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Dear Parent

Summer Term – Principal’s Roundup - 1

Another busy and successful start to term here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- Year 7, 8 and 9 students have made a great start since returning from the Easter break, quickly settling back into school routines with enthusiasm and confidence. Classrooms are full of energy, and it’s clear that students are finding their rhythm once again. Adding to the excitement, *Matilda* rehearsals are now in full swing. The cast is working incredibly hard, with songs and scenes really starting to come together, creating a real buzz around the production. It’s shaping up to be a fantastic show that we can’t wait to share with you.
- Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, gave a big shout-out to our Year 10 students who attended PSA and NEA twilight sessions to support their Component 1 submission. It’s been great to see such enthusiasm and effort, and their commitment really shows how keen they are to do their best. A huge thank you as well to the staff who ran these sessions, giving up their time to provide extra support and help our students make the most of every opportunity.
- Miss Brooks, our Technology Technician, has been extremely impressed with the commitment and effort shown by Senior Year computer science students during their work on an online tutor course. She has praised the students for their consistently positive attitude, noting that they attend lessons with enthusiasm and demonstrate a strong dedication to their learning. Their hard work and perseverance throughout the course have been commendable and reflect their growing confidence and maturity in this subject.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 11 SMA (100%)
 - Second place - 11SWA (95.8%)
 - Third place - 8JFE (95.7%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 9RHA
 - Second place – 7ZJA
 - Third place – 7ATM

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Attendance

We are delighted to be offering students a fresh start with attendance this half term. From now on, everyone has the opportunity to work towards achieving 98% attendance by the end of the summer term, which will unlock their ticket to Attendance Bingo. This reward proved a huge success during the final week of last half term, generating real excitement and motivation across the school. Due to its popularity, we are pleased to give students another chance to earn their place at this much-anticipated and highly coveted event through strong, consistent attendance.

Interventions led by Schools and Community Team

At Caister Academy, we work in partnership with Norfolk County Council's schools and community team to deliver targeted interventions that support students' social, emotional, and academic development.

During the last few years, we have seen the valuable impact intervention sessions from the team have had on our students, this has included both students transitioning to Caister Academy as part of a phased transfer from a primary/junior setting and to those within our current cohort in KS3 and KS4.

Currently we have Lauren Gates, and Jo Smith, Education & Family Workers, School & Community Teams delivering intervention sessions with a focus on:

- **Social Communication:** Helping students develop effective communication skills, understand social cues, and build positive relationships.
- **Zones of Regulation:** Teaching strategies for recognising and managing emotions, promoting self-regulation and emotional wellbeing.
- **School-Based Approach to Learning:** Tailored intervention on classroom strategies to support learning, Maturity & Self-Control, SEMH (Social, Emotional, and Mental Health), Boundaries (Personal, Social, Digital), Misogyny & Respect for All.

UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge and Further Mathematics

We are delighted to inform you that students in the top sets of Year 7 and Year 8 mathematics will be taking part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge, a nationally recognised competition that celebrates mathematical curiosity and creative problem-solving. This exciting opportunity allows students to stretch themselves beyond the classroom, build confidence, and showcase their logical thinking skills in a fun yet challenging way.

The challenge will take place in school on 29th April 2026, and we very much look forward to seeing our students rise to the occasion and enjoy this enriching experience.

Next week, our top set Year 9 students will be taking part in an engaging Further Mathematics taster session run by a specialist from Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form College. The session will give students a glimpse of what studying maths beyond GCSE is like and help them see what opportunities are available if they choose to take the course next year.



Year 7 Parent's Evening

A reminder that our Year 7 parents' consultation evening will be taking place on Thursday 30 April. 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 have not done so already, please book your appointments via Arbor.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 20 April - Ink Festival
- Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 April - Singing Gala (selected students)
- Wednesday 29 April - Year 7 Jimmy's Farm Trip
- Thursday 30 April - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 6 May - Year 10 Pathways Trip to UEA
- Friday 22 May - School closes for May half term.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Helen Seath".

Helen Seath
Principal