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Dear Parent

### **Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 6**

A busy and successful final week of half term here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- A massive well done to Year 7 students for winning this half term’s Caister Coins rewards event. Students collected an incredible 2,425 coins and were treated to a film experience in the Theatre with pizza, donuts and muffins. Great work Year 7!
- Year 8 engineers completed their final practical in engineering before rotating to catering next half term. Students finished their isometric name on 2D design, before printing these on plastic name planks.
- A huge thank you to all our Year 9 students, parents, carers, and family members who attended our Year 9 Options Evening. We were delighted to welcome 114 Year 9 students, who explored the fantastic range of subjects available at KS4. It was wonderful to see staff and students engaging in such enthusiastic conversations about the opportunities ahead.
- Congratulations to Frankie Allen and Adam Edwards in Year 9 for achieving Gold Awards in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2026. Both students have now been invited to take part in the follow-up round: a fantastic recognition of their talent and hard work. We also extend our congratulations to all students who participated; the overall results were outstanding, and Mr Soanes, Head of Mathematics, was incredibly impressed by the dedication and achievement of all involved.
- Year 10 photography students have been creating impressive 3D photo-book structures showcasing images that represent their identity as part of their *Who Am I?* project. Students chose from a range of formats, including a matchbox book, a concertina book, or a star book, allowing them to personalise their creative approach. Mrs Fellas, Teacher of Art, was eager to share their achievements with staff and expressed how incredibly impressed she was by their hard work, creativity, and the quality of their finished pieces.
- Senior Year health and social care students have been working through Miss Jackman’s *Top Tips* in preparation for their component 3 exam. As part of their studies, students put these strategies into practice by completing an exam paper, allowing them to build confidence and refine their exam technique.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place - 11SMA (95.5%)
  - Second place - 7LGO (95.4%)
  - Third place - 9RMS (93.9%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place - 7KLO
  - Second place - 10ALU
  - Third place - 7ZJA



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

Congratulations to Henry Flint in Year 8, who has been awarded this week's Principal's Learner of the Week. Henry consistently demonstrates what it means to always do the right thing, both in and out of the classroom. Well done, Henry!

## **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

We also look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents into the academy next half term for the Year 9 parents' consultation evening. This will take place on Thursday 12 March and more information about how to book will be emailed to you directly on Monday 23 February.

## **Senior Year**

Senior Year reteach has been a huge success these past two weeks. Mrs Ingham, Vice Principal, has been so impressed with how students across the year group have strategically focused on what they need to improve, showing incredible commitment to learning! Senior Year Geographers showed impressive independence as they worked on their personalised improvement targets. Every student carefully considered their feedback and improved their responses effectively, boosting their confidence for the summer examinations. Miss Mason, Director of Technology, has also been keen to congratulate her Senior Year engineers as they prepare for their NEA assessment.

We have had a significant number of parents book in to meet their child's teachers for the Senior Year parents' evening on Thursday 26 February. There is still time to book appointments if you have not yet done so; a helpful guide on how to book is attached.

## **Inclusion Spotlight - GYYC**

Each fortnight we host the team from Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Young Carers who provide vital support to students through mentoring sessions, creating a safe and understanding space for young carers to share their experiences and challenges. These sessions focus on emotional well-being, academic guidance, and practical strategies to help students balance their caring responsibilities with school life. By offering consistent, tailored support, the programme empowers young carers to thrive both personally and academically.

## **Attendance**

Attendance has dipped slightly over the last week, so we are really hoping to see a positive boost after a well-deserved and restful half term. Next half term, we are excited to launch our brand-new reward incentive: *Attendance Bingo*! Any student who achieves 99% attendance across the next half term alone will earn an invitation to this fantastic new rewards event. Make sure you're in school every day—be in to unlock your ticket!

## **Lockdown Drill**

This afternoon we successfully ran our annual lockdown drill. Apologies that this was later than planned, unfortunately, this was unavoidable. Though not an enjoyable experience for any of us, it is critical that everyone would know their role in the unlikely event of an emergency, and I wanted to thank both parents and students for playing your part. We will continue to review this procedure and undertake practice drills on an annual basis.



### Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Friday 13 February - End of Spring Term 1 - School closes for half term
- Monday 23 February - All students return to school for the start of Spring Term 2
- Thursday 26 February - Senior Year Parents' Evening
- Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week
- Thursday 5 March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 24 March - Easter Performance
- Wednesday 25 March - Easter Performance
- Friday 27 March - End of Spring Term 2 - School closes for half term.

Thank you for your continued support over this half term, I look forward to writing to you again on our return.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal

Attached:

- Booking Parents' Evening Appointments Information Leaflet