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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. This term is whipping past at Callerton Academy. I must state to you how proud I am of the school community for the fantastic start to the school year! Moving schools for Years 8 to 11 and starting secondary school for Year 7, is no mean feat, and with support from school staff and their families, the students have made this transition look easy.

As you would expect with a new building, we're still experiencing some issues and snagging. Such as, we've didn't have enough phone lines, so we've had to commission more, etc. As stated in my last letter, we've had over 30 new staff this year due to our schools' growth, so systems can take time to set up and be effective. Thank you for your patience and kindness.

School Calendar - School Closed Wednesday 1st October

We have a teacher training day on Wednesday 1st October. The school will be closed to students on this day.

All of our events are on our school calendar on the website [here](#).

Event for all Families from Years 7 to 11 – Saturday 27th September 9:30am to 10:30am

We have another open event this Saturday for families to see our new building and site. This is open to all year groups.

Please come along to the Main Reception, with your child to have a tour of the building. Our students will be the tour guides (because, of course, they already know the school better than all the adults!). Students do not need to wear their uniform for the events. There will be plenty of staff on hand throughout the building to speak to. Feel free to bring members of your family and community. For this event, the school car park will be open.

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Open Evening for Prospective September 2026 Year 7 Students – Monday 29th September

We have our annual open evening for the Year 7 2026 intake on Monday from 4pm – 5:30pm. We have many student volunteers from across the year groups to support at this event. If your child has volunteered, they should have a letter to bring home to you with more information.

Year 10 and 11 Parents and Carers Study Evening – Monday 6th October

The GCSE years of Year 10 and 11 are incredibly important for our young people. They are working towards external exams and coursework that will guide their next steps in life. At Callerton Academy, we know the vital role that parents, carers and families play in supporting children through these exam years. On Monday 6th October, we have a support evening for parents, carers and families of students in Year 10 and 11, which will focus on how you can help at home. Our English, Maths and Science curriculum leaders will present with hints and tips to support in their subjects. There will be two identical talks at 4:30pm and 5:15pm; you only need to attend one. If you cannot attend, please review the presentation which will be shared on our website.

Reading at Callerton

At Callerton Academy, our students understand the importance of being fluent readers for academic and future life success. To become a fluent, expert reader, students must read every day. All students now have a reading book, and they have to read this every day, for a minimum of twenty minutes, and record their reading in their planner. Students need to write a short synopsis of what they've read and what pages they have read from and to. This is checked by their form tutor and rewarded with a stamp. It's nearly time for our Year 7 and 8 Star Readers to be crowned for this half term, and I cannot wait to see what students have been reading and to see the progress they have made.

School Photographs – Thursday 9th October 2025

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On Wednesday 9th October we have a photographer in school. They will be taking individual photographs of all students from Year 7 to Year 11. For year 7, there will be form group photographs too. Families will be able to purchase the photographs.

Attendance to School – Missing School is Missing Out

Attendance to school is critical to a young person's future and students and families must strive for 100% attendance. Sometimes, families are unsure if students are too poorly to attend school, and this [guide](#) from the NHS should help with decision making.

Thank you for your support and I, and other staff, look forward to seeing families tomorrow morning for our new building opening event.

Yours faithfully,



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