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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be impressed by our students and the effort and commitment they have been putting in so far this term. It has been a pleasure to hear the overwhelmingly positive comments about our students from candidates on interview who have applied to work for us next year; they speak about how articulate and passionate they are about reading and the pride they have in being a Callerton Academy student.

Students continue to be well engaged in their lessons. From 7D learning about Commedia Dell'arte in drama, 7A working on partner balances in gymnastics, and all of year 8 creating their own webpages in IT. Our students have been buzzing on their return from Newcastle Eagles and the experience of being coached in basketball, as well as enjoying being creative with New Writing North in Drama and Music. These are some of the many fantastic experiences our students are having here at Callerton Academy.

### **Reminder – Industrial Action**

I wrote to parents and carers earlier in the week to highlight some adjustments to the school day next week on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. Please can I ask that you make sure you read the letter on our [website](#) as it outlines which year group should be in on each day. As this is an ever-changing landscape, I will communicate again if there are any changes to this. Please note that students will be given an unauthorised absence mark if they do not come to school on the correct day.

### **Attendance**

With so much excellent work and opportunities happening in school it feels like a good time to remind you about the importance of your child's attendance. Good attendance is vital to ensure pupils achieve their full educational potential. It also allows them to develop friendships and good habits for their future. We know it is not always easy and we want to reward the efforts our students are making to be in

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school every day. We have developed a new rewards scheme which has a different prize for every half term. This half term the tutor groups are competing for the opportunity to make Easter Eggs! Please ask your child how their tutor group is doing and if you have any questions around attendance procedures please get in contact with the school.

### **Parent and Carer Information Evening**


In the information and brochure, we sent out after the January parent and carer morning we said we would set up a follow up meeting. With this in mind, we propose meeting with you all again soon after the Easter break to provide a further update. Following on from some feedback from parents and carers, we intend to hold an evening meeting on this occasion. We also recognise that some parents and carers have found our temporary site difficult to get to and park close to. In acknowledgment of this, we would like to give you the choice of two locations for our next meeting: Callerton Academy or Gosforth Academy (which has plenty of free parking and is next to the Regent Centre bus/metro links). In order to gauge what is more convenient for most of our families, we would like to ask you to complete this simple [survey](#) before Monday 20 March. We will continue to provide you with regular updates via this newsletter and our website.

### **Yellow Week**

As previously shared, one of the activities for Year 8 is a trip to Alton Towers. Please can I encourage you to continue to pay for this trip either in one lump sum or in a series of payments. This can be accessed via our iPay system.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully



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