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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a positive first week back after the break and students have settled into following the school routines and expectations well. This looks to be another exciting half term with a whole host of exciting opportunities for students to engage in. As always, we try to keep our official Facebook page updated with the latest news so do look at this.

Progress Reports

You should have received your child's Year 8 progress report. Our teachers take their time to assess your child's attitude and progress in lessons to complete this snapshot. At parents evening, it will be an ideal opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and how they will be able to develop their knowledge and understanding as they continue at Callerton Academy. Year 7 will be sent out next week.

Industrial Action

As you may have seen in the media, there are two further days proposed for industrial action this term where teachers across the country have made the decision to take industrial action over several educational issues. These are proposed to take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Unfortunately, this will mean that we will need to partially close the school to ensure that we are able to operate our site safely and successfully. Please see the table below to explain how this will impact the different year groups.

	Year 7	Year 8
Thursday 27 th April	Year 7 students should attend school as normal.	Year 8 students should remain at home.
Tuesday 2 nd May	Year 7 students should remain at home.	Year 8 students should attend school as normal.

When children are in school, their school day will run as normal, including being able to have lunch as normal. When children are not in school that day and are normally in

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receipt of free school meals, we will provide parents and carers with a voucher to be able to purchase food for their child. This will be sent to parents and carers via email. This email will come from Wonde, who we use to deliver and support us with our vouchers in the holidays. If your child has been identified as vulnerable, we will have contacted you to discuss this. The school coaches will run as normal for students. We will post some possible tasks to complete for students not in school on our website.

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.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 2 May

Due to the previously mentioned industrial action on Tuesday 2nd May, we will no longer be able to have Year 8 Parents Evening for 8B and 8C on this date. We therefore have rescheduled this for Tuesday 23rd May and we will send information about how to book appointments next week. Unfortunately, we are unable to move your current appointments over and for this we apologise.

Read Anywhere competition – Year 7

We are running our 'Read Anywhere' competition where students submit a photograph of them reading anywhere. Last year, we had some amazing entries, and I am certain that we will have some brilliant ones this year too. Entries should be submitted to: photos@callertonacademy.org.uk by 29th April. Please ensure that photographs are portrait and not landscape.

Understanding your teenager

Please see the attached leaflet with information about two sessions being run at the Galafield Centre in May. Please contact the numbers on the poster about this and not the school.

Parent Information Evening

As shared in our previous newsletter we are holding an information evening for parents and carers on 16th May. This will be held at Gosforth Academy which was the most popular venue following our survey last term. The event will begin at 5.30pm. In order to

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ensure that we have enough capacity, please can you sign up to this event using the following [link](#).

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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