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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup - 5

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- This week started with torrential rain which impacted many students on their way to school, thank you for ensuring the majority had coats with them. I would also like to thank students for behaving perfectly over the indoor break and lunch times.
- Year 7 students started their catering journey by making fruit fusion. Both Miss Cushion and Miss Brookes were extremely proud of their efforts and a number of students were awarded 'Caister Coins'.
- Year 8 art students have been praised for their outcomes and focus during lessons concentrating on fine skills. Students were visibly committed to the quality of their work, producing some beautiful outcomes. Miss Atkinson was incredibly impressed by students' attitude and dedication.
- Year 9 students have been practising how to use the future tense in German lessons this week, and Mrs Woods was incredibly proud of their hard work.
- Year 10 have received a letter regarding work experience, which will be taking place between Monday 30 June and Friday 4 July next year. Should you have any further questions in relation to work experience, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Sharpe via email sarah.sharpe@caisteracademy.org.uk.
- Senior Year took part in an Ask Apprenticeships assembly. Students listened and made excellent contributions to all things apprenticeships. They were also praised by staff for asking some fantastic questions.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
 - First place – 8RMA (96.7%)
 - Second place – 7IBI (96.2%)
 - Third place – 7VRO (95.9%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7SBU
 - Second place – 7VRO
 - Third place – 9PCU

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Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 7 October – Year 10 and Senior Year Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 7 October – Year 7 Netball Tournament
- Thursday 10 October – CET Shakespeare Design Workshop
- Friday 11 October – CET Shakespeare Voice and Text Workshop
- Monday 14 October – Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament
- Tuesday 15 October – Year 8 HPA Trip to Norfolk Broads Authority
- Thursday 17 October – Key Stage 3 Trip to St Georges Park
- Monday 21 October – Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament
- Tuesday 22 October – Come from Away Theatre Trip
- Thursday 24 October – Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 25 October:
 - Tutor Day (all years)
 - School closes for half term
- Monday 4 November - School reopens for Autumn Term 2

Academic Excellence

This week has seen students focus on achievement in their year group assemblies. We shared with students the many ways that their commitment to learning will be rewarded and explored why it is important to take the opportunities that the Academy offers our students to enable them to excel or enhance their subject knowledge or studies. Rewards for learning and effort have been in full swing this week with 'golden tokens' being awarded when students have gone above and beyond in effort towards their learning. We have been so impressed with our students' approach to learning and we hope to continue rewarding these efforts and positive attitudes.

Tutor Evening and Tutor Day

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all parents to our annual Tutor Evening (Thursday 24 October) and Tutor Day (Friday 25 October) and everyone should have received an invitation to the event this week.

Booking meetings with form tutors takes place via the Arbor Parent Portal. This can be accessed via the arbor website (<https://caister-academy.uk.arbor.sc/>) or phone app. On the arbor dashboard, it will show the meetings you are able to book. If you have more than one child, you will need to repeat this process. Please book either an evening slot or a day slot. If you have any questions, please contact the main reception via enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Joe Dix Foundation

This year we are incredibly lucky to be working with the Joe Dix Foundation who will be providing workshops and first aid training for all our students. Parents will also be invited to this project's launch as part of our Tutor Day and Evening offer, where they will meet Emma Dix over coffee and cake.

Joe Dix, from Norwich was just 14 when he made the wrong decision and went to play video games at his new friend's house. Joe was unknowingly being groomed and eventually criminally exploited to carry drugs through county lines. Years of exploitation resulted in Joe becoming part of a gang. Tragically Joe's life ended when he was 18 as he was fatally stabbed by viral gang members.



The Joe Dix Foundation uses Joe's story to raise awareness of how children get criminally exploited and immersed into this dark world of gangs and knife crime. Let's arm our children with the information of how criminal exploitation happens so they can make good choices.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, reading "Helen Seath".

Helen Seath
Principal