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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 5

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Students from across all year groups represented Caister Academy at the first Great Yarmouth Youth Conference as part of our fantastic Student Leadership Team. Students enthusiastically shared their views and ideas for improving the local area, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating the importance of young people having a voice in shaping their community.
- Year 7 students are currently in the lead for Caister Coins, and their coin counter is really filling up! It's fantastic to see so many students earning coins and contributing to their year group's total. Keep up the brilliant work, Year 7!
- There was plenty of creativity in the kitchen this week as Year 8 students made their own pizzas during catering lessons. Miss Brookes, Technology Technician, was delighted with the students' enthusiasm and independence, particularly those who challenged themselves to create heart-shaped pizzas. Their fantastic efforts earned them Caister Coins and showed just how much they are developing their confidence and practical skills.
- Year 9 students have been praised for their fantastic efforts in geography and English this week. Mrs Smith, Head of Geography, was particularly impressed by their focus and engagement as they worked independently to explore the economic and social measures of development. In English, Miss Delf, Head of English, was equally impressed by the thoughtful analysis students demonstrated when exploring characters in *Animal Farm*.
- Year 10 BTEC students have been working hard on their Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs), which contribute to one third of their final coursework grade. If your child is currently completing a BTEC PSA, subject teachers will send further information via email to help you understand the process and how you can support them.
- Senior Year Step Ups continue to go from strength to strength, with fantastic numbers of students taking advantage of the additional support available. This week, 24 students arrived for an 8.00am science intervention, while an impressive 39 attended an English Step Up, working incredibly hard to develop analytical paragraphs comparing poetry. It is fantastic to see such commitment and determination from our Senior Year students.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
First place – 7BAT (99%)
Second place – 7VBE/IBI (97.9%)
Third place – 7LAM (97.5%)

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- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
First place – 7SWA
Second place – 7VBE/IBI
Third place – 7LAM

Year 6 Academic Transition

Over the past few days a number of our staff have had the pleasure of visiting local primary schools, including Ormesby, North Denes and Caister Junior, to give Year 6 pupils a taste of what learning is like at Caister Academy. Our academic transition masterclasses focused on the theme of myth, and staff were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and engagement of the Year 6 pupils. It was fantastic to connect with our local schools and celebrate the wonderful wider community surrounding Caister Academy.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 22 October - Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 23 October
 - Tutor Day (all years)
 - School closes for half term
- Monday 2 November – School reopens for Autumn Term 2.

Attendance

This week, attendance has been lower than we would have hoped, and we know that illness has been a contributing factor for some families. To support parents, we have shared additional guidance around illness and school attendance to help ensure that students are attending whenever it is appropriate for them to do so. Every day in school matters, and even a small amount of absence can lead to missed learning, gaps in knowledge, and reduced confidence in lessons. We are excited to be launching lots of rewards next week to encourage excellent attendance, including the return of Freddo Friday! Any student who attends school every day next week will receive a Freddo on Friday as a reward for their commitment. We appreciate your continued support in helping students attend every day, arrive on time, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

West Gate Entrance

A reminder that the west gate entrance closes and is locked at 8.35am, by which time all students should be on site. If your child arrives after this time, please ensure they make their way to the main entrance.

Tutor Evening and Day

We are delighted to invite you into the academy over the evening of Thursday 22 October, or during the day of Friday 23 October, to meet your child's form tutor for 15 minutes.

You can access your booking through Arbor from **7.00pm on Monday 5 October**. For further information on how to book your appointment/s, please use the following link [Arbor Guide to Booking Guardian Consultations](#). There will also be an opportunity to meet your child's Head of Year, the SENDCO and key adults.



Further information regarding Tutor Evening & Day has been sent to you via email.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Helen Seath'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Seath
Principal