as there is only a small overdraft facility of £10.

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## Assessments for Year 7

Next week all students will take part in assessments that are common across the Gosforth Group MAT for Year 7. These assessments are taken on a computer. The results will allow us to develop the knowledge that we have on students from primary schools. There is no need for students to worry or prepare for these assessments. If students miss the assessments due to illness, they will take them when they're back in school.

## Parent or Carer Academy Advisor needed

We would like to recruit a parent or carers to join our school Governance structure. Please see the attached letter and application form. We'll also give students a paper copy of these for you next week.

## The Year 7 Callerton Academy Passport

All Year 7 students all have a 'Callerton Academy Passport' to complete by the end of the half term as part of our transition programme. Students have tasks and skills within the passport to show their teachers which, if they complete, they get stamps in the passport. I would encourage you to discuss the passport with your child. We will have a parents' evening and coffee mornings before October Half term to celebrate the students' success with transition, which is shown through their passport.

## Uniform

Uniform continues to be very good and students look smart every day. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that students must wear a school coat or fleece as part of their compulsory uniform to school from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (the first day after October Half Term) to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (the last day before February Half Term). Students can of course wear their school coat or fleece now, which many of them do. However, students cannot wear a non-school coat to school at any time of the year. This has been a rare occurrence and if your child has worn a non-school coat, then you have been contacted by Miss Robson.

The school fleece and coat are available through suppliers on the uniform section of our website [here](#). Remember, if you need any financial support with uniform, please contact Miss Robson on 0191 605 3835 or via [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk).

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### **School Calendar on our Website**

Our school calendar is on our website, which you'll find [here](#) and you'll find all term dates and important dates for the year [here](#).

### **Training Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

We have a training day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Students will not be required to be in school on this day.

### **Thank You to Year 8 Tour Guides**

A big thank you to the Year 8s who were able to support our Open Evening this week. As expected the students shone and were the best advocates of their school, with only praise from prospective parents – well done! Next week, a Year 7 form will get the chance to do the tours for our Open Morning.

Yours faithfully,



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