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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal’s Roundup - 8

I hope you and your family have had a restful half-term break. We have had a great start to this half term, and I wanted to highlight the following:

- This week we have been praising students in assembly for their maturity and commitment to our academy values.
- The ‘Hot Deli’ eatery opened in the Theatre and students really enjoyed having more choice in their dining experience.
- Several students undertook ‘taste testing’ of our new winter menu. Feedback has been positive, and we will use this to confirm our winter meal options.
- We are delighted to announce that students and parents can now access Kooth. Kooth is an online digital mental health support service which can be found online via www.kooth.com. Sign up is free and gives both students and parents the opportunity to access advice from counselling professionals via an online chat facility.
- We are proud to have started working with ‘Elevate Education’ across all year groups. This is a service which helps to support our young people with all aspects of their educational journey. If you wish to explore some of their resources to support your child at home, please use the following link [Elevate Coaching](#).
- Year 10 Work Experience has been launched and we look forward to working with local employers, parents and students to secure fantastic work placements.
- Professional actor, Ryan Early (Coronation Street) ran a Shakespeare workshop for 22 Year 7 - 10 students. Starting with a career talk, "being an actor" and followed by a Q & A session. The rest of the day was spent on developing pupils' performing skills, specifically working with text and voice. This was all in preparation for our upcoming production of ‘Taming of the Shrew’.
- Well done to our Year 10 Netball team who played away to Venture Academy on Thursday 2 November.
- A group of Year 9 students took part in a Modern Foreign Languages trip to the University of East Anglia and gained useful information about what a languages degree can offer.
- Senior Year students took part in a Humanutopia Workshop, and it was moving to see their engagement with the programme, which is designed to support students’ wellbeing throughout their final year at school.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 9SMA (97.5%)
 - Second place - 7NWR (96.8%)
 - Third place - 8GAB (96.3%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place - 8VBE
 - Second place - 10ZJA
 - Third place - 10VSA



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 6 November
 - Remembrance Assemblies commence.
 - Senior Year Careers Interviews continue.
 - Good luck to our Year 7 Netball Team who will play away at Venture Academy.
- Friday 10 November - Students from our Combined Cadet Force will lay wreaths at both the Caister War Memorial and Caister Lifeboat Memorial.
- Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Day service at Holy Trinity Church, Caister. Student volunteers will be in attendance.

Students uniform has been excellent this week and thank you for your continued support with this. I look forward to sending you another update next week.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal