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Dear Parent

Summer Term – Principal's Roundup - 2

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Mrs Ford, Assistant Principal, was incredibly impressed with Year 7 English students during her lesson on Wednesday and couldn't wait to share students' success with staff. Students were working on varying vocabulary and embedding key quotations within paragraphs. Excellent work Year 7!
- Year 8 English students were praised by Miss Delf, Head of English, for their hard work in lessons this week. Students are currently studying poetry linked to culture and identity and read the poem 'Search for My Tongue'.
- 41 students across Year 9 and Year 10 took part in the INK Festival trip on Monday. The day was absolutely incredible, and the students were so well behaved and a true credit to the school. Staff at the INK Festival were thoroughly impressed with Caister students, commenting on how mature and respectful they were as an audience and the actors in one performance also spoke about how receptive they were to ideas. We also had a number of Year 9 students visit the University of East Anglia, where students spent the day designing a university, including a workshop on branding, and had to present their ideas in front of three other schools and a panel of judges. They displayed great teamwork to prepare and present their ideas.
- We were pleased to welcome Year 10 students and parents to our Raising Achievement Evening on Thursday. Mrs Ingham was incredibly impressed with the questions that students were asking linked to their GCSE studies and Miss Sharpe commented on how students were very focused on considering their 'next steps' in terms of further education and careers.
- Senior Year students have made a fantastic start to their final examinations and have undertaken a range of examinations this week, such as photography, English speaking, German speaking, French speaking, and art. Examinations next week are in the following subjects: health and social care; enterprise; drama; Polish and Portuguese speaking and German reading and listening. We know our Senior Year will be busy revising in order to achieve their best.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 9ATO (98.5%)
 - Second place – 8RMA (95.6%)
 - Third place – 9VBE (94.8%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7MME
 - Second place – 10SWA
 - Third place – 7VRO



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 8 May – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 14 May – Harry Potter Trip
- Thursday 15 May – Normandy Trip Information Evening from 5.30pm
- Tuesday 20 May – Wellesley Athletics Trip
- Thursday 22 May – Wellesley Athletics Trip
- Friday 23 May – School closes for half term
- Monday 2 June – School reopens for Summer Term 2

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Tegan Mitchell, Year 9, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Tegan worked incredibly hard during the Spring Term and has improved both her Attitude to Learning and Attendance figures. Great work Tegan!

Attendance

We have seen good attendance across the academy this week, particularly with Years 7 and 9. We have beaten last year's weekly average for the second week in a row, therefore thank you for your continued support with encouraging good attendance. With the bank holiday this weekend, please ensure that students are on time and ready to learn on Tuesday 6th May.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal