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Dear Parent

Summer Term – Principal’s Roundup - 2

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- We were delighted to be part of the second annual Singing Gala which took place on Thursday evening at the Haven Holiday Park, Caister. Following the huge success of last year’s event, the Haven and Caister Academy community once again came together to celebrate a shared love of singing. Students from Years 7–10 took to the stage, delivering a wonderful variety of genres and styles through dazzling solos and lively ensembles, all performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic celebration of music, talent and community spirit, and we would like to thank all students, staff and families who helped make the evening so special.
- Mr Harmer, Teacher of English, has praised Year 8 students for their hard work in library lessons this week. New books have been issued, new chapters have been conquered and new stories and facts have been shared. Great work Year 8!
- Year 9 catering students have been busy mastering the art of cake decorating, with fantastic results. Miss Brooks, Technology Technician, was keen to showcase their wonderful work to staff.
- Mrs Woods, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, has praised Senior Year students for their hard work and determination during this week’s French, German and Spanish examinations. She also gave a special shout-out to the students who stayed after school to prepare for their Portuguese speaking exam, which will take place in May.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 11SMA (96.6%)
 - Second place - 7ATM (96.5%) and 8JFE (96.5%)
 - Third place - 11SWA (95.7%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7ATM
 - Second place – 7ZJA
 - Third place – 8VRO

Principal’s Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Austin G, Year 10, on being awarded Principal’s Learner of the Week. Austin consistently works extremely hard in lessons and demonstrates outstanding dedication in his OCR Sports Studies. He approaches everything he does with enthusiasm and always gives 100%.

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Attendance

Attendance has been slightly lower than we would expect this week, and we'd like to remind families how vital it is that students are in school every day. Each missed day means lost learning, and even short absences can have a real impact on progress, confidence, and routine. Students are currently working hard towards unlocking their bingo ticket at the end of the summer term; they are also aiming to achieve our popular *Freddo Friday* reward each week, and good attendance plays a key part in achieving this. Thank you for your continued support in helping students attend regularly and encouraging them to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Year 7 Parents' 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 and Year 8 UKMT Junior Challenge
- 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
- Saturday 16 May - Senior Year Science & English Pizza Party
- 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