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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. The past two weeks have been exciting at Callerton Academy. I personally have been inspired by the student's enthusiasm for reading – every time I ask a student about their reading book; they can talk eloquently about the story/content, and they'll give me a critique. As we know, reading is fundamental to learning and future success – well done Callerton students!

I have quite a few notices for you this week, so please read to the end, or check out our video of one of our wonderful students reading it for you, [here](#).

School Attendance – Letter from Miss Davidson

Miss Davidson has sent all parents and carers a letter today regarding school attendance and initiatives that we are introducing to our weekly routines. School attendance is still not high enough overall at Callerton Academy and missing school is missing out. School attendance is parental responsibility, which we know that you take seriously and understand. Thank you to all families who work hard every day to support their child's attendance to school.

Free School Meals Vouchers over the Holidays

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals at school, you will receive a £30 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. The system is easy to use with clear instructions on the email. These should be sent to you by the final week of this term.

If you think that your family should be in receipt of free school meals, please visit the Newcastle City Council website [here](#) to apply. If you need support please contact Miss Robson on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk or call reception on 0191 605 3835.

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Academy Advisor Parent/Carer Representative

On 15th November, we opened the election for the Academy Advisor Parent/Carer representative. This has now closed, and Shona Taylor has been elected to the Academy Advisory Group. Thank you to all the parents and carers that took the time to vote and to both candidates for volunteering for the role.

Parent and Carer Evenings – Year 8

Parent and Carers Evenings are being held on Tuesday 17th December 2024 for 8A and 8D and Thursday 9th January 2025 for 8B and 8C. We will hold these virtually via SchoolCloud. You will be emailed next week with a letter with a unique code and details of how to book appointments via SchoolCloud. Please contact the school reception on 0191 605 3835 if you do not receive your code to book your appointments or if you need any help with the process.

Year 9 Immunisations - 29th January 2024

All Year 9 students can get their immunisation booster (for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)) in school on 29th January 2025. You need to give your consent for your child to receive the booster. Here is the link to the [consent form](#). The school code is NB148573.

Year 10 Academic Data – Released on Thursday 5th December

All Year 10 students have undertaken assessments in all their GCSE/Vocational subjects after October half term. These assessments alongside other information have allowed teachers to predict students a grade for all of their subjects. These will be shared with you and the students on Thursday 5th December in the form of a data report. In this report students will also have target grades.

We know that for many of you, this is the first time that your children will have gone through this GCSE process, therefore, Mr Middlebrook has produced a presentation video for you [here](#) which explains the process.

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Year 7, 8 and 9 Academic Data

All Year 7s, 8s and 9s have sat assessments this term and have academic data reports which have been or will be sent to you on:

- Year 7 – academic data sent home Wednesday 18th December 2024
- Year 8 – academic data sent home Friday 13th December 2024
- Year 9 – academic data sent home Friday 22nd November 2024.

Students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) are measured against their 'Age Related Expectations', which are explained on the report.

Have your say on Newcastle's transport priorities – A Message from Newcastle City Council

Newcastle City Council is developing a new Movement Strategy for the city and you are invited to get involved.

The Movement Strategy is a plan that will set out how our transport networks should be developed over the next 20 years.

It will look at how networks can be designed to meet the needs of local people and business, improve how people and goods move around the city and address key environmental, social and economic priorities.

The council is asking businesses and residents across the city to share their thoughts, ideas and transport needs and priorities, which will be used to help shape the final plans.

A seven-week consultation is underway. Find out more and have your say at www.newcastle.gov.uk/movement-strategy.

Yours faithfully,



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