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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that this is the last bi-weekly letter of this academic year. What a wonderful academic year it has been at Callerton Academy. Thinking back on our trips and visits, around the city, the Discovery and Hancock Museums, the Falcon's Stadium, the Life Centre, Sunderland Empire Theatre, NUcastle, St James' Park and that's just to name some of our visits. These trips and visits have enhanced our learning and broadened our thinking.

And, what about reading at Callerton Academy? On average the year group have increased their reading age by one and a half years – what an achievement! Of course, I have to mention all of our competitions, PRAISE rewards, stamps, postcards, homework prizes, reward trips, etc. The Year 7 students have thrown themselves in this year and have created a community that is a joy to behold. Our Callerton Academy students are a credit to the school and to you, their families. From September, our cohort will become Year 8 students and will be role models for the new Callerton Academy Year 7s. Staff are excited to be able to watch the students flourish further next year.

First Day Back for Students – Tuesday 6th September 2022

The first day back in September for students is Tuesday 6th September, with the usual start time of 8:30am. Students will get a new Year 8 planner on the day, but will need their planner from this year to get into school as usual. Students will not need their PE kit on their first day and will be given their academic timetables on the day, so they'll know when to bring their kit for the rest of the week.

As I mentioned in my last letter, Year 8 lunchtime will be later than their current lunchtime, so students need to bring in a breacktime snack.

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Uniform

I know the majority of you have ordered new uniform for the next academic year via our suppliers. If you're still aiming to get uniform for September, please do so in the next couple of weeks as leaving it to the end of the summer might mean delays in your delivery.

Our suppliers, Micheal Seghals and Sons are supporting a website which allows parents and carers to distribute second hand uniform, please refer to our website [here](#) which has a link for this half way down the uniform page.

If you are struggling with the cost of uniform, please contact us on 0191 605 3835 for confidential support.

Cost of Living Support

There is a very useful website, launched by the Government, which aims to collect all the links/guidance for the public to access for cost of living support. It's called 'Help for Households'. Please see this [here](#).

Again, if you ever need support accessing help, please contact us on 0191 605 3835 and Miss Robson and Mr Davidson will willingly offer any assistance they can.

NUcastle Free Bookings

This week, we have been using the new NUcastle building which offers a wide range of rooms for activities and sports. One of their rooms is an e-sports room, which was enjoyed by all! NUcastle are offering free sessions in e-sports and football for children throughout the summer. These have to be booked, which can be done [here](#). In addition to the free children's sessions, NUcastle are offering adult badminton and football sessions. If you are able, I would encourage you to book these free sessions with your friends and family. This amazing building is for use by the whole city.

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Newcastle's Best Summer Ever 2022

A reminder that there are lots of free events happening over the city for children throughout all of the six week holiday. The majority of these sessions provide a free meal too. Please see the list of the sessions [here](#), and remember that they need to be booked!

Last Day this Academic Year!

This Friday, 22nd July, is the last day of our academic year. On Friday, students must wear their full school uniform, however, they have the option to wear their trainers as a treat. Of course, if they would prefer, they can wear their school shoes.

School finishes at 12pm on Friday and the school office will shut at 12:30pm.

Throughout the holidays, the office will be open for five out of the six weeks. If you have any queries, questions or need for support, please do not hesitate to call on 0191 605 3835 or email at admin@callertonacademy.org.uk.

All of us at Callerton hope that you have a restful break and that you manage to have some time together over the holidays.

Yours faithfully,



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