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Dear Parent

### Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 7

A great start to the second half of spring term this week. Thank you for ensuring students are well prepared and ready to learn.

Please see highlights below:

- Year 7 students have been experimenting in art lessons with secondary colour mixing skills and developing neat painting skills responding to Michael Craig Martin. Students are currently creating vibrant paintings of everyday objects using block colours.
- A significant moment for Year 7 and 8 students this week was a challenging and emotional assembly attended by parents. Students listened to the family of Joe Dix, a young person who tragically lost his life to knife crime. The message was powerful, deeply important, and delivered with honesty and courage. Year 7 and 8 responded with exceptional maturity, focus, and respect, demonstrating real empathy throughout such a sensitive and difficult subject. Their behaviour reflected genuine understanding and compassion.
- Miss Logan, Teacher of English, is hugely impressed with the outstanding “task and talk” work Year 9 have produced. Students explored Martin Luther King Jr.’s iconic speech, analysing his powerful language choices and discussing the emotional impact his words would have had on audiences facing discrimination and segregation. A brilliant example of collaboration and thoughtful discussion at its best!
- A group of Year 10 students visited Wrenn Academy to take part in a bar mock trial, gaining valuable insight into the work of a barrister. They explored the responsibilities of the role before developing a prosecution argument based on a real court case. With the support of Elizabeth, a barrister from Norfolk, students crafted and delivered short speeches presenting their case to the jury. A huge thank you to Miss Mallett, Teacher of History, for organising this fantastic and enriching opportunity.
- Thank you to all parents who attended last night’s Senior Year Parents’ Evening. It was a tremendous success, and it was wonderful to see such in-depth, purposeful conversations taking place about how best to support your child in their final months at the academy. Senior Year continue to impress us daily with their dedication and consistent attendance at Step Ups. Well done, Senior Year — we are incredibly proud of your hard work, focus, and determination.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place - 11SMA (95.3%)
  - Second place - 7LGO (94.8%)
  - Third place - 9RMS (93.3%)

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- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:  
First place – 10LAM  
Second place – 10RWD  
Third place – 8VRO

## **Attendance**

It's been a positive first week back, and we're proud of the strong attendance we've seen across the school - thank you for starting the term with such positivity and commitment. Now, let's push ourselves even further and aim even higher next week! Remember, our biggest attendance reward event ever is on the horizon: Caister Attendance Bingo. To unlock a ticket, students need to maintain 99% attendance across this term only - and it will be worth it. Expect an unforgettable celebration filled with fun, music, bingo, and brilliant prizes.

## **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

A reminder to Year 9 parents that parents' evening is on Thursday 12 March and bookings are now live. We look forward to seeing you there and discussing your child's progress, whilst providing more information linked to options choices, if required.

## **Year 9 Options Process**

A reminder that all Year 9 students will be participating in an exciting 'Options Taster Fortnight' where they will get the opportunity to experience a lesson relating to the KS4 curriculum on offer in each subject available to them.

Students will be receiving their 'Options Selection Form' on Friday 20 March and this needs to be filled in and returned to their Form Tutor no later than Friday 27 March. Students will be supported by their Form Tutor to submit their choices via an online form within an allocated form time slot on Friday 27 March using the selection form that has been signed by parents/carers to confirm the choices they are making.

## **Senior Year**

To maximise student achievement, over the next few months we will be implementing precision teaching groups in English and mathematics; this will involve some students in English and mathematics taking part in rotation teaching, with different teachers focusing in on specialist knowledge to address misconceptions. Students will be told in advance of any changes that take place and if any further information is required about these next steps, please contact Miss Jessica Delf – Head of English – and Mr Daniel Soanes – Head of Mathematics – who will be happy to explain precision teaching group changes in more detail.

During the week of Monday 16 March, Senior Year have an opportunity to complete final mock assessments in mathematics and science. These assessments will show their progress towards their final outcomes, ready for the summer examinations. Senior Year will receive their mathematics and science exam timetable next week. Over the next half term, timed assessments will take place in other subjects, e.g. English, geography and history, and students will complete these in their classroom setting. Advance notice will be given linked to all timed practice, alongside appropriate revision and support from their subject teachers, curriculum leaders and the Senior Year team.



## Caister Academy Dance Revue - Easter Performances

We are thrilled to announce our Dance Revue – Easter Performances will be taking place on Wednesday 25 March at 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

These spectacular shows will celebrate dance across the whole academy, featuring everything from high-energy group pieces to the stunning final exam performances from our Senior Year students. It promises to be an unforgettable evening of talent, creativity, and passion.

Tickets are now on sale at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/caister-academy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/caister-academy).

## School Gate Opening and Closing Times

To help maintain site security, we have recently reviewed the times our gates are open. Please see the updated schedule below:

### Main Gate (Windsor Road)

- **Open:** 8.00am – 8.40am
- **Open:** 3.00pm – 3.10pm

### West Gate (Seafield Road North)

- **Open:** 8.20am – 8.40am
- **Open:** 3.00pm – 3.10pm

Any child coming on site before 8.20am will have to use the main gate.

## Breakfast Club Reminder

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am each morning in the dining hall, where all students can enjoy a free breakfast.

If your child is attending Breakfast Club, please ensure they arrive via the **Main Gate**.

## Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

Our partnership with the Youth Advisory Board provides weekly opportunities for KS3 students who wish to become active change-makers in their community. Their achievements to date include creating exam-stress support kits for all Year 11 students - complete with snacks, stationery, and handwritten motivational messages - conducting research into local youth resources and completing their Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificates to support future fundraising efforts through baking.

This initiative has increased students' awareness of local opportunities and encouraged engagement in youth activities such as the Caister Hang Out club.

## Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week
- Thursday 5 March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 25 March - Easter Performances at 6.00pm and 8.00pm



- Friday 27 March - End of Spring Term 2 - School closes for 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Seath  
Principal