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Dear Parent

### **Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 6**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students welcomed the renowned theatre performance group, *Smashed Live*, to their assembly earlier today. The performance focused on teaching powerful learning experiences to support in life outside of school.
- Year 8 art students have been exploring the Japanese philosophy of Kintsugi which is the idea that flaws and past misfortunes can be seen as opportunities for growth and new strength. They have worked incredibly hard, creating a series of stunning clay pots, each representing a "perfect" version of themselves. Well done to all of Year 8 for their creativity, courage, and reflection.
- Year 9 catering students have been getting creative in the kitchen. Students have been working hard at perfecting their cake decorating skills. Miss Brookes, Catering Technician, is extremely proud of their efforts and couldn't wait to share their success with staff.
- Year 10 BTEC students have been working hard on their Pearson Set Assignments, which make up one third of their final coursework grade. If your child is undertaking a BTEC PSA, further information has been sent to you by Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal. If you have any questions with regards to PSA study, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Mrs Wood and Mrs Rodwell have praised Senior Year German and Spanish students for passing their mock speaking examinations. The quality of their work was outstanding, and both teachers have enjoyed watching students develop their skills and love of languages since Year 7. Good Luck to our French students, who will be undertaking their mock speaking examinations next week.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place – 7LGO (98.3%)
  - Second place – 9DMC (96.5%)
  - Third place – 9RMS (96.5%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 7LGO
  - Second place – 9RHA
  - Third place – 8VRO

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

Congratulations to Abayomi Lawal, Year 8, for fantastic sportsmanship on the Holland trip. It is a delight to watch his confidence continue to grow.

## **Attendance**

We have been pleased with attendance again this week. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our young people attend each day. On Monday, we start our 8-day countdown. Those students who attend for the next 8 days will receive a special treat on Thursday 23 October. They must be in to win!

## **Tutor Evening and Day**

A reminder that our Tutor Evening and Day will be taking place on Thursday 23 October and Friday 24 October. If you have not done so already, please make your booking via the Arbor Parent App or Arbor Parent Portal.

Children will be learning remotely from home on Friday 24 October (until your appointment time). If you do not have access to the internet at home, or your child does not have the following devices e.g. mobile phone, or online digital device, please follow the link below to report this so that we can make alternative arrangements to support your child: [Digital Access for Tutor Day 2025](#).

If your child is entitled to a free school meal and would like to come onto the school site to eat their meal on the Friday, please use the following link [Tutor Day - FSM Lunch Order Form](#). Once ordered, these can be collected from the school dining hall from 1.00pm to 1.20pm.

## **Senior Year Core Mock Examinations**

On Monday 13 October our Senior Year will receive their mock exam timetable for core examinations taking place in November (03.11.25 - 07.11.25). These exams will follow our usual exam procedure and students will be expected to arrive at school for 8.00am every day that week. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to apply their learning to timed papers and demonstrate their fantastic knowledge.

## **Step Up and Electives Attendance**

Electives have started brilliantly this term, highlights so far are:

- Netball - 40 students attending weekly
- Dance - 35 students attending weekly

Additionally, students attending the fitness elective have had the pleasure of using our purpose-built fitness studio for the very first time and Senior Year students are excelling in their step ups.

To ensure parents are notified of their child's absence to an elective or step-up, we have created a system which allows us to notify parents. If your child is absent for any reason, you will be notified with the following email:



*Dear Parent*

*This email is to inform you that your child did not attend the elective/step up today. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support their attendance. We look forward to seeing them next week.*

*Kind regards*

*Teacher*

**Reminders for next week and beyond:**

- Monday 13 October – Senior Year students receive mock examination timetable
- Thursday 23 October - Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 24 October:
  - Tutor Day (all years)
  - School closes for half term
- Monday 3 November – School reopens for Autumn Term 2

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal