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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 8

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Mrs Smith, Head of Geography, was thrilled to see Year 7 students embracing the challenge of an Atlas Race this week. The classroom was full of enthusiasm, teamwork and friendly competition as students worked together to uncover fascinating facts about rivers, mountains, countries and continents. It was wonderful to see so much new knowledge gained through collaboration, curiosity and a genuine love of learning.
- Mr McMillan, Head of Physical Education, was delighted to see the fantastic engagement shown by Year 8 girls during a recent trampolining lesson. The class demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, confidence and encouragement towards one another, creating a positive atmosphere filled with laughter and learning. It was wonderful to see every student fully involved and developing a genuine enjoyment of the activity.
- Year 9 students have been recognised for their hard work and positive attitude during the Year 9 Celebration Assembly. Mrs Scally, Head of Year 9, expressed how proud she is of the year group for their resilience, commitment to learning, and the enthusiasm with which they continue to embrace every opportunity available to them.
- Year 10 students enjoyed an inspiring visit from local entrepreneur Trevor Fuller this week as part of their coursework studies in Business and Technology. Trevor shared insights into his digital media company, showcasing movie-grade costumes, timelapse photography projects and examples of his work on *Britain's Got Talent*. Students listened attentively, made detailed notes for their upcoming coursework and impressed with the thoughtful questions they asked about the realities of running a business, including the lessons learned from both success and failure. A huge thank you to Trevor for giving up his time and helping to bring students' learning to life.
- Senior Year students demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and motivation as they took part in our English Success Day this week, focusing solely on English Language and English Literature revision in preparation for their upcoming mock examinations. Students worked incredibly hard throughout the day and were rewarded with the opportunity to win prizes and vouchers, as well as enjoying a Domino's pizza lunch. A huge well done to all those who attended and made the most of this valuable revision opportunity.
- 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 (96.3%)

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

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Emily P, Year 10, for receiving Principal's Learner of the Week. While she may be a quiet achiever, her hard work, determination and commitment to learning shine through every day. Emily consistently gives her best in lessons and is a fantastic example of what can be achieved through effort and perseverance. Well done, Emily!

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 2 November – School reopens for Autumn Term 2
- Thursday 5 November – Y8 Parents' Evening
- 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

Thank you for your continued support with attendance this half term. Every day in school matters, and we are proud of the commitment shown by so many of our students and families. As we move into November, we want to build even greater momentum and ensure every student has the opportunity to achieve their very best. Our exciting rewards initiative, The Caister Games, will see form groups competing for attendance glory, with weekly and monthly rewards available throughout November. Students need to be in school to be in with a chance of winning, so every lesson and everyday counts. The question is: which district will rise to the top of the leaderboard and claim victory? Let's work together to make the next half term our strongest yet and celebrate outstanding attendance across the academy.

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.

Digital Access and Independent Study Support

To support independent study and platforms for revision, we want to ensure that all students have access to the resources they need to complete their work and revision successfully. If your child requires any accessibility support, including access to a digital device such as a laptop or tablet, or if they do not have access to a suitable phone, tablet, or computer at home to complete independent study tasks, please let us know by following this link Student IT Access at Home – Questionnaire.

We are committed to supporting all students and will work with families to explore available options, ensuring every child can fully engage with their learning.

Tutor Day

We finish this half term with our annual tutor day. We have enjoyed seeing so many of you in the academy and know how important this face-to-face time is with your child's form tutor and key adult in school. We always welcome communication from our parents and hope to continue with these excellent working partnerships, that strengthen our links with the community, as we progress through the academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved and restful half term, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you when we return.

Yours faithfully



Helen Seath
Principal