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Dear Parent

## Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 9

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- Year 7 students have been busy creating fruit fusion in catering lessons. Miss Brooks, Food Technology Technician, praised students for their enthusiasm and teamwork.
- A number of Year 7 and Year 9 students took part in a UEA Cheer Dance Workshop on Monday. Both groups were applauded for their fantastic movement memory and their ability to execute the choreography with precision.
- Year 8 student volunteers have thrown themselves into the thrills of British Science Week, tackling a fast-paced science quiz and racing through a clue-packed treasure hunt! The energy has been fantastic, and we can't wait to reveal the competition winners next week!
- Year 9 students have enjoyed an exceptionally busy week. Alongside beginning their Options Taster Fortnight, a group of students visited the Theatre Royal to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Hamlet*. Mr Eidrys-Tuite, Teacher of English, praised students for their powerful speeches written from the perspective of Rosa Parks, and Mr Fisher, Head of Year 9, congratulated engineering students for their impressive dedication and craftsmanship in their lost-art woodworking projects.
- A massive thank you to everyone who attended our Year 9 Parent's Evening last night. It was wonderful to see so many parents engaging in honest, constructive conversations about how we can continue to support students to make strong progress.
- Year 10 Photography students have been exploring the work of seaside photographers Ben Thomas, known for his idealised coastal scenes, and Rob Ball, who documents the character of seaside towns such as Great Yarmouth. After researching both artists, students captured their own photographs and edited them in the style of their chosen photographer. They then used their final images to design a visually striking tourism poster.
- Senior Year students have shown outstanding focus in their precision teaching groups across both English and mathematics. Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, is particularly proud of those who have been attending the English lunchtime sessions, as well as the many students who joined our successful Maths Hub. In addition, our Science Breakfast Club, held at 8.00am on Mondays and Fridays, continues to see excellent levels of participation.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place - 11SMA (95.7%)
  - Second place - 7LGO (95.4%)
  - Third place - 9RMS (94.1%)

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- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:  
First place – 7ATM  
Second place – 7LGO  
Third place – 8JFE

### **Principal's Learner of the Week**

Congratulations to Nathalie De Sousa, Year 9, for receiving Principal's Learner of the Week. Nathalie received the award for working incredibly hard in lessons and collecting lots of green Caister Coins for extra work outside the academy.

### **Attendance**

Attendance has dipped slightly this week, and it's important that we work together to improve this as we head into the final stretch of the term. Every missed day means missed learning, and with just two weeks left, we want all students to finish on a high. There are also some great rewards coming up, including Attendance Bingo in the last week of term and daily random prizes for those in school - so every day truly counts. Let's make a strong push next week and end the term positively.

### **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**

I am delighted to announce that our newly trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are going to be available to speak to students about any concerns around unkind behaviours from Monday 16 March 2026. Our ambassadors will be located outside of my office.

### **Red Nose Day Competition**

A reminder that Creative Education Trust is running a Red Nose Day Design Competition for all students.

To take part, students can purchase a competition form for £1.00 (payment to be made via Arbor). All completed entries must be handed in by Wednesday 18 March.

There will be a variety of prizes, and the winners will be announced on Red Nose Day.

### **Red Nose Day Bake Sale**

In addition to the Red Nose Design Competition, we will also be holding a Bake Sale on Friday 20 March in the gym at lunchtime. If your child would like to enjoy a sweet treat on the day, a £1 donation can be made via the school shop on Arbor, where tokens will be available to purchase. Once the donation has been made, students will receive their token on the day of the event and will be able to choose from a range of baked goods such as cupcakes, donuts and cookies.



### **Strengthening Skills Across the Curriculum**

Our broader literacy offer continues to provide targeted support through Bedrock vocabulary and comprehension, small group reading, oracy, and handwriting interventions. These programmes ensure that students at all stages receive tailored input matched to their specific needs.



In numeracy, we have continued to refine and expand initiatives such as Numeracy Ninjas, SPARX Revision, and our structured small-group numeracy interventions, enabling students from Year 7 through Year 11 to develop greater fluency, confidence, and problem-solving skills.

We are incredibly proud of the progress our students have made so far, and we remain committed to ensuring every learner continues to grow, succeed, and feel confident in their reading and numeracy skills. With such strong momentum, we look forward to building on this success throughout the rest of the year.

### **Sweets Before School**

It's wonderful to see so many of our students making use of our free breakfast provision from 8.00am each morning. However, staff supervising the club have noticed an increase in students bringing sweets to eat before school. Consuming high sugar snacks early in the day can lead to a rapid drop in energy levels after an hour or so, which makes it harder for students to concentrate and fully engage in their first lessons.

### **Incident at Thorpe St Andrew School**

We understand that many of you will have seen news reports or heard about the incident at Thorpe St Andrew School, and it is completely natural to feel concerned about the safety and wellbeing of children in schools. This news has deeply affected us all, and our thoughts are with the friends, families, and wider community of Thorpe St Andrew. We recognise that events like this can be unsettling for families and the wider community. Please be reassured that schools remain very safe places for young people, and we remain fully committed to providing a calm, supportive, and secure environment for everyone. If you have any concerns or would like to speak with us about anything related to this, please do get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### **Reminders for next week and beyond:**

- Wednesday 25 March - Easter Performances (6.00pm and 8.00pm)
- Friday 27 March - Celebration Assemblies
- Friday 27 March - End of Spring Term 2 - School closes for half term.
- Monday 13 April – School reopens for Summer Term

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal