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Dear Parent

## Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup - 12

Another great week at here at Caister Academy, I wanted to highlight the following:

- The Christmas food bank collection commenced this week, and the tree went up in the main corridor decorated by our Christmas club. Thank you to everyone who has donated items so far. The collection will run until Wednesday 13 December.
- Well done to our 'Caister Shakespeare Company' who performed 'Taming of The Shrew' at Abbeyfield. Students were praised for their fantastic performance, and we are extremely proud of them.
- It was fantastic to see so many of our ex-students and parents attend our Class of 2023 Graduation Evening, the year group were able to celebrate their incredible achievements including the most improved 4+ English and mathematics grades ever received at Caister Academy. We hope they continue to thrive in their next steps on their educational journey.
- Our student's attendance has continued to be incredible this week and I wanted to thank you as parents for your role in this. Though we love Christmas at Caister Academy, we do teach from the curriculum right up until the end of term on Friday 15 December, so please do continue to stress the importance of attendance with your child/children.
- SparxReader is proving really successful with our students, over 480 hours read and over 45 books completed. Our students are making great gains with independent reading, and we will continue to focus on this throughout the year.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place 7NWR (99.6%) Second place – 11IBI (98.07%) Third place – 7DMI (97.62%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:

First place – 10MMA Second place – 7RHA Third place – 10VSA

## Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 4 December CET Carol Service Rehearsal at Lynn Grove Academy.
- Tuesday 5 December Rudolph Run.
- Wednesday 6 December Year 8 Natural History Museum Trip.
- Thursday 7 December Key Stage 3 UV Dodgeball.



- Friday 8 December:
  - Senior Year Fatal 4 Workshops led by Norfolk police. These sessions will cover speeding, driving under the influence, mobile phone use and seat belts, as well as driving when tired and driver inexperience.
  - Year 10 and Senior Year Religious Studies drop down session: War and Conflict.
- Monday 11 December Creative Education Trust Joint Carol Service at The Minster, Great Yarmouth, from 7.00pm.
- Tuesday 12 December Christmas Show.
- Wednesday 13 December Christmas Show.
  - Thursday 14 December:
    - Christmas Show.
    - Young Carers Christmas Celebration.
- Friday 15 December (last day of term):
  - Celebration Assemblies all year groups.
  - Christmas Jumper Day.
  - Attendance Rewards.
  - Special Rewards Event.
- Wednesday 3 January All year groups return to school for Spring Term 1.

As you are aware we have had some special visitors in the academy this week. We welcomed Ofsted to the school on Tuesday and Wednesday and the inspectors fully immersed themselves in the student experience. We told the lead inspector he would find a happy, welcoming, and inclusive school, with amazing staff, parents, and students, and he did.

I look forward to sharing the outcome of this with you when the report is published. I must say how incredibly supported by parents and students we felt as a team, and I sincerely thank you for this.

Yours faithfully

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Helen Seath Principal