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Dear Parent

### **Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 9**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Our Year 7 Head of Year and Assistant Heads of Year were pleased to welcome students back into school this week. Miss Newbury, Assistant Head of Year 7 & 8, couldn't wait to share the students' enthusiasm and determination. Students' confidence is growing and it's great to see them flourishing.
- Mrs Wood, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, had the pleasure of teaching Year 8 French students about festivals this week. Students discussed Bastille Day and Mrs Wood was delighted to see students keen to share their knowledge on the French revolution that they had learnt earlier in the week with Miss Mallett, Teacher of History.
- Year 9 students have returned from the half-term break with a fantastic mindset, full of energy and optimism. Mr Fisher, Head of Year 9, was incredibly proud of their achievement last half term for earning the most rewards points.
- Year 10 photography students have been experimenting with mirrors and reflective surfaces to create distorted portraits. Students have worked incredibly hard and Miss Fellas, Teacher of Art, was extremely impressed with their efforts. Year 10 students have also received their work experience letter this week, which includes the date of work experience week and how students need to secure their placement.
- Senior Year mock examinations week came to an end today. All students have shown outstanding dedication and maturity throughout the last week, and we are incredibly proud of their positive mindset and determination. Well done Senior Year!
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place – 7LGO (98.0%)
  - Second place – 9RMS (95.8%)
  - Third place – 9DMC (95.7%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 8VRO
  - Second place – 8JFE
  - Third place – 9RHA

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## Attendance

Attendance has been steady across the school this week, and we'd like to congratulate our Senior Year students for their excellent attendance during mock examinations — a real credit to their commitment and focus. However, attendance among Year 9 has been noticeably lower than other year groups, which is an area for improvement. Strong attendance is closely linked to academic achievement and helps build a stronger sense of belonging within our school community. Regular attendance ensures every student can make the most of learning opportunities and feel fully part of school life.

## Student Voice

Students have raised they would like the Caister Academy Community to own more than one school dog. They love having Barley onsite, but students have carried out some student voice and would in fact, like one dog for each year group! Though five dogs may be unmanageable at this point in time, we have listened.

Winnie, a Cockapoo born 23rd May 2025, will be joining the academy from Monday 17 November. She will begin her gradual introduction and training in school from that week. We are looking forward to having Winnie join our academy and we know students will be too.



## Year 8 Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 8 parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 13 October. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with class teachers and discuss all aspects of learning linked to your child's achievement. If you haven't done so already, please book your appointment/s via Arbor. All families attending the evening will be placed into a draw to win a £50 lifestyle gift card which can be spent in a variety of stores or online.

## Senior Year Parents' Evening

Senior Year Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 27 November, you will be able to book appointments on Arbor from 7.00pm on Thursday 13 November. Please see attached guidance on how to book.

## Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 13 November – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27 November – Senior Year Parents' Evening
- Thursday 4 December - EMC Mathematics Challenge Trip
- Wednesday 10 December:
  - Final Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)
  - Year 8 Warner Brother Studios Trip
- Friday 12 December – Celebration Assemblies
- Wednesday 17 December – Caister Coins Winners Event
- Monday 15 December to Wednesday 17 December - Christmas Performances



- Thursday 18 December:
  - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
  - School closes for Christmas

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal

Attached: Parent Portal – Booking Parents' Evening Appointments