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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our third week into this half term, we continue to have much success to celebrate in school. I was particularly struck by how impressive our entries were from our Year 7 students for our 'Read Anywhere' competition. We had it all, from reading in the sun (!) to reading whilst sitting on a horse!

Parent Information Evening - Reminder

As shared in our previous newsletters 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 according to our survey last term. The event will begin at 5.30pm. We have had much interest, but in order to ensure we have enough capacity, please can you sign up to this event using the following [link](#). This will help inform us as to whether we need to use a larger venue.

Year 7 'Aim Higher' trip to Northumbria University

Following Callerton Academy's successful Year 8 'Aim Higher' trip to Newcastle University, some of our Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit Northumbria University on Wednesday 26th April. The trip allowed students to experience university life, gaining an insight into various available academic pathways and career opportunities. Northumbria University and their student ambassadors gave an excellent introduction to higher education through interactive activities, discussions, and a tour – our students asked fantastic questions, demonstrating their ambition and enthusiasm for learning. We are very excited for university student ambassadors to visit Callerton Academy in the future, delivering an assembly on the wonderful opportunities available to students in the next stage of their academic careers. All students in attendance represented the school in an exemplary manner and should be very proud of themselves. Callerton Academy is looking forward to offering further opportunities for all students to 'Aim Higher'!

"I really enjoyed the trip because it prepared us for what is in store at university. My favourite part was the student Q&A because I could speak to people who know what it is like." - Lydia

"I really enjoyed finding out about all the different courses you can take at university." - Sid

"The trip made me look forward to going to university in the future. I always did but I thought it was going to be hectic – the student ambassadors explained everything so well and made it a lot less daunting. I feel more prepared now and know what I want to do." - Olivia

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Success in the classroom

We continue to see so many successes in the classroom and the progress many of our students are making is excellent. I wanted to share that we have seen some impressive improvements with some of our students' reading ages and this is a direct result of regular reading at home, coupled with in-school interventions. I really would like to encourage you to continue to support your child in reading at home as research highlights the value of this and the impact it has on examination outcomes. We will continue expecting our students to read each night in Year 9 as well as beginning to introduce more academic reading directly related to their learning in order to help students experience a range of texts.

Attendance Rewards

We will shortly be launching our attendance rewards for our summer term. As you know, attendance at school is vital in helping students to be successful. We have some great prizes which Miss Davidson is excited to be able to share with students very soon so watch this space!

Uniform supplier

Please be aware that all uniform is now available through one supplier, Micheal Sehgal and Sons. Information can be found on our [website](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do continue to look at our Facebook page as this is updated daily with pictures and stories of life at Callerton Academy. Currently, our Facebook page includes some pictures of the impressive DT and Art homework produced by Year 7 students; well done to those winners!

Yours faithfully



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