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Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, I cannot believe that another bi-weekly letter is coming to you; the weeks are flying by. I have been very proud of our students over these two weeks, with the start of another attendance games block, Year 10 out every Thursday at Byker Climbing Wall for their PE GCSE, some students in Years 7 and 8 showing their resilience as their Keilder trip was cancelled and rearranged due to poor weather. In addition, we had student council members 'wowing' our local MP, Chi Onwurah, with their tour of the school. These students and 30 others will be travelling down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament – I hope Chi's tour will rival the Callerton Academy tour!

I have quite a few notices for you this week.

### **Year 10 Assessments from Mr. Gilford**

Students in Year 10 will shortly have their second set of assessments as part of our approach to track and monitor student progress. These will take place the weeks beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February for options subjects and 17<sup>th</sup> February for English, Maths and Science. At the start of next week, we will send you further information about what each subject assessment will cover and what students can do to prepare for these. Students have been fully prepared for these assessments in their lessons by their teachers. Your child will be told by their class teacher when their assessment is and to write this into their planner.

Year 10 approached their first set of assessments in November really well and therefore we ask that you support us in encouraging your child to prepare well for these next ones too.

### **Gosforth Group Parent and Carer Code of Conduct**

We have a new parent, carer and visitor code of conduct which can be seen [here](#). This has been implemented across our group of schools and is a commonsense code which reiterates how we work together for our young people.

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### **Dukeshouse Wood Trip – A Message from Mr. Middlebrook**

We were informed on Tuesday by administrators that Kingswood (the company that owns the Dukeshouse Centre) has gone into administration. I have contacted PGL who are working with the administrators to discuss the options going forward with the view that we will still offer a residential trip to our fantastic year 7s. I will contact you all when I have further updates.

### **Year 9 Parent and Carer's Evenings 17th February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

In Year 9, our parents and carers evenings are upcoming to allow you to discuss academic subject data with your child's teachers before they choose their GCSE options. These are on our virtual meeting system, SchoolCloud. Miss Lockhart will send you a letter regarding booking appointments for these evenings.

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 4pm – 6pm – Forms 9A and 9C
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 6pm – Forms 9B and 9D

### **FSM over February Half Term Advanced Notice**

Families with children in receipt of free school meals will be receiving a £15 voucher for food supplies over the February Half term. There'll be more information in upcoming letters.

If you think that your family might be eligible for free school meals, you have to apply through the Newcastle City Council website [here](#). If you need any support or help with this, please contact Miss Robson on 0191 605 3835 or via email on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk).

### **Year 10 Work Experience – from Mrs Jones**

A big well done to those students in Year 10 who have already secured their work experience placements for July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please support your child in finding and securing a placement, all they need to collect at this point is the contact name of the person who has agreed to the placement and their work email address. Soon we will be logging placements on the UniFrog platform which many parents have already logged onto via the link sent to their personal email address held by school. Rest assured any students who are struggling to find a placement will be given support from school to ensure they do not miss out, this may be face

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to face placements or in school virtual placements and events held on during the work experience week in July.

**Can you offer work experience to one of our students?**

We'd love to hear from businesses who may be willing to take on a year 10 Callerton Academy student. Please contact Mrs Jones on 0191 605 3835 or via [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk).

**National Apprenticeship week 2025 February 10th-16th: Keep an eye on our Facebook page! - from Mrs Jones**

Here at Callerton Academy we are keen that everyone gets the full picture on careers and skills after school. As part of this we run a comprehensive careers programme from Year 9 with weekly lessons giving students bespoke advice and guidance. During National Apprenticeship week 2025 we will be taking students to the Apprenticeship & Education Event at Newcastle Civic Centre on Tuesday 11th Feb. This will include talks and stands including careers advice from Top UK Employers, Universities and Training Providers.

Families can secure tickets to take their own child outside of the school day if they wish [here](#).

Yours faithfully,



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