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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 4

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic trampoline lesson this week, developing their skills in rollers and back landings. Miss Jackman, Teacher of PE, was extremely impressed with the effort shown and the growing confidence demonstrated throughout the lesson. Great work, Year 7!
- On Wednesday, 42 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 set off for the Performing Arts Department's annual London Theatre Tour. Students have enjoyed workshops at Pineapple Studios and performances of *Moulin Rouge*, *The Mousetrap* and *The Devil Wears Prada*. We look forward to welcoming them back this evening and hearing all about their experiences. A huge thank you to the Performing Arts team for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students.
- Year 10 students have been working hard in English, developing their skills for Language Paper 2. Miss Willingham, Lead Practitioner for English, was particularly impressed with the focus and determination shown as students tackled comparison skills and completed a timed writing task under examination conditions. Miss Mason, Teacher of Engineering, also gave a shout out to our Year 10 Engineers for attending their first step up of the year.
- Senior Year Step Ups commenced on Monday, and Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, was delighted by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by students. Every chair was full in Mr Sewell's science lab, while Mr Soanes, Head of Mathematics, and Miss Delf, Head of English, were equally impressed by the fantastic effort and focus demonstrated in both Mathematics and English. It has been wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of these additional opportunities and showing such determination to succeed. Well done, Senior Year, we are incredibly proud of you!
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
First place – 7BAT (98.7%)
Second place – 7LAM (98.6%)
Third place – 7VBE/IBI (98.1%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
First place – 11SSM
Second place – 8ATM
Third place – 11ALU

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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

Attendance was a little lower than we had hoped this week; however, there was some positive news, with Friday recording our highest attendance day of the week. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping students attend school every day.

A reminder that every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps students make the most of their learning, build positive relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop the confidence and routines that support long-term success. We also ask families to support punctuality, ensuring students arrive in school for an 8.35am start. Being on time allows students to start the day positively, settle into lessons promptly, and avoid missing valuable learning opportunities. Together, we can give every student the best chance to achieve their full potential.

West Gate Entrance

We would like to remind parents and carers 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.

Uniform and Change of Weather

Please be advised that summer uniform comes to an end today, meaning that students are expected to wear full uniform from Monday 28 September. As things start to feel more autumnal and the evenings shorten, we would recommend that your child/children have a suitable coat to wear on the way to and from school. I am aware that children sometimes forget or are not keen to bring a coat in, so I would appreciate your support in reminding them. I would also recommend checking that they have bike lights, and that they are working if they cycle to school.

Free School Meals Reminder

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) changed, meaning that all children whose families receive Universal Credit and attend a maintained school, academy or free school may now be eligible for free school meals. We encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to apply, even if they are unsure whether they qualify, as the process is quick and confidential. If your child currently receives free school meals, a new application will still be required.

Applying not only helps ensure your child can access free meals at school but also enables the school to receive additional funding to support learning and resources for all students.



The easiest and quickest way to apply is online via Norfolk Education Online (NEO). Scan the QR code below or visit the link and click 'Apply for free school meals'.



Applying for Free School Meals not only helps your child receive meals at school, but it can also:

- Ensure your child is supported from the start of the school year
- Help the school access additional funding (Pupil Premium) to support learning and resources

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. If you have any questions following receipt of your updated eligibility, please contact fsm@norfolk.gov.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal