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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:

- Mr Ames, Teacher of Performing Arts, was delighted to welcome over 50 students to this week's dance elective. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and giving dance their absolute all. A huge well done to all our dancers for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment!
- Mathematics students have enjoyed a range of exciting enrichment opportunities from the East Maths Community visits this week. Year 10 explored logic and paradoxes, Year 8 investigated probability, Year 9 were fascinated by a lesson on fractals and patterns, and Year 7 enjoyed taking part in the mathematical game *Sprouts*. Across all sessions, students demonstrated excellent engagement, enthusiasm and curiosity, embracing new mathematical challenges and showcasing a positive attitude towards learning.
- Mr Fisher, Head of Year, has praised students in both Year 7 and 8 for their continued hard work and effort in lessons. Students across these year groups have received over 500 reward points in the last fortnight, which is a fantastic achievement.
- Year 9 students have been going from strength to strength in their trampoline lessons. Students have been working incredibly hard on routines, video analysis and advanced skills, with many choosing to challenge themselves by developing more complex techniques. It has been fantastic to see their confidence continue to grow.
- Miss Brookes, Technology Technician, commended Year 10 catering students for their excellent effort during a busy cheesecake practical lesson this week. Students showed fantastic teamwork, supporting one another when challenges arose.
- Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, has praised Senior Year students for being quick off the mark with their Further Education (FE) applications following the launch last Friday. The application window opened on Thursday 1 October and will remain open until Friday 18 December, with students encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7BAT (98.3%)
 - Second place – 7VBE/IBI (98.2%)
 - Third place – 7LAM (96.3%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7SWA
 - Second place – 9VRO
 - Third place – 11RWD

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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 has remained steady this week, which is encouraging, but it is vital that we continue to improve and maintain momentum over the final two weeks of term. Every day in school matters, and strong attendance gives students the best opportunity to succeed academically, stay connected with their peers, and take part in all aspects of school life. We have lots to look forward to before the end of term, including our Halloween treat and celebration assemblies, where we will recognise and reward students for their hard work, positive attitudes and excellent attendance.

Tutor Evening and Day

A reminder that Tutor Evening and Tutor Day will be taking place on Thursday 22 October and Friday 23 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 23 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 2026](#).

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 2026](#).

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal