



Friday 12 December 2025

Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 14

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Mrs Butcher, Teacher of Mathematics, praised students that took part in the Rudolph Run on Friday 5 December at 3.00pm in the Sports Hall. Students ran/walked for 45 minutes to raise money for Nelson's Journey, wearing Christmas jumpers and singing along to Christmas music. The atmosphere was amazing, and it was great to see the smiles on students' faces as they took part to raise money for such a great cause.
- Year 7 catering students have been busy in the kitchen making Miss Goodbun's signature sausage rolls containing brie, chutney, and sage and onion stuffing. Miss Brooks, Catering Technician, couldn't wait to share their success with staff. Our administration team had the honor of taste testing students' culinary creations and were extremely impressed.
- A massive well done to both Year 7 and 8 geography students for their work in lessons on Thursday, Mrs Smith, Head of Geography, was delighted with their efforts. Students took part in a competition to win green Caister Coins by learning core facts and participating in a flashcard test. Coins were issued for scores of 9 or 10 out of 10. 8YA were the overall winners, gaining 24 green coins for their coin counter. Well done Year 8!
- A group of 45 Year 8 and 9 students took part in a visit to Warner Brothers Studios. Students had an amazing time and participated in a workshop on the Art of Foley. The studio tour was magical and as always, students' behaviour was impeccable. I would like to thank Mrs Lumley, Teacher of Science, and the English department for organising this fantastic opportunity.
- Year 10 have been working hard on securing their work experience places for next year. Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, is extremely proud of their efforts and has reminded students that placements must be secured by Friday 13 February 2026.
- Senior Year graphics students have completed a successful two days on their controlled assessment. Students were calm, committed, and produced confident, high-quality outcomes.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7LGO (96.2%)
 - Second place – 9RMS (95.4%)
 - Third place – 11SWA (95.0%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 8VRO
 - Second place – 8JFE
 - Third place – 8MME

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Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Henry Mee, Year 9, for his continuous contribution in lessons and positive attitude to learning across all subjects.

Attendance

Attendance has shown a fantastic improvement this week and we want to keep that momentum going as we head into the final week of term. Let's make sure it doesn't decline like it sometimes does - there are lots of exciting Christmas surprises and events planned, so our students won't want to miss out!

Mathematics Rotation for Spring Term

Miss Benton will be returning to team mathematics in January, and we are very excited to welcome her expertise back into Caister classrooms. We will continue with some specialist rotation in mathematics groups in year 7, 8, 9 and 10 and where teacher changes occur, students will be notified before the end of term.

Reports

Year 7, 8 and 9 will be receiving reports on Thursday 18 December. On this day, students will receive a paper copy to take home during form time. Alongside this, a copy of the report will also be emailed out to parents. Please go through your report with your child, looking for areas of success, as well as development.

Key Stage 4 reports will be released during the next term following formative assessments within subject areas (Y10) and mock examinations (Senior Year only).

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 15 December to Wednesday 17 December - Christmas Performances
- Tuesday 16 December – Celebration Assemblies
- Wednesday 17 December – Caister Coins Winners Event
- Thursday 18 December:
 - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
 - School closes for Christmas
- Tuesday 6 January – Students return to school – Spring Term 1

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal