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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 10

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Today's Red Nose Day bake sale was a great success. I would like to thank Miss Jackman, Teacher of PE, for her hard work in organising this event, along with staff, students, and parents for preparing baked goods to sell.
- Year 7 HPA students visited the University of East Anglia. Students took part in a creative writing workshop, led by published author Ashley Hickson-Lovence, and rock climbing. As always, the students were respectful to all staff and student ambassadors and gave their best efforts in all activities.
- So far this term, Year 8 students are leading the way in rewards and are currently at the top of the leader board for the coveted Caister coin competition.
- Thank you to Year 9 students and parents who attended our Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday. We hope you found the evening informative. Over the next fortnight, students will take part in taster sessions to assist them in making informed choices. Students will need to submit their completed options slip to their form tutor by Tuesday 22 April.
- Mr Osben, Head of Year 10, couldn't wait to share students' success with staff. During this week's assembly, Mr Osben had the honour of presenting certificates for subject awards to selected students. A massive congratulations to those who received an award, we are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students' dedication and commitment to their studies.
- A huge well done to Senior Year students studying BTEC and OCR courses. On Wednesday, the academy received students' results for BTEC Component 2 and OCR Sport Task 2. Staff and I were absolutely thrilled with students' achievements.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7VRO 94.9%
 - Second place – 11MMA 94.3%
 - Third place – 8RMA 93.4%
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 10SWA
 - Second place – 11MMA
 - Third place – 10CBL

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Tuesday 25 March – Easter Performance
- Wednesday 26 March – Easter Performance



- Wednesday 26 March – Our Town Trip
- Thursday 3 April – Caister Coins Rewards Event
- Friday 4 April:
 - Celebration Assemblies – All Year Groups
 - End of Term

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Amber Grantham, Year 9, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Amber is inquisitive in learning and tries her best in all aspects of the curriculum, pushing herself to answer the challenge task at every opportunity.

Combined Teaching Groups

This week and last, we have seen elevated staff and student absence linked to flu-like symptoms. Thank you for sending your children in with mild symptoms of this illness. Please follow this link to seek advice on when to send a child to school or keep them at home [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

To limit disruption to learning, and to avoid potential year group school closures, we combined some teaching groups in larger spaces and the senior leadership team taught them. We were really proud of the students' behaviour and attitudes during this change to some of their lessons and I would like to thank the staff who stepped in to ensure students were taught by familiar faces rather than external cover.

Attendance

School attendance is really important, particularly as we head into the final weeks of the term. We have lots on offer for the final two weeks, such as gaining Caister coins, lucky dip stars and our delicious free breakfast offer. Please encourage your child to attend daily.

Senior Year Reteach Week

Next week is Senior Year reteach week, where students will receive their mock assessments and have a chance to improve their learning in areas that they struggled in. The aim of this week is to support students in addressing any gaps in knowledge, then maximising their success in the summer examinations. We look forward to seeing all of Senior Year having the most up to date information on their current progress and achievement.

Roman Way – Access Only Road

Due to the ongoing works along Jack Chase Way, we have been asked by Norfolk Constabulary to pass on a gentle reminder that Roman Way is an access only road. Please could I ask that you refrain from using Roman Way whilst Jack Chase Way is closed. Any motorists using this road, who are not residents, could be faced with a traffic offence.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal