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Dear Parent

Summer Term – Principal’s Roundup 4

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- Year 7 students began their *British Red Cross First Aid Course*, and their enthusiasm has been fantastic. They have engaged fully with each session, showing confidence, curiosity, and a real willingness to learn essential life-saving skills.
- Year 8 have been investigating crime during the Industrial Revolution. Their interest in the topic has been impressive - they asked thoughtful, insightful questions and showed a strong desire to understand how crime and punishment have changed over time.
- Mr Harmer, Teacher of English, has been blown away by Year 9 students competitive spirit, camaraderie and enthusiasm during this morning’s Spelling Bee. All form groups really put their heart and soul into supporting everyone and made banners, balloons, and chants for their forms. The competitors were so fantastic that they aced all of the words that previous students found difficult - showing their amazing talent as a Year group.
- A group of Year 10 students attended a free Discover Event at the University of East Anglia on Wednesday as part of the Discover Year 10 Pathways Programme. During the visit, students enjoyed a guided campus tour, attended a talk on student life, and participated in a Q&A session. They returned to the academy with valuable insight into university life. A huge thank you to Mrs Lumley, Lead Practitioner and HPA Coordinator, for organising such a fantastic opportunity.
- Senior Year students have undertaken a range of examinations this week, including health and social care, enterprise, drama, German listening and reading, Turkish, and Portuguese speaking. Staff are incredibly proud of how well our Senior Year are coping at this crucial time. Great work Senior Year!
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 11SMA (96.7%)
 - Second place - 7ATM (95.6%)
 - Third place - 11SWA (95.1%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7ZJA
 - Second place – 9DMC
 - Third place – 9RHA

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Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Tia G, Year 10, on being named Principal's Learner of the Week. Tia earned this recognition for her consistent hard work across all areas of the curriculum, including her commitment to completing PSA subjects.

Attendance

Attendance has remained steady this week, which is positive, but we have a great opportunity to make a strong push in the final two weeks of the half term. With a range of rewards and incentives on offer, now is the time to encourage full attendance and ensure students make the most of every learning opportunity. Every lesson counts, and we want all students in school, engaged, and benefiting from the excellent teaching and experiences available - let's finish the half term on a high.

Inclusion Passports

At Caister Academy, our Inclusion Framework follows a graduated approach to identifying, supporting, and reviewing the progress of our most vulnerable learners.

Throughout the academic year, we regularly create new learning passports and review existing ones. To support your child effectively, the Inclusion Team continuously monitors their progress and ensures that appropriate adjustments are in place to meet their learning and development needs.

If your child has an inclusion passport, their allocated mentor will discuss progress with you and outline any further adjustments or interventions required. In most cases, the mentor will be your child's form tutor or a member of the support staff. They will communicate with you each term and, alongside your child's Head of Year, should be your main point of contact for any SEND-related queries.

Further information about our SEND offer and related policies can be found on the Academy website: <http://www.caisteracademy.org.uk>

Anti-Bullying Update

We were proud to have been selected to host the local Princess Diana Anti-Bullying Training which took place in February this year, during which 100 students were trained to recognise and report bullying.

To ensure that all students understand how to identify bullying and unkind behaviour, as well as how to report any concerns, Mrs Emmett, Leader of Behaviour, will be leading assemblies next week, supported by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are easily identifiable throughout the academy, as they wear the Princess Diana Anti-Bullying badge on their blazers. In addition, the names of the ambassadors are shared daily during form time via PowerPoints.



Bullying does not have a place at Caister Academy, if you feel that your child or any child may be at risk, please contact me and/or the relevant Head of Year via email:

Role	Name	Email
Head of Year 7 and 8	Alison Scally	alison.scally@caisteracademy.org.uk
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Head of Year 10 and Senior Year	Tom Osben	tom.osben@caisteracademy.org.uk
Leader of Behaviour	Charlie Emmett	charlie.emmett@caisteracademy.org.uk

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 14 May - Choir Rehearsal at Banham Zoo (selected students)
- Friday 15 May - Year 9 ElevatEd Workshop
- Saturday 16 May - Senior Year Science and English Pizza Party
- Sunday 17 May - O2 Arena - Basketball Super League Finals Trip
- Thursday 21 May – Wellesley Teatime Athletics
- Friday 22 May - School closes for May half term
- Monday 1 June - School reopens for summer term 2.

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