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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 3

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students continue to amaze us with their faultless behaviour and attitude. It has been a pleasure getting to know our new learners over the past three weeks. Our Year 7 team are extremely proud of every student.
- Year 8 students have made a great start to their independent reading within form time, and it has been a pleasure to see students engaged and enthralled with a book of their choice.
- Year 9 art students have shone this week and have been praised for their fantastic effort and hard work during art classes.
- Mrs Ruth Wood, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, couldn't wait to share Year 10 German students' success. Students have been asking Mrs Wood to complete speaking tasks in every lesson and it has become extremely competitive when it comes to remembering the most flashcards. Well done Year 10!
- Senior Year step ups commenced this week and Mr Osben, Head of Year 10 and Senior Year, couldn't wait to share their incredible attendance.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7LGO (100%)
 - Second place – 9RMS (97.6%)
 - Third place – 7KLO (96.1%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 9RHA
 - Second place – 8VRO
 - Third place – 10ALU

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Open Evening

It was lovely to come together as a community to celebrate our incredible young people and talented staff on Thursday evening. It was a pleasure to meet so many families and prospective students, all our student volunteers who welcomed and assisted our visitors around the academy were helpful, professional and perfectly behaved.

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Lexi Batley, Year 10, who has demonstrated a fantastic work ethic in photography and health and social care.

Attendance

This week, attendance has been lower than expected, and as a result many students have missed valuable learning time. Every day in school matters, and even short absences can make it harder for children to keep up with their work and progress. We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends every day next week, even if they are feeling slightly unwell, so that they do not miss out on important lessons and opportunities to succeed. Students can leave medication at the middle office if needed to encourage attendance.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 23 October - Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 24 October:
 - Tutor Day (all years)
 - School closes for half term
- Monday 3 November – School reopens for Autumn Term 2

Electives

Electives for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 commence on Monday 22 September and will run from 3.00pm until 4.00pm each day. Please see the electives schedule attached for information. Students are asked to head straight to their elective location to register.

Hot Meal Price Increase

Please be advised that from Monday 2 October the cost of a meal deal in the dining hall will be rising from £2.50 to £2.61. As always, the catering team aim to keep prices as low as possible to ensure that all children have access to a hot meal during the school day. A reminder that we offer free school meals to all eligible children, and the entitlement for this has risen from £2.50 to £2.61 to cover the rising cost. To check if your child is eligible, please visit [Free School Meals - Norfolk County Council](#).



Uniform and Change of Weather

Please be advised that summer uniform comes to an end today, meaning that students are expected to wear full uniform from Monday 22 September. As things start to feel more autumnal and the evenings shorten, we would recommend that your child/children have a suitable coat to wear on the way to and from school. I am aware that children sometimes forget or are not keen to bring a coat in, so I would appreciate your support in reminding them. I would also recommend checking that they have bike lights, and that they are working if they cycle to school.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal