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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 10

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- Auditions for *Matilda the Musical* took place on Monday, and the energy and excitement from the students were wonderful to see. Their enthusiasm and commitment shone through in every performance, and we can't wait to enjoy the full production later in the year.
- Miss Jackman, Teacher of Physical Education, was delighted to share the fantastic success of Year 7 during their Girls' Fitness sessions. Students had the opportunity to explore the wide range of equipment available in our newly equipped fitness suite and embraced the experience with enthusiasm.
- Miss Mallett, Teacher of History, praised Year 8 students for their outstanding engagement in lessons. Students explored the end of slavery in the USA and responded with maturity, sensitivity and thoughtful insight, speaking intelligently about the long-term impact of racism and slavery on race relations. They also worked exceptionally hard to tackle some particularly challenging questions, demonstrating resilience and real depth of understanding.
- Year 9 students have taken part in 'Options Taster Fortnight' to support them with making informed choices for their GCSE options. Students have taken part in some exciting activities, giving them an insight into what these subjects are like at GCSE level. These have challenged their thinking, enlightened them with the opportunities each course has to offer and helped them to determine which ones are right for them!
- Year 10 Photography students have been developing a landscape project linked to their theme, "*This Is Me.*" They are currently studying an artist whose work explores the challenges faced by seaside communities. To deepen their understanding, Miss Fellas, Teacher of Art, set students the task of capturing images of the parts of our local area that tourists rarely see. The students rose to the challenge brilliantly, producing some truly outstanding and atmospheric photographs. Fantastic work, Year 10!
- Congratulations to Senior Year students for completing their mock examinations this week. Students arrived well prepared, focused and determined to do their very best, supported every step of the way by staff across the academy.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 11SMA (95.6%)
 - Second place - 7ZJA (95.1%)
 - Third place - 9RMS (94.1%)

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

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Danielis Andriukaitis in Year 8 for being awarded the Principal's Learner of the Week. Danielis consistently demonstrates exceptional effort in his lessons and was the highest-achieving male student last week.

Red Nose Day Competition and Bake Sale

A massive congratulations to Sophie Wilson, Year 7, who was the overall winner of the Creative Education Trust Red Nose Day Competition. Sophie's design showed creativity and imagination, which was ready to be brought to life. Sophie was presented with the finished cake created by Kirsty's Cakery earlier today. Well done to everyone who took part.



We are also excited to announce that our bake sale raised an impressive £221! A huge thank-you to all the students who purchased tickets and bought cakes at lunchtime today to help us raise money for this fantastic charity.

Attendance

Attendance has shown a welcome improvement this week, and it's great to see more students in school and ready to learn. However, Friday attendance remains a concern, and we want to remind everyone that every single day matters - important learning takes place daily, routines are built through consistency, and missing even one day can make it harder to keep up and stay confident. With lots of exciting events planned for next week, including opportunities for enrichment, and celebration, we want to see students in school every day, so they don't miss out.

NHS Guidance

You may have seen the sad news this week about confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease in Kent. With this in mind, and with students travelling to and from Norfolk in the run up to Easter, we want to reassure you that we are continuing to prioritise student health and safety.



It is important for everyone to be aware of the signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia, as early recognition can make a crucial difference. We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with up-to-date guidance, which can be found on the NHS website: [Meningitis - NHS](#)

Please be assured that we will continue to follow all relevant advice and maintain a vigilant approach in school. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Key Stage 4 – Easter Booster Revision

We are very excited that our offer for Easter holiday revision boosters has gone live. Please follow this link [Year 10 Easter Holiday Boosters](#) to book your child in for any sessions that will support them in their journey towards success in their future examinations.

If you require any further information linked to any of the sessions, please contact the lead name assigned or Mr Osben, Head of Year 10 and Senior Year.

We look forward to welcoming our Senior Year and Year 10 students into the academy over the Easter holiday.

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

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

Helen Seath
Principal