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Dear Parent

Autumn Term - Principal's Roundup - 7

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students have continued to add to their Caister Coin counter this week for the chance
 to take part in this half terms rewards event. All students have been working incredibly hard,
 and it is fantastic to see their confidence continue to grow, along with their independence.
- Year 8 students continue to enjoy a variety of after school electives with many students stepping outside of their comfort zones.
- A massive well done to Year 9 students that received subject awards. Mr Fisher, Head of Year 9, was extremely honoured to hand out certificates during assembly yesterday morning.
- Miss Mason, Teacher of Engineering, has praised Year 10 engineering students for their dedication and focus in lessons. Students have been working hard on their knowledge organisers, and Miss Mason is extremely impressed by their efforts this half term. Great work Year 10!
- Senior Year English students have been taking great pride in their work. Miss Delf, Teacher
 of English, couldn't wait to share their success and has shared some fantastic examples of
 their character profiles linked to 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:

First place – 7LGO (98.4%) Second place – 9DMC (96.6%) Third place – 9RMS (96.4%)

• And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:

First place – 8SBU Second place – 8VRO Third place – 10ALU

Principal's Leaner of the Week

Congratulations to Jazmine Galey, Senior Year, for showing courage throughout Humanutopia last week.

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Attendance

Attendance has been fantastic this week — thank you for your continued support in helping the children arrive ready and on time each day. Let's keep up this great effort as we head into the final week of term! We're on the final three-day countdown to a special treat on Thursday if students complete their full eight-day countdown cards, and we can't wait to celebrate together.

Assembly Success

The student CPD assembly focus of 'Modelling and Metacognition' this week has been supporting students to become 'metacognitive learners'. Students have been learning about strategies in the classroom that they can use to motivate themselves and develop new skills in their subjects.

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: <u>Digital Access for Tutor Day 2025</u>.

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 <u>Tutor Day - FSM Lunch Order Form</u>. Once ordered, these can be collected from the school dining hall from 1.00pm to 1.20pm.

Year 8 Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 8 parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 13 October. 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 20 October and bookings go 'live' on Thursday 23 October at 7.00pm.

Head of Year 7 and 8

Sadly, Mrs Baldwin, Head of Year 7 and 8, leaves us today after almost 20 years of dedication to the school, our community and our young people. We wish Mrs Baldwin the very best of luck in her new adventure and we have spent the day and week celebrating her time here and the huge impact she has had on so many.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Scally, who has also served for many years at the school, including over 10 years as a Head of Year previously, will pick up the Head of Year 7 and 8 and Transition from Monday 20 October. Her email address is alison.scally@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Please use Mrs Scally as your point of contact moving forward and continue to also use Miss Newbury and Miss Gorman, Assistant Heads of Year 7 and 8.



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 23 October Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 24 October:
 - Tutor Day (all years)
 - o School closes for half term
- Monday 3 November School reopens for Autumn Term 2
- Thursday 13 November Year 8 Parents Evening

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath Principal