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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 2

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students are settling into school life extremely well and are growing in confidence as they navigate the school site and adapt to new routines. They have been praised for their enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitude to learning across all subjects. This week, all students completed their New Group Reading Tests (NGRT), which provide valuable information to help us identify the most effective ways to support them in becoming successful and independent learners. We have been particularly impressed by the maturity, conduct and effort demonstrated by the entire year group throughout the assessment process. Students are now moving independently between lessons rather than lining up on the field. As this can be an anxious transition for some students, please reassure your child that staff will continue to provide support and guidance during lesson changeovers.
- Year 8 students have settled back into their learning routines exceptionally well this term. Miss Jackman, Teacher of Physical Education, has been particularly impressed with the hard work, focus and determination shown by students in PE lessons. Students have been revisiting key safety principles in trampolining while also developing routines that are both technically accurate and aesthetically pleasing.
- Year 9 have made a very positive start to the new school year, returning from the summer holidays with a great attitude and settling back into school life quickly. Students have shown strong commitment to their learning, with increasing numbers earning Ambition Points for their effort and dedication. Behaviour across the year group has been excellent, and we look forward to seeing their continued success throughout the year.
- Year 10 students have settled exceptionally well into their option choices, demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment and a positive attitude towards their learning. It has been encouraging to see students engaging with the subjects they have chosen and embracing the opportunities these courses provide as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We look forward to seeing their confidence, knowledge and skills continue to develop throughout the year. Well done, Year 10!
- Our Senior Year team were incredibly impressed by the positive start Senior Year students have made this term, particularly those producing outstanding work in their Oak Photography course. We were delighted to see so many families attend the Senior Year Raising Achievement Evening last night and would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. It was fantastic to see families engaging with our external providers and exploring future pathways. We also look forward to this weekend's Kingswood Residential Trip and sharing students' achievements with you next week.

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- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
First place – 7LAM (99.6%)
Second place – 11SSM 98.7%)
Third place – 11ALU (97.5%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
First place – 7VBE/IBI
Second place – 9VRO
Third place – 9MME

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 17 September – Open Evening 2026
- Monday 21 September:
 - Electives Commence (3.10pm-4.00pm)
 - Senior Year Step Ups Commence
- Thursday 22 October - Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 23 October – Tutor Day (all years).

Attendance

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time. We have seen positive commitment to attendance this week, and we appreciate the efforts many of you make to prioritise your child's education. National attendance figures have risen, and as a school we must continue to work together to ensure our attendance reflects these improving standards. Every day in school matters; even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on learning, progress, confidence, and friendships. We therefore ask all families to continue supporting excellent attendance wherever possible and to avoid unnecessary absences.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal