



Callerton Academy Permanent Site Newsletter: March 2022

We are extremely disappointed to start our second termly update with the news that the appointed contractor for our new school buildings, Caledonian Modular Limited, entered into administration in March 2022. The DfE has confirmed that a new contractor will be appointed from their Construction Framework (CF21) to progress the school build. Work is already underway to achieve this as quickly as possible.

The public consultation process for the new school was completed by Caledonian in January 2022. However, the change in circumstances means that the full planning application has not yet been formally submitted to Newcastle City Council.

The DfE is still absolutely focussed on continuing the design and planning stages for Callerton Academy, and is taking all available steps to minimise any delay. The appointment of a new contractor will unfortunately impact on the delivery programme for the new school buildings, which will not now complete as originally planned for a move by September 2023.

We are working very closely with the DfE and Newcastle City Council to limit the impact of these delays on current and future Callerton Academy students and their families. Published admissions arrangements for 2022/23 and 2023/24 remain unchanged and proposals to extend the facilities at the current Callerton Academy site are already in progress.

Updates on the permanent site construction programme and handover dates for the new school buildings will be confirmed at the appropriate point following the DfE's appointment of a new contractor.

In the meantime, our excellent city centre school site will continue to ensure that our students experience a full, high quality curriculum and a broad range of enrichment activities and visits.

We very much appreciate your interest and support and we are committed to keeping you up to date as the project progresses.

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