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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you in disbelief that we're half way through our first year at Callerton Academy. We have had such a busy half term that has, as expected, been joyous with our wonderful Year 7 cohort!

Callerton Pupils Write in the Chronicle

Four of our Callerton Academy students have been working towards writing an article to celebrate our school in the Chronicle, and it's out in this weeks' edition. We have provided every student a copy of the Chronicle article for you to see our students' great work!

School Coats from Monday February 28th

At Callerton Academy, our students wear their uniform with pride and look very smart every day. From 28th February (the first day after February Half Term), students will not be required to wear their school coat every day through the school gates. Students are of course welcome to choose to continue to wear their school coat, especially in colder weather. Any coat that students do wear to and from school must either be the Callerton Academy fleece or waterproof jacket.

COVID Vaccinations across the City

Newcastle City Council are continuing to offer opportunities for residents to receive their Covid vaccinations and boosters. With half term approaching the Communities Team have asked us to share the following website with you, our community. The website includes details of the fixed vaccination sites, vaccine bus and the Covid pop up sites.

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The website includes additional information as to which vaccine is available and the age range for each site:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/public-health-wellbeing-and-leisure/public-health-services/coronavirus-covid-19/how-get>

Please be aware that due to Pfizer supply issues, all bus and pop-up Covid-19 vaccination sessions are moving to the Moderna vaccine, which means they will be open **only to those aged 18+** from 8 February 22 and until further notice. Fixed site community vaccination sites are still offering Pfizer to 12+. These are: Newcastle Racecourse; Molineux Street Health Centre; Benwell Healthworks; Lemington Centre.

Grainger Market will continue to offer both Pfizer and Moderna and will continue to be 12+ on Saturdays from 10am-5pm.

The national booking service is unaffected by this and appointments can still be booked at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or by calling 119.

Free School Meals Vouchers for over Half Term – Wonde

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a £15 voucher over the half term to cover the cost of a meal per day. You will receive the voucher via email and you can select which supermarket to use it at, whichever is best for you. At Callerton Academy, we use a company called Wonde to provide these vouchers for parents. Here is a [Youtube video](#) that walks you through what you should receive. The system is easy to use with clear instructions on the email that will be sent to you. You should have received the vouchers today via email.

February Half Term

Next week is February Half Term, so the students are off school. I found [this](#) article in the Newcastle Chronicle, which highlights what families can do in the North East over the half term.

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The school office will be closed for the week. If you have a query, please email on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk or leave a message at 0191 605 3835 and we will get back to you from 28th February when school opens again.

Thank you

As I often say, thank you for your support for your children and our school community. I hope that you manage to have some quality family time this half term.

Yours faithfully,



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