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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Callerton Academy Pupils,

I am writing to you with such excitement that our new group of Year 7s are about to leave their Primary schools, ready to start at Callerton Academy in September. Last Tuesday, we have had our transition day, which was a resounding success. It's clear that this new Year 7 group are going to be something special.

### **Dates and Timings**

Our first day of school is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Students need to be on site for 8:40am and in their form rooms by 8:45am. School will finish at 3:30pm everyday apart from Fridays, when school finishes at 2:40pm. There will be staff on the gates to greet the students every morning and bid farewell every afternoon.

### **Traveling to School**

In general, students will have to travel some distance to get to our temporary site in Newcastle's Grainger Town. I know that some families will be driving their children to school. Also, families have been given the option of either a free travel pass or free coach travel for Year 7 from the Simonside site.

- Travel pass - If you have opted for the free travel pass, they will be delivered to school and we will give them to students on their first day, so they'll need to pay to get to school on that day, but will have their pass for the return journey.
- Coach travel – If you have requested a place on the coach, you should have received an attachment Coach Travel letter with this email, which contains all the information. If you have not received this and believe you have requested coach travel via our correspondence, please email [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Our school office is open until the extended time of 5pm. Please contact us by telephone if your child does not make it home in the expected time and you cannot get hold of them.

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## Attendance

High attendance at school is incredibly important for learning and life. I will be consistently reiterating to all stakeholders about the importance of high attendance and I look forward to the incredibly high attendance that we will all come to expect at Callerton Academy.

## School Meals

We use iPayimpact in school to pay for school meals, trips, etc. This is a cashless online system where you as parents and carers are enabled to top up your child's account. This system will be in place from day one, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to pay for school meals. We will send you a letter in the post in the first week of the summer holidays with clear instructions on how to register with this system. The office will be staffed for the majority of the summer holidays if you require any support with iPayimpact. It will be clear on the iPayimpact letter when the office will be staffed.

Lunch is a meal deal consisting of a main dish or a sandwich, dessert and drink. There will be vegetarian options available. There is no breaktime service.

I would recommend that students come to school with a snack for breaktime and a full water bottle in their bags, ready for the day. There are water fountains in the building where students can re-fill their water bottles.

Students can, of course, bring a packed lunch to school if they would prefer.

## Uniform

Students must be in full school uniform from day one. Uniform information is on our website [here](#). Students may need their PE kits for their first day of school, so please bring any combination of PE kit; a CA top, pair of CA shorts/CA leggings/CA tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers.

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## Website


Our website is being updated all the time and there is lots of helpful information on there. I would like to draw your attention to the [Calendar](#), which has all the term dates, inset days, etc. for the academic year.

## Thank you

Thank you for reading and digesting this letter. As always, consult your parent guide, or ask questions as and when needed either on the admin email ([admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk)) or call Main Reception on 0191 605 3835.

Looking forward to seeing our new Year 7 cohort on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Have a wonderful summer, in which I hope you manage to get some good family time.

Yours faithfully,



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