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Dear Parent

## **Autumn Term 2 – Principal's Roundup 5**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 Spelling Bee successes were shared by Miss Mallett in our weekly staff briefing. Congratulations to Danielis Andriukaitis who is our Year 7 Spelling Bee Champion.
- A group of Year 8 and 9 students visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London. Students took part in a self-guided session working out "where space begins", an awesome planetarium show, and were given time to explore the site and take in its history. I was extremely proud to receive an email the following day from Mrs Harre-Young which read:

*"Dear Miss Seath,*

*My family and I have just returned from Greenwich Observatory where students from your school were also visiting.*

*It was such a delight to see such respectful, polite, and smartly dressed pupils. They stood back to let us pass, held doors open, and moved out of our way so we could view signs. They were quick to obey their teachers when asked to line up quietly and spoke very politely to us. In a day and age when teenagers get such a bad press, it was reassuring to know there are still some lovely young people in our society. They are a credit to your school."*

- Year 10 enterprise students were treated to a visit by local entrepreneur, Trevor Fuller. Trevor runs many digital media-based companies on the East coast and was happy to take the time to explain his successes and adventures, including taking The Incredible Hulk to Dubai and a red carpet visit for the last two Star Wars movies. Students will use Trevor's business model for their Pearson Set Assignment in January; we wish them good luck for their first coursework opportunity, which is worth 30% of their final grade.
- Senior Year catering students have been busy giving up their spare time to practice their examination meals. Miss Brookes is incredibly proud of them and has praised students for their continued hard work and dedication.

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- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
  - First place – 96.16%
  - Second place – 94.97%
  - Third place – 94.73%
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 9RWD
  - Second place – 10SWA
  - Third place – 10BAT

### **Principal's Learner of the Week**

Congratulations to Adam Edwards, Year 8, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Adam works incredibly hard, has an amazing attitude to learning in all subjects, and demonstrates enthusiasm in every task.

### **Warner Brother Studios Tour Update**

I am pleased to inform you that Warner Brother Studios have honored our request to re-arrange our Key Stage 3 students visit, following the unexpected trip cancellation last week. Mrs McAdam has been in contact with them to discuss future dates, and as soon as we have further information we will be in contact.

### **Student Illness**

At this time of year, we know that many students are suffering with coughs, colds, and viruses, and we understand that it can sometimes be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please find some useful information with regards to government guidelines via the following link [Is my child too ill for school?](#). If your child does feel too unwell for school, please contact us in the usual way to explain your child's absence. However, if your child needs to leave medication with us to support them in attending, this can be signed in at main reception and will be stored with our attendance office.

### **SY Reteach Weeks**

The last two weeks of term will be incredibly important for our Senior Year. We will begin our reteach weeks where students will receive their mock assessments, their targets to improve, and will then be given strategic support by their class teacher to action these targets and make progress. We know that our Senior Year have shown incredible commitment to their studies, and this is the next step in enabling them to achieve academic success in the Summer.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Next week the academy will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. This will run from Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 of December during break times, lunch times and after school. There will be a range of books for purchase, as well as a selection of stationary.

There will be several different ways to pay including cash, card, and book fair vouchers. Book fair gift vouchers are available to buy through the Scholastic website <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/book-fair-gift-vouchers>. These will then be emailed directly to you for printing.



If you wish to find out more information about the book fair and the different titles that are available to purchase, please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>.

**Reminders for next week and beyond:**

- Wednesday 11 December to Friday 13 December – Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Thursday 12 December
  - Rudolph Run from 3.15pm-4.00pm in the Sports Hall
  - CET Carol Service at The Minster, Great Yarmouth from 6.00pm until 7.30pm
- Monday 16 December – Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 18 December – Christmas Performance
- Thursday 19 December
  - Christmas Lunch
  - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20 December
  - Assemblies and Rewards Events
  - School closes for Christmas
- Tuesday 7 January – School re-opens for Spring Term 1

Thank you for taking the time to read this update, I look forward to sending you further information next week.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal