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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well at the end of this (very long) half term! Many congratulations to all of you, our families, for supporting such a successful transition to our new building. Well done to all our Year 7 families who have made that big leap to secondary school so impressively. Well done to Years 8 to 11 who have made the move to a brand-new building!

We have now officially been opened by our local MP, Dame Chi Onwurah. Callerton's opening has been featured in the Chronicle, [here](#).

Half Term Holiday Next Week

Next week, school is closed for the half term holiday. Our school office is closed during the school holiday. If you would like to contact the school, please do so via email on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk. We will get back to you when we open at 8am on Monday 3 November.

Upcoming Events in the Calendar

- Friday 7th November - Year 9 Progress Review to be sent to parents/carers
- Week Commencing 10th November - Year 8 Assessment Week
- Week Commencing 17th November - Year 10 Assessment Week & Year 11 Progress Review to be sent to parents/carers
- Flu immunisations will take place on Monday 17th November 2025
<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
Please enter this code on the above website: **NB148573**
- Week Commencing 24th November - Year 11 Geography Field Trip (25th & 28th Nov)

Year 11 Mocks – Well done Year 11

Our Year 11s had their second set of mocks this week, which is their first of mocks in the new building. These weeks of mock exams play a crucial role in preparing students for their GCSE exams. After half term, many students will be working on coursework and vocational assessments. These contribute to their overall qualification grades.

As expected, the mocks have gone without a hitch, and we're very proud of how the students have approached these important exams.

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Newcastle City Council Autumn Newsletter for families of children with SEND

Newcastle City Council have a parent and carer forum for families of children with SEND. The newsletter is [here](#). If you have any queries or questions about this or SEN at Callerton Academy, please contact Mrs Jones, our SENDCo on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk.

Coats after Half Term

As per our uniform requirements, all students must wear a coat from after October half term to February half term. This must be a school coat and/or fleece or a plain black unbranded coat. Students must wear their coat as they enter and leave school site.

If you need any assistance with purchasing a coat, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Mentor.

We will give a one week grace period after half term for the school community to get used to this change. Again, please contact us for support if you need it.

Attendance Update from Miss Davidson

We want to take a moment at the end of this half term to celebrate the work of our students, parents and carers to support strong attendance. It has been great to see so many students responding positively to the additional mentoring and support in place.

We have launched new attendance rewards. Each week, students will have the chance to win prizes in assembly. There will be a larger prize awarded at the end of the term. Students' names will be added to the prize draw for this based around improvements in their attendance. Keep an eye on our social media to see if your child is one of our weekly winners!

Thank you for your continued support in making good attendance a key part of your child's routine. Please contact our pastoral team if you need any support.

School Entrance and Road Drop Off

We have had some instances where parents are, when dropping off their children for school, stopping on the road, or in the main vehicular entrance. A reminder that this is not safe for your children or other road users. Please make sure that when dropping your children off for school, you are doing so in a place where you can park up, stopping your engine.

Events in the City this Half Term

There are quite a few events and activities available to families over this half term holidays in the city. I have found two websites, [Get into Newcastle](#) and [Newcastle Gateshead](#) which give some good ideas.

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Thank you

Another thank you for your continued support of your children and of the school this half term. There has been a lot of change in our school community; a new building, lots of new staff and lots of new students. This, alongside a long half term is tiring for all students and in turn families at home. I hope this half term holiday affords you some down time and rest.

Yours faithfully,



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