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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've had a good few weeks with your communities. The students and staff are working hard at Callerton Academy to achieve their best. Our new Year 7s have been out this week for their passport trip and it was a roaring success!

### **Academy Advisor Parent/Carer Representative Vacancy**

Please see the attached letter and nomination form to join the school's Academy Advisory Group (like a school governor role). This is a great opportunity for any parents/carers who wish to involve themselves in the school. It may be that you have been part of the school community for a couple of years, or it may be that you are new to the school as your child has just joined us. Previous experience is not needed, but a commitment to attending the four meetings each year and willingness to support a couple of opportunities across the year is essential.

### **School Coats and Uniform**

A reminder again that school coats become a compulsory part of the uniform from after October half term to February half term. This is from Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 21 February 2025. The guide to our uniform is on the website [here](#). If you need any help with getting a coat, please contact Miss Robson for confidential help on 0191 605 3835 or by email on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk).

Miss Davidson is sending a separate letter next week regarding uniform.

### **Year 8 Dukes House Wood Trip, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Year 10 London Trip Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

We have over 150 students out on residential trips before the October break. Those of us that are going are really looking forward to the trips. If you children are going on these trips and have any questions, please encourage your children to ask their form tutors or the trip leaders or alternatively, you as parents and carers can contact school on 0191 605 3835 or email in on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) so that we can help before we set off!

Those students in Years 8 and 10 who are not going on the trips need to be in school as usual.

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## Reading at Callerton Academy

Every student now has a reading book and it's fantastic to be able to talk to the students about their reading and their favourite books. Every student must be reading every night for 20 minutes and recording this in their planners.

Reading is the cornerstone of our curriculum and as educational evidence shows, if students read well, their GCSE performance will be higher.

## Year 10 Study Evening - A message from Mr. Gilford

Thank you for attending the Year 10 Study Evening on Wednesday. We have added the slides from the evening onto our KS4 website [page](#).

Year 10 and Year 11 are really challenging years for students and require lots of hard work. We shared some different ideas about how you can support your children prepare for this challenge. Next week, we will share information about your child's first Y10 assessments which are happening the first two weeks after half term. We will share what the assessment will be for each subject and some key knowledge they should make sure they revise in preparation for it, so you can support them at home.

## Free School Meal Vouchers for The October Half Term Holidays

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a £15 voucher to cover the cost of a meal per day. You will receive the £15 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 half term.

## Use of Social Media

Please see the attached letter regarding social media and communication with school. This is an updated version of the letter that I sent out in February 2024.

Yours faithfully,



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