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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:

- Mrs Fellas, Teacher of Art, has been incredibly impressed by Year 7 students' fantastic efforts in art. Students have been developing their understanding of proportion, using the grid method to accurately record objects, before adding texture through tone and mark-making techniques. Fantastic work, Year 7!
- Year 8 impressed in English this week with their excellent quote analysis work. Students demonstrated strong analytical skills and enthusiasm for learning, producing thoughtful responses and engaging well with the text. Staff were particularly pleased to see students supporting and encouraging one another, with positive peer collaboration helping to develop confidence, organisation and success in the classroom. Their teamwork and commitment to learning were fantastic examples of the positive attitudes demonstrated across the year group.
- Year 9 showed great enthusiasm during a careers-focused geography lesson exploring life as a volcanologist. They learned about the qualifications and career pathways involved, including the inspiring story of someone who returned to education later in life to achieve a degree and PhD. Mrs Smith, Head of Geography, was particularly impressed by the thoughtful questions students asked about salaries, university costs and career opportunities, demonstrating a genuine interest in their future aspirations and the many pathways available to them.
- Year 10 catering students showcased both their creativity and competitive spirit during a recent practical lesson, producing an impressive range of decorated bakes. Miss Brookes, Technology Technician, was delighted by the high standard of work on display, with students demonstrating excellent presentation skills and attention to detail. The quality of the finished products was so impressive that even chef Aldous found it difficult to choose a star baker, highlighting the fantastic effort and talent shown across the class.
- Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, has praised Senior Year students for the fantastic response to the upcoming Senior Year English Success Day, taking place on Friday 23 October. A large number of students have already secured their place, demonstrating a positive commitment to their English studies and examination preparation. There are still a number of places available, and any students wishing to attend should complete the following registration form Senior Year English Success Day Registration Form by Thursday 22 October.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:

  First place – 7BAT (98.1%)
  Second place – 7VBE/IBI (98%)
  Third place – 9SBU (96.6%)

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- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week**:**
  First place – 9VRO
  Second place – 7VBE/IBI
  Third place –11RWD

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Hayden B, Senior Year. Hayden has made an exceptional start to the year, consistently showing politeness, respect and a fantastic attitude. As the most highly rewarded student in Senior Year, this recognition is thoroughly deserved and reflects his continued hard work.

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

As we head into the final week of term, it is vital that we maintain high levels of attendance right up until the last day. There is still so much to celebrate, with random daily attendance prizes, opportunities to earn Caister Coins, celebration events, assemblies and plenty of end-of-term treats for those who are here and making the most of every school day. Looking ahead, we are also excited to launch a brand-new attendance initiative after half term: The Caister Games! Keep your eyes peeled for weekly challenges, chances to earn points for your form and year group, fantastic weekly prizes, and the opportunity to work towards a special reward at the end of November.

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.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 8 parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 5 November. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with class teachers and discuss all aspects of learning linked to your child's achievement. Bookings went 'live' on Thursday 15 October at 7.00pm on Arbor.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 work experience placements will take place from Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July 2027. Students are encouraged to start applying as soon as possible; the deadline for securing their placement is Friday 12 February 2027. If you have any questions with regards to Year 10 work experience, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lumley via email angie.lumley@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Key Stage 3 Assessment Guide and Revision Pack

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students to achieve their very best, we have included two useful resources with this letter: the Key Stage 3 Assessment Guide for Parents and a Key Stage 3 Revision Pack. These documents provide information about assessments throughout the year, revision expectations and practical ways that families can support students during assessment periods. We encourage parents and carers to take some time to explore these resources and use them to help support their child's learning at home.

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

Yours faithfully



Helen Seath
Principal

Attachments:

- Key Stage 3 Assessment Guide for Parents
- Key Stage 3 Revision Pack