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Dear Parent

Summer Term – Principal's Roundup - 3

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Thank you to all parents who attended Year 7 Parents Evening, it was a delight to meet you and discuss how incredible our Year 7 cohort is and how well they have settled into the Academy.
- A group of Year 8 and 9 students were selected to support with the Teacher of Computing and Mathematics interviews. Students took part in a panel and asked candidates a series of questions related to the teaching role. Students were praised by Miss Gayson, Assistant Head of Year, for their maturity and enthusiasm. This student voice is critical to help us continue to appoint great staff.
- Year 10 students have been taking part in mock interviews, which were hosted by Caister Haven. The purpose of these interviews was to assist students with gaining confidence and take part in real life scenarios. All students received feedback and were given the opportunity to reflect on their performance. Staff at Caister Haven were extremely impressed with students' responses and the way in which they composed themselves and said that every child would have been given the job if these were real interviews. We look forward to seeing other students getting this opportunity as the summer progresses.
- Senior Year students have undertaken a range of examinations this week, including health and social care, enterprise, drama, German listening and reading, Spanish, Polish, and Portuguese speaking. Staff are incredibly proud of how well our Senior Year are coping at this crucial time and attendance to all examinations has been 100%. Great work Senior Year!
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 9GBU (97.1%)
 - Second place – 9VBE (95.2%)
 - Third place – 8RMA (94.7%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 10SAL
 - Second place – 9DRU
 - Third place – 7VRO

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Wednesday 14 May – Harry Potter Trip
- Thursday 15 May – Normandy Trip Information Evening from 5.30pm
- Tuesday 20 May – Wellesley Athletics Trip
- Thursday 22 May – Wellesley Athletics Trip
- Friday 23 May – School closes for half term
- Monday 2 June – School reopens for Summer Term 2



Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Holly Rowe, Year 10, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Holly consistently shows fantastic attitude to learning in lessons, works extremely hard, and is dedicated to achieving the highest grades possible.

Attendance

Attendance has remained higher this week, which is brilliant after the bank holiday weekend. As we enter the final two weeks of the half term, please continue to ensure that your child attends each day to access the wonderful opportunities that we have on offer within the academy.

Parking along Windsor Road and Elizabeth Crescent

We have recently received some feedback from local residents with regards to parking along Windsor Road and Elizabeth Crescent at the end of the school day. A polite reminder that when you are collecting children from school, please refrain from parking in front of resident's driveways, or obstructing access to properties. Please also avoid parking on double yellow lines and the yellow zigzag markings near the school gate. I do understand the entrance to the school is a congested area and difficult to navigate so your support with this matter is very much appreciated.

Warmer Weather

It has been a delight to watch students on the field enjoying the warmer weather this week. With this change, please remind your child/children that they should bring suncream and a refillable water bottle. If the inside temperature becomes very warm, we will announce summer uniform (blazers are brought to school but not worn), and students will be notified by their form tutors and class teachers on the day.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal