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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 1

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. It has been fantastic to welcome students back into school this week and see them engaging so well with their learning. Uniform has been exceptionally good for which I thank you.

It has been a great start to the New Year here at Caister Academy, I wanted to highlight the following:

- On Monday 8 January we will be starting our next attendance reward event– *Be in For Jan* – therefore, students who attend every day for the next two weeks will receive a Fabulous Friday reward on Friday 19 January.
- We are also running our 100% club again for the month of January. Therefore, students who attend every day will be entered into a raffle to win Apple Air Pods at the end of the month. 100% attendance = 3 entries, 1 missed day = 2 entries.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 11IBI (100%)
 - Second place – 7DMI (98.67%)
 - Third place – 11NBA (97.69%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7RHA
 - Second place – 11NBA
 - Third place – 8VBE

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 11 January – Senior Year Parents Evening
- Wednesday 24 January – Year 9 Mingalaba Speaker
- Thursday 25 January – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Friday 26 January – Year 9 Judaism Experience

Publication of Ofsted report

Finally, you will be aware from my previous communication that we were visited by Ofsted on 28 and 29 November. The report is likely to be published in the coming days. Prior to its publication, I wanted to send you a copy directly, therefore, please find a copy of the final Ofsted report attached. I am delighted that the success of our school has been recognised and that we remain a ‘good’ school. This success has been a team effort and I want to thank our community and families for the way in which everyone has worked together.



I am particularly proud of the work we have done with our students around anti-bullying and personal development. It is great to see our school ethos of high ambition recognised. We will continue to build on this success, maintaining our core values which make this school the wonderful place it is.

Some key points from the report are as follows:

- Pupils value their time in school. They learn well and value the wide range of opportunities to be involved in something beyond the academic curriculum.
- Leaders' high expectations permeate pupils' daily experiences.
- Classrooms are quiet spaces which are highly conducive to learning.
- Teachers regularly check what pupils have learned and adjust what they teach to ensure pupils learn well.
- Assessment information is used to make decisions on whether to change the curriculum for the future.
- Pupils' understanding develops well over time because they follow a clear curriculum in a calm and productive environment.
- Ofsted also made clear that students are, and feel, safe from bullying and that their education is enhanced by the effective work of the school on these wider aspects of their development.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to writing to you again next week.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal