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Dear Parent

## **Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 2**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 Germanists were praised for their outstanding independent study based on sports. Mrs Wood, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, has contacted a number of parents via email to highlight the quality of their child's efforts. Well done Year 7!
- Miss Mason, Teacher of Engineering, couldn't wait to share Year 8 students' success. Students have been using Google Sketchup to design a dream mansion according to their specifications, and students have produced some terrific and original architecture.
- Year 9 catering students have been learning about dietary requirements; vegan, vegetarian and pescatarian as well as how to prepare food to cater for allergies and intolerances.
- Congratulations to Joshua Hills, Year 9, who received his black belt in Kido Mu Sool Kwan on Tuesday evening.
- Miss Mijatovic, Raising Achievement Mentor, has praised Year 10 science students for their extremely detailed work on leaf structure. Miss Mijatovic brought her digital microscope into a science intervention, and students were able to label parts of the leaf and stem in minute detail.
- Senior Year students have approached their first full week of mock examinations with focus and determination. Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, is incredibly proud of them. Great work Senior Year!
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place – 7KLO 96.7%
  - Second place – 11SMA 96.1%
  - Third place – 9RMS 95.8%
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 8MME
  - Second place – 10RWD
  - Third place – 9RMS

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

- Monday 12 January 2026 to Thursday 29 January 2026 – Senior Year Mock Examinations
- Thursday 29 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 11 February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 13 February – End of Spring Term 1 - School closes for half term.



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

Congratulations to Amelia Filip, Year 9, who won Principal's Learner of the Week for her contribution to whole school events as part of her student leadership role.

## **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

We look forward to welcoming Year 10 parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 29 January. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with class teachers and discuss all aspects of learning linked to your child's achievement. Bookings are now live via Arbor. Please find further information with regards to booking your appointments attached.

## **Attendance**

Attendance has been lower than expected this week, and we would really like to see this improve as we move into next week. To help give everyone an extra boost, we're launching a "Boost Week" starting on Monday. Throughout the week, year groups will be competing for the highest attendance, and the top three year groups will each earn additional Caister Coins at the end of the week. Let's work together to finish January strong - every day in school counts!

## **Supporting Emotional Wellbeing with ELSA**

Our school is committed to nurturing pupils' mental health and emotional resilience. As part of this, we are proud to offer support through ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). ELSAs are specially trained staff who work with children to develop skills in understanding and managing emotions, building self-esteem, coping with anxiety, and improving social relationships. Through one to one and small group sessions, ELSAs provide a safe space for pupils to talk, learn strategies, and grow in confidence, helping them thrive both in and out of the classroom.

We are delighted to announce that our academy now has 18 trained ELSAs, and we will begin rolling out this programme over the next few weeks.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal

Attached:

- Information Leaflet – Booking Parents' Evening Appointments