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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 8

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 High Prior Attainment students took part in a UEA workshop regarding university life and opportunities. Julia, from the University of East Anglia, praised students and couldn't wait to share the following comment with staff - *'It was so lovely to be back at Caister this morning and what a fabulous group of Year 7's you have taking part in the Future Stars programme!'*. The next stage of the programme is a trip to the UEA campus on Monday 17 March.
- Selected Year 7 students took part in 'Boogie Bounce' delivered by staff at Jump Warehouse in Great Yarmouth. All students had a thoroughly enjoyable session, and it was fantastic to see students having fun and interacting with their peers.
- Year 8 students participated in careers workshops hosted by East Coast College. These workshops explored courses such as welding, photography, graphics and business. All students were thoroughly engaged, and it was great to see them asking lots of questions and getting stuck in.
- Selected Year 9's took part in Into-university and army workshops, looking at all things careers and future endeavors.
- Congratulations to Year 10 students, reteach week has started on a high. We have seen some incredible work going on across Year 10 lessons this week. Students have been really focused and actioning their targets from AP1 assessments to improve their learning.
- Selected Year 10 students took part in an apprentice themed day, where students had to budget and market their product. It was great to see their enterprising skills being put to use.
- Senior Year have been completing their second round of mock examinations over the past week, they have approached these examinations with great maturity and focus, and we are looking forward to marking and analysing results to support students to excel in the summer examinations. Reteach week linked to these mock examinations will begin on Monday 24 March. Thank you for your extra efforts to get students in, even if feeling under the weather.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7PCU (95.9%)
 - Second place – 11MMA (95.6%)
 - Third place – 7VRO (94.8%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 9RWD
 - Second place – 7VRO
 - Third place – 10SAL



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 17 March – Year 7 Future Stars Trip to UEA
- Tuesday 18 March – Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 21 March – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25 March – Easter Performance
- Wednesday 26 March – Easter Performance
- Wednesday 26 March – Year 10 Local Flavour Trip
- 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 Talihina Crook, Year 11, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Talihina shows leadership skills throughout creative subjects and is determined to get the best outcomes.

Attendance

This week, attendance has been exceptional and well above the national average; particularly at the start of the week, and we would like to thank you for ensuring that your child attends daily. Our aim is to maintain this across the half term, therefore, please keep encouraging your child to attend to have access to everything that the academy offers daily and weekly. For your child to succeed academically they must attend daily, and we look forward to celebrating academic excellence in our celebration assemblies at the end of term.

Great Yarmouth Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

We are pleased to welcome Summer Beckett from the Youth Advisory Board to Caister Academy this week. Great Yarmouth YAB is a group for young people who live or study in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. They work with professionals in the community to ensure that young people have a say in decisions that affect them.

Summer will be situated in the games room at lunchtimes from Monday 3 March and will be available to talk with students about making changes in the local area through campaigning, lobbying, advocacy, hosting events and fundraising services.

Colour Run

I am delighted to announce the return of Caister Academy Colour Run which will take place on Friday 18 July. If you are unsure of what a colour run is, then feel free to visit: <http://thecolourrun.co.uk> to get a sense of the event. The aim is to celebrate and reward the fantastic work students have undertaken this academic year. Further information regarding this event will be sent early in the summer term.

CAI Consultation

The consultation to change two aspects of Caister Academies Admissions Policy has now drawn to a close and final decisions have been made taking all feedback into account. I can confirm that the main changes are:

- Reduction in Published Admission Numbers (PAN) from 165 to 150 in 2026/27 and 2027/28, then reducing to 120 by 2028/29.



- From 2026-2027 we will apply aptitude criteria for the performing arts of up to 10% of future Year 7 intake.
- The definition of feeder school for Caister Academy has changed from: Pupils in the transfer age group at Caister Junior, North Denes, Great Yarmouth, Filby, Ormesby Junior, Hemsby, Winterton, St Nicholas Priory CE VA, St Georges, Aldermann Swindell and Edward Worlledge Primary Schools.

To: Pupils in the transfer age group at the following schools or their equivalent (should the school change name); Caister Junior School, Filby Primary School, Fleggburgh CofE VC Primary School, Hemsby Primary School, Martham Academy, North Denes Primary School, Northgate Primary School, Ormesby Village Junior School, St. Nicholas Primary School and Winterton Primary School.

To view the consultation report and the final admissions policy for 2026/27, please use the following link [Admissions Consultation 2026-2027](#).

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Helen Seath'.

Helen Seath
Principal