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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 8

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of stories, imagination and togetherness on Thursday. Students made an incredible effort with their costumes. From Teletubbies and witches to Oompa Loompas, Hobbits and even a fully green Elphaba. It was fantastic to see so many join in for a group photo at the end of the day. A huge thank you to everyone for the enthusiasm, creativity and support that made the day so enjoyable.
- Miss Newbury, Assistant Head of Year 7 and 8, was delighted to share glowing feedback from staff at the University of East Anglia following their careers sessions with the whole of Year 7 and 8. The sessions explored career pathways, university routes, and future opportunities, giving students a valuable insight into their next steps. Staff praised our students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the 1 hour and 20-minute session, noting how enthusiastic, respectful, and keen to participate they were from start to finish.
- Mr Fisher, Head of Year 9, praised Year 9 English students for their hard work during Tuesday's lessons. They focused on crafting persuasive speeches, developing clear arguments and confident delivery. Students were fully engaged throughout and produced some exceptionally detailed, thoughtful work.
- Our Year 10 HPA students had a fantastic visit to Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge. They learned about university life and what sets Oxbridge apart, toured the college, visited the Upper Library, and asked questions to current undergraduates. The three-course lunch was certainly a highlight! In the afternoon, they explored the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, where Darwin's microscope and a hands-on electricity activity were particular favourites. As always, our students were polite, engaged, and enthusiastic about exploring their future ambitions.
- Congratulations to our Senior Year students who completed their formal drama and music examinations this week. Your dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence have truly shone through. Well done on an outstanding effort.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place - 11SMA (95.4%)
 - Second place - 7LGO (94.5%)
 - Third place - 9RMS (93.7%)

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

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Faith Bishop, Senior Year, in receiving Principal's Learner of the Week. Faith has shown fantastic motivation while striving for her best possible grades. Faith knows exactly what she needs to support her in achieving her best possible outcomes.

Attendance

We have seen a slight improvement in attendance this week, however, our aim is to climb even higher across the last three weeks of term. A reminder that we are counting down to our Attendance Bingo event – the biggest reward event we have held for attendance in the history of the academy! Students must achieve 99% attendance for this half term only to unlock their ticket.

Careers Week

Careers Week is always a highlight at the academy. Throughout the week, external companies, universities, and further education providers delivered a range of workshops to students in Years 7–10. Our students were fantastic, fully engaged and asking thoughtful, inquisitive questions. In lessons and assemblies, they also explored the importance of transferable skills and how these shape future opportunities.

Parents also have access to Unifrog, our online careers platform. Unifrog records all students' career interactions and provides a wealth of information to help them explore future pathways. Parents can create their own linked account by visiting <https://www.unifrog.org/parent>. Once registered, you'll receive a welcome email with everything you need to get started.

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.

Caister Academy Dance Revue - Easter Performances

A reminder that 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.

Tickets are now on sale at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/caister-academy.



Red Nose Day Competition

Red Nose Day is fast approaching, and we are excited to support this national charity event, which helps raise money for vulnerable people and communities both in the UK and around the world. To mark the occasion, Creative Education Trust will be running a Red Nose Day Design Competition for all students.

To take part, students can purchase a competition form for £1.00 (payment to be made via Arbor), which will be given to them by their form tutor. They can then take the form home and create their own unique Red Nose design. All completed entries must be handed in by Wednesday 18th March.



There will be a variety of prizes, and the winners will be announced on Red Nose Day. We are delighted to share that the overall winning design will be brought to life by *Kirsty's Cakery*, who will create a 6" cake featuring the winning student's design. We would like to say a big thank you to Kirsty and her team for generously sponsoring this event.

We can't wait to see the children's creativity shine - good luck to all those taking part!

Lego Therapy

As part of our Interventions offer for students, we provide Lego Therapy sessions delivered by Mrs Roberts our Inclusion Raising Achievement Mentor.

Lego Therapy is an innovative and engaging approach to help school students develop essential social skills. Through structured group play, students take on roles such as Engineer, Supplier, and Builder, fostering teamwork, communication, and problem-solving abilities.

This therapeutic method not only enhances social interactions and reduces anxiety but also boosts confidence and helps children form meaningful friendships. By integrating Lego Therapy into the school environment, we can create a supportive space where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Fidget/Sensory Toys

A reminder that students who benefit from a fidget or sensory toy may request an approved item directly from our SEND team, please speak to your form tutor, key adult or Mr Frost, SENDCo, for further information. To maintain a focused learning environment, only academy authorised fidgets may be used in school; personal items such as squishies and other unapproved toys are not permitted.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 12 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 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". The script is fluid and cursive.

Helen Seath
Principal