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Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your friends and families well. This is the final newsletter of 2024. We have had an exciting week with Key Stage 3 trips to the Pantomime and a Year 10 study morning, and next week, trips to The Biscuit Factory and Centre for Life.

### **Next Week's Trips**

We have Year 7 out on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for our annual trip ice skating at the Centre for Life. We also have Year 8, 9 and 10 out on different days to visit the Gingerbread Street exhibition at the Biscuit Factory, for which our Year 10s and the new school architects made a gingerbread model of the new school for charity.

Please see letters from Mrs Jones and Mrs Rushton for details.

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

The Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for the cost of a normal meal deal, £2.60. The menu will be halal chicken or Quorn fillet with all the trimmings, a dessert and a drink. There will also be sandwiches and jacket potatoes on offer.

### **New School Termly Update**

Please see the new school newsletter [here](#) for an update about how the new school building is progressing. There are some great pictures that show how impressive the new building will be for our Callerton Academy community!

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## **Year 10 Parent and Carer's Evenings Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

In Year 10, we will have two parent and carer evenings throughout the year to discuss GCSE academic subject data with your child's teachers. The first set of evenings in January will be on our virtual platform SchoolCloud and the second set, in late March will be face to face in school. Miss Lockhart will send you a letter regarding booking appointments for these January evenings next week.

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 4pm – 6pm – Forms 10A and 10C
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 4pm – 6pm – Forms 10B and 10D

## **A Reminder – Free School Meals Vouchers over the Winter 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](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) or call reception on 0191 605 3835.

## **School Coat Logo Change Going Forward**

We would like to inform you about an update regarding our school coats. While a school coat purchased from Michael Sehgal is still required and our school uniform policy remains unchanged, our uniform supplier's new stock of our school coats will no longer feature the school logo. Please be assured that your child should continue to wear their current school coats, which carry the school logo until this needs to be replaced due to wear or fit.

Removing the school logo will facilitate stock sharing across all our schools within our Trust, and our parents/carers may get more value from the school coat as without the

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logo, children can wear their school coats outside of school. This change will also make it easier to pass on unwanted, yet in still good condition, coats to family members or friends who may benefit from them.

Please note that while the coats will no longer carry the school logo, they remain a required part of our uniform policy and should continue to be purchased through our designated uniform supplier, Michael Sehgal, based in Kingston Park. Our uniform supplier will continue to sell the existing stock of our school coats, which have a school logo on them until this stock runs out and is replaced with the new stock of coats without a logo.

### **Gosforth Group MAT SAT, GCSE and A Level Results**

Callerton Academy is in the Gosforth Group Multi Academy Trust with five other schools, all of whom have SAT, GCSE or A level results to celebrate. Please see this [link](#) for details.

### **School Closing and Opening around the Winter Holidays**

Students finish for the winter holidays on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm. The school coaches and the scholar's buses will pick up from school at 12pm on this day. Students return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8:30am.

The school will be closed for the whole holidays. If you need to make contact, please leave a message on 0191 605 3835 or email us on [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk), and we'll get back to you in the new term.

### **School Detention end of term change**

As usual, due to the school term finishing on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm, detentions will move to the following:

- Missed detention – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December instead of Thursday
- Detention – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December instead of Friday

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**Thank you**

A final thanks for your continued support this year. I hope that these holidays afford you some quality, relaxing time with family and friends.

Yours faithfully,



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