

Our ref: JGI

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the final stages of this term, we have had an array of exciting opportunities going on for our students.

Trips and Extracurricular activities

Over the past couple of weeks, our students have enjoyed being able to go to **Newcastle Eagles** and be trained by professional basketball coaches. They have been able to perfect their passing, dribbling and shooting skills which they have continued to develop in their PE lessons as part of our curriculum. Comments such as 'It was awesome', 'I loved it' and 'I'd like to be able to go again' reiterate how positive it has been for our students.

Dance City were so impressed with some of our skilled dancers at Callerton Academy that they came to school to deliver an extra session for some of our star Year 7 and Year 8 dancers. These students were selected because they demonstrated real eagerness and commitment, as well as many showing a lot of natural talent and flare for dance. Once again, our students loved this opportunity, and I am sure we will be working with Dance City again in the future.

I was delighted to hear how much our Year 8 students enjoyed the opportunity to visit **Newcastle University** as part of our 'Aim Higher' programme. They were given the chance to tour the university facilities, experience a range of workshops and activities, as well as being able to ask questions about what life at university is like. Our students described the opportunity as fantastic with one student saying "it makes me hungry to go to university" and another saying "I loved the trip, it really inspired me." Perhaps my favourite response was from one student who shared how they "liked learning about the weekly schedule of a university student and how they manage their time." We have a similar trip to **Northumbria University** to inspire and motivate some of our Year 7 students next month and will provide other opportunities for more students soon.

We will also be taking a group of Year 8 students to the sound department of **Newcastle College Performing Arts School** on 29 March in the afternoon of the school day. During the afternoon our students will speak with sound technicians and consolidate their learning on the uses of electromagnets in microphones and speakers. They will then

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spend some time building an electromagnet in a wheely bin and watching performances by current students. The Science Team are close to securing other visits for the rest of Year 8 to meet with various other employers around the local area to look at uses of electromagnets in other North East Industries.

As we continue our drive to celebrate reading success at Callerton Academy, we will be taking some of our students on a rewards trip to **Waterstones** as a well done for their commitment to reading. They will get the chance to choose a book of their choice and have a sweet treat. We have so many hardworking and improving readers that it was hard to choose our winners but watch this space for another trip for different students next term.

Another opportunity has been shared with us by St George's Church in Jesmond on 31 May. It is a Kids' Organ Prom which is free to attend at 2pm. Tickets are available by contacting the church office (0191 2811659)

Last day of this term – Friday 31st March

The last day of this term, Friday 31st March, will be a half day and students will be finishing at 12pm. The school coaches will collect children at this earlier finish time. We will provide children who are eligible for Free School Meals with a packed lunch to be able to take home with them. It is important that students come in for this day or they will receive an unauthorised attendance mark.

Parents Evenings

After the Easter holidays, we will begin our cycle of parent and carer evenings. These are a great opportunity to be able to discuss your child's progress. On Monday, Year 8 students will receive a letter with a unique link for you to be able to book appointments with subject teachers. A similar letter will be given to Year 7 students after the Easter break. The dates are:

8A and 8D	Monday 24 April
8B and 8C	Tuesday 2 May
7A and 7D	Tuesday 9 May
7B and 7C	Monday 15 May

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Free School Meals Vouchers for over Easter - Wonde

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a voucher 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 and carers. 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 in the last week of this term.

Parent Engagement Meeting

As promised, we have looked carefully at the feedback from parents and carers about a meeting to discuss plans for next year. There was an overwhelming response to hold the meeting at Gosforth Academy which we will take place after the Easter break. We will share the date and a link to sign up in a separate communication home before we break up for Easter.

Behaviour on school coaches

We have had some further concerns about silliness and behaviour on our school coaches. Please can I encourage you to remind your child to behave appropriately on the school coaches. Individual children who are unable to behave sensibly will be removed from the coach and will need to make their own way into school. It is important that we continue to maintain a positive relationship with the coach company as we progress into next year.

HPV Vaccination – Year 8

For our Year 8 students, we will be having the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) School Based Vaccination Team in school on Thursday 8th June. For your child to receive this HPV vaccination, you must give your consent. Please see the attached letter from the Immunisation Team which gives you a link to the online consent form.

Finally, it has been an excellent term and I look forward to an even better one after Easter. After Easter, we will begin our engagement with Year 6 parents and carers. I am pleased to share that we received a considerable number of applications to join our Year

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7 cohort in September 2023, highlighting the excellent work our staff and the excellent attitude of our students promoting our school.

On behalf of the Callerton Academy staff, I wish you a lovely Easter break. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 17th April.

Yours faithfully



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