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Date: Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to have a restful time over the holidays. Of course, we are all back into the swing of routine with school starting again on Monday, 2025 is a very special year for us at Callerton Academy as our growing school will move into our brand-new state-of-the-art school building. We cannot wait to be amongst our community.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire

We value the feedback of everyone that interacts with the school, and as such we would like to ask you to complete a questionnaire about the school. Please follow this [link](#) to our school parent and carer questionnaire. The deadline to complete this is Monday 20th January at 9am. Thank you in advance for completing this, it should not take more than 10 minutes, but we know that time can be hard to find in busy family homes.

Poverty Proofing at Callerton Academy

This week we have welcomed The Children North East Charity to complete a Poverty Proofing Audit throughout the school. This is a nationally recognised scheme which tests all aspects of the school to see how accessible school is for all families from every background. At Callerton Academy, we strive for equality of provision, providing trips, equipment and extra-curricular activities (7up) for all pupils. There is more than can be done though, and the feedback from this audit will help us move forward.

The charity has spent time with students and staff this week and will be asking students, staff, governors and parents and carers to do a questionnaire. We shared this [link](#) with you earlier in the week. Should you wish for a paper copy, your child can collect this from the school office. The deadline for the completion of this is Friday 17th January at 4pm. Again, thank you in advance for spending time on this. All information allows the feedback to the school to be as helpful as possible.

Galafield Swap Shop

The Galafield are running a swap shop on Sunday 26th January between 9am and 12pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Please see the attached poster for more details.

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COMMUNITY SWAP SHOP

JAN 26TH 9-12

THE GALAFIELD FAMILY HUB
Newbiggin Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 1LZ
info: keepitclean@newcastle.gov.uk

Entertainment, refreshments and much more for the whole family!
Bring individual items or register for a table using the QR code.

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Reminder about Reading Homework from Mrs McFarlane-Troy

Callerton Academy loves reading! We place so much value on our students reading regularly because it is proven to improve academic outcomes and positive mental wellbeing in young people.

So, I was delighted to hear from our form tutors about how much reading our students completed over the school holidays especially following our massive word totals throughout the first term: Year 7 read a fantastic 9.8 million words, whilst Year 8 totalled an astounding 15.6 million words!

As we enter our second term, it is important to encourage your child to keep up their reading momentum and ensure that they complete the minimum of 20 minutes of reading homework per night and record their reading in their planners.

We also encourage you to ask your child about their success on their reading book quizzes which they record in their planner - anything about 80% is a pass and this also applies to some Y9 and Y10 students!

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Reading aloud develops lots of skills, so where possible, we would welcome your child to read to you, a family member or friend at least once a week. The library is stocked with a wide range of books for our students to borrow and enjoy.

KS4 Options for Year 9 students from Mr Gilford

This term is when we begin talking through different GCSE and vocational options for students to select before they start Year 10. We think it's important to spend some time on this with students to help them understand how to make right subject choices which reflect their aspirations and abilities. This half term, students in Year 9 will receive guidance via assemblies, their careers period, tutor time and in their subject lessons where teachers will begin to show what the subject looks like in Years 10 and 11. We will also be inviting parents to our information evening on Tuesday March 11th and sharing our options booklet. All students will have selected their subject choices before we break up for the Easter break.

Information from Newcastle City Council - New Kinship Carer Support Group


The Family and Friends/SGO Team are delighted to be offering a new Kinship Carer Coffee Morning at Fawdon Children's Centre with the next meeting on Wednesday 12th February.

Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

Information from Newcastle City Council - SEND Roadshow

Newcastle City Council have a SEND Roadshow to showcase the different SEND services in the city. All are welcome at Gosforth Library, NE3 2HD, on Thursday January 16th from 10:30am to 2pm.

Yours faithfully,



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