WINDSOR ROAD
CAISTER-ON-SEA
GREAT YARMOUTH
NORFOLK
NR30 5LS

PRINCIPAL: HELEN SEATH

T +44 (0)1493 720542
E enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk
www.caisteracademy.org.uk

CAISTER ACADEMY
Creative Education Trust

Friday 6 November 2026

Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 9

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Mrs Fellas, Teacher of Art, was delighted with the enthusiasm shown by Year 7 students as they experimented with line and tone using ink and stick drawing. Students used these skills to create accurate drawings of fish, demonstrating creativity and confidence throughout the lesson. Mrs Fellas was particularly impressed with how willingly students embraced unfamiliar materials and techniques, producing some excellent pieces of artwork.
- It was fantastic to see so many parents, siblings and family members attend our Year 8 Parents' Evening last night. The positive atmosphere throughout the evening reflected the strong partnership between home and school, and our staff thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to speak with families about the progress, achievements and aspirations of their children.
- Students from Years 8 and 9 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to Warner Bros. Studios, exploring the links between science, English and the film industry while learning about a range of exciting career opportunities. The trip was both enjoyable and educational, and students represented the academy brilliantly throughout the day. A huge thank you to the science department for organising and running such a memorable experience for our students.
- Miss Delf, Teacher of English, praised Year 9 students for their fantastic start to the *Dystopian Worlds* unit. During a recent creative writing lesson, students were challenged to write from the perspective of a dystopian character for 20 minutes. While prompts and guidance were available to help them structure their ideas, many quickly gained confidence and worked independently. Great work Year 9!
- As you are aware, we are currently running The Caister Games, our November attendance and punctuality challenge. Mr Osben, Head of Year 10 and Senior Year, is incredibly impressed with the hard work and commitment shown by Year 10 students and would like to congratulate them on the excellent progress they are making. With plenty of points still available, it remains all to play for in the race to become District Champions.
- Senior Year students have impressed Mrs Brooks, Technology Technician, and Mr Aldous, Teacher of Business, Catering and Finance, with their enthusiasm and dedication as they prepare for their practical examinations. During a recent lesson, students revisited pasta-making techniques and produced work of an exceptionally high standard. Both staff commented on what a privilege it is to work with such passionate students.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:

  First place – 7VBE/IBI (97.5%)
  Second place – 7BAT (97.4%)
  Third place – 9SBU (95.8%)

Creative Education Trust is a company limited by guarantee.
Registered in England and Wales no. 7617529
Registered Office: C/o The Milton Keynes Academy, Fulwoods Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes MK6 5LA
Creative Education Trust is a charity, regulated by the Secretary of State for Education

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

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Ruby S, Senior Year, for receiving Principal's Learner of the Week. Ruby has shown outstanding engagement this week, earning the most Caister Coins for any student last week through her consistently positive attitude, excellent effort, and commitment to school values. Her dedication and exemplary conduct make her a fantastic role model for her peers and a deserving recipient of this week's Principal's Award.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 12 November – Y9 Men ACWP & DTP Vaccinations
- Friday 13 November – Wreath Laying at Caister Memorial Remembrance Day & Caister Lifeboat Memorial
- Thursday 19 November – Y10 Parents' Evening
- Monday 30 November – Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)
- Tuesday 15 December to Thursday 17 December - Christmas Performances
- Friday 18 December – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Attendance

Attendance this week has been lower than we would have liked, and we would like to encourage all families to support us in ensuring students are in school every day they are well enough to attend. We understand that illnesses do occur; however, many minor symptoms such as a mild cough, cold, headache, or sore throat do not necessarily prevent a child from accessing their learning. If your child requires medication during the school day, this can be safely handed in to the middle office and administered in accordance with our school procedures.

With students currently competing in their form groups to rise to the top of our Caister Games Attendance Initiative, every day in school really does count. Not only does excellent attendance support academic progress, but it also contributes valuable points towards form success, rewards, and the opportunity to be crowned weekly attendance champions. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the highest possible attendance and ensuring students make the most of every learning opportunity.

Working Together Respectfully

We are proud of the positive and supportive relationships we share with our families and wider community. It is these relationships that ensure our children flourish, and I'd like to continue to encourage open communication with the school.

Sadly, there are occasions when members of staff are subjected to aggressive, abusive, or intimidating behaviour. If this occurs, I have asked staff to respectfully bring the conversation to an immediate close. This applies to communication in person, over the phone, online, or via email. We greatly value positive and constructive communication with all parents and carers and ask that the

agreed communication channels continue to be used so that we can work together effectively to support your child. These are:

Role	Name	Email
Head of Year 7 and 8	Dean Fisher	dean.fisher@caisteracademy.org.uk
Assistant Head of Year 7 and 8	Lorraine Newbury	lorraine.newbury@caisteracademy.org.uk
Assistant Head of Year 7 and 8	Tammy Gayson	tammy.gayson@caisteracademyorg.uk
Head of Year 9	Alison Scally	alison.scally@caisteracademy.org.uk
Assistant Head of Year 9	Laura Goodbun	laura.goodbun@caisteracdemy.org.uk
Head of Year 10 and Senior Year	Tom Osben	tom.osben@caisteracademy.org.uk
Assistant Head of Year 10 and Senior Year	Charlie Gorman	charlie.gorman@caisteracademy.org.uk
Leader of Safeguarding	Andrew Cooper	andrew.cooper@caisteracademy.org.uk

If you have an urgent safeguarding issue, please call the main office on 01493 720542. If you are unsure of who to direct your enquiry to, please email us at enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk, and we will direct this to the most appropriate member of staff.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 10 parents to our parents' consultation evening on Thursday 19 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 Monday 2 November at 7.00pm on Arbor. Please find further information with regards to booking appointments attached.

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

Yours faithfully



Helen Seath
Principal

Attached: Parent Portal - Booking Parents' Evening Appointments
How to Access the CAI Parent Portal