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Dear Parent

### Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 4

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Miss Newbury, Assistant Head of Year 7 & 8, congratulated a number of Year 7 and 8 students for completing numeracy intervention. Students worked incredibly hard throughout these sessions, and the Year 7 & 8 team were extremely proud to present students with certificates.
- Year 9 physical education students took to the gym for a lesson in all things’ darts! The lesson gave students the chance to develop their fine motor skills and mental arithmetic. Mr McMillan, Head of Physical Education, couldn’t wait to share their success with staff.
- Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who attended our Year 10 Parents evening last night. It was great to see parents and students having in depth conversations with their subject teachers.
- Mrs Ingham, Vice Principal, would like to congratulate our Senior Year on their fantastic effort and focus during the mock examination weeks. Starting from Monday, and over the next two weeks, students will begin to receive their marked papers back and teachers will be focusing in on supporting them to address any misconceptions and improve their responses. This is part of our commitment to *Reteach*, and we hope to see all students in lessons, keen to take the next step in refining their learning.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place - 11SMA (95.6%)
  - Second place - 11SWA (95.5%)
  - Third place - 7LGO (95.1%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place - 9RHA
  - Second place - 10ALU
  - Third place - 7ATM

### Principal’s Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Sophia White, Year 9, who won this week’s Principal’s Learner of the Week. Sophia achieved the highest amount of reward points in a week. Fantastic work Sophia!

### Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 5 February – Dear England Theatre Trip
- Friday 6 February – Archaeological Visit – Persimmon Homes
- Monday 9 February – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations



- Wednesday 11 February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 13 February – End of Spring Term 1 - School closes for half term
- Monday 23 February – School reopens for Spring Term 2
- Thursday 26 February – Senior Year Parents Evening.

## **Year 10 Work Experience**

A reminder that the deadline for Year 10 students to return their completed work experience placement slips is Friday 27 February. If your child is struggling to secure a placement, please inform Miss Sharpe or Miss Irvin via email [sarah.sharpe@caisteracademy.org.uk](mailto:sarah.sharpe@caisteracademy.org.uk) or [kim.irvin@caisteracademy.org.uk](mailto:kim.irvin@caisteracademy.org.uk).

## **Senior Year Parents Evening**

We look forward to welcoming Senior Year parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 26 February. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with class teachers and discuss all aspects of learning linked to your child's achievement. Details on how to book appointments will be emailed on Monday 2 February and bookings go 'live' on Thursday 5 February at 7.00pm.

## **Attendance**

Attendance has been lower than we would like this week, and we are keen to make sure students finish the term in the strongest position possible. Every day in school really does matter, especially as we approach the end of term when routines, learning momentum, and confidence are most important.

In these final two weeks, we encourage everyone to keep daily routines consistent, aim to schedule any appointments outside school hours, and contact us early if there are any barriers affecting attendance. Staff will continue to offer positive support and engaging lessons so that students feel motivated to attend every day and end the term well.

## **Freedom Leisure - Learn to Swim Programme**

We have been asked by Freedom Leisure to inform you about their Learn to Swim Programmes which will be taking place at both the Marina Centre, Great Yarmouth, and Phoenix Leisure Centre, Bradwell in February. These events are designed to introduce children to swimming in a fun, safe and supportive environment. For further information or to book onto these programmes, please follow the links provided in the attached information leaflets.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal

Attached:

- Learn to Swim Programme Leaflets