

Caister Academy Newsletter

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Upcoming dates for your diary:

- **Monday 25 February**
Start of Spring mocks
- **Friday 15 March**
Dance Revue
- **Monday 8 to Monday 22**
April - Easter Holidays

We have certainly hit the New Year running, with year 11 mock results evening, year 9 options evening and several parents' evenings. Some year 11 pupils have already taken components of their practical GCSE examinations, with the Drama groups completing two nights of performance to an audience, as a means of rehearsal for their real assessment. Having watched the performances, I would have found it hard to tell the difference between our pupils and professional actors! We are really looking forward to seeing the results in the summer as there were some emotional and thought-provoking performances.

There have been many extra-curricular school trips this half term and I can proudly say that all pupils continued to show great respect and responsibility - especially when representing the school whilst out and about.

Next half term will be equally busy with the spring mocks starting as soon as we return, our annual Dance Revue on Friday 15th March, plus many more wonderful trips planned.

Thank you to all parents who continue to support the school with our aspiration to encourage all of our pupils to be the best that they can be.

Mrs Bridges, Principal



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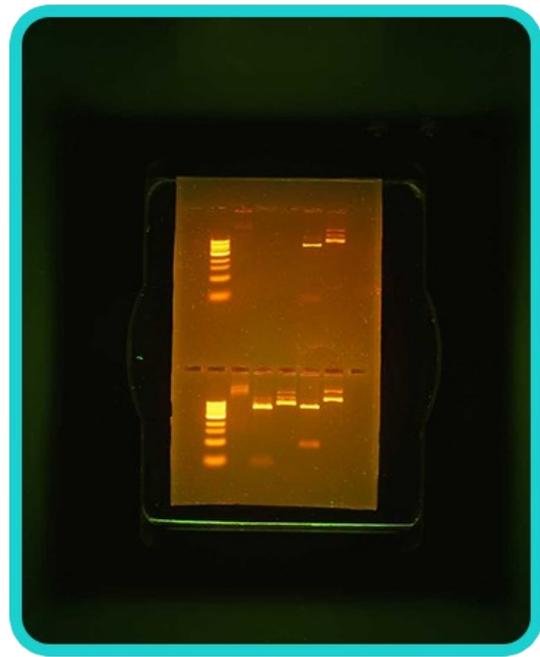
Take Your Place — Cambridge

Pupils that took part in the 'Take Your Place' Project with the University of Cambridge, attended Pembroke College Cambridge to complete follow up work on their last visit. Each group produced a PowerPoint presentation and poster on their chosen subject. They each received a certificate and voucher to recognise their hard work. All pupils have demonstrated school our core values and are a real credit to Caister Academy.



AMGEN

Some Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to undertake the AMGEN Biotech experience on 16/1/19. This involved pupils completing laboratory work that is normally not accessed until degree level, and it gave pupils a real insight into working in a research lab. Pupils learnt how to use micropipettes, centrifuge and use gel electrophoresis. Their aim was to extract a gene from one plasmid and place it into another plasmid in order for that new recombinant plasmid to produce a fluorescent red protein. Pupils had to follow instructions extremely carefully as quantities used were minute – and they did a brilliant job! Some pupils will be using this experience as a basis to complete a Silver Crest Award which will strengthen their applications for further education. Many thanks to the John Innes Centre for the loan of the apparatus that allowed this activity to take place.



Reminder

Could parents please be reminded that mobile phones are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if seen.

Music Workshop

In January some Caister music pupils had the opportunity to work with Aldeburgh Young Musicians for an all day workshop. Caister attended Lynn Grove for the workshop and worked with their pupils, in 3 groups, creating an original piece of music; which they performed to the rest of the groups in the afternoon. The groups worked extremely hard and this paid off with some fantastic music compositions.



Cross Country

Some of our pupils attended cross country for selection to represent Norfolk in the Anglian School championship; only the top 12 in each age group could get selected. Allyna, in year 7, came 4th in the U13 girls race so got selected. Unfortunately, Archie narrowly missed out, coming 16th in the U13 boys race. The remaining pupils worked really hard too. Well done all.



Attendance

Now we are well into the winter months, with coughs and colds about, please be reminded that if your child is off school for any reason then to leave a message on the attendance line **720542 Ext 206** by **8am** on the day of absence, and every day thereafter, until their return to school; Leaving the pupils name, your relationship with the pupil and the reason for absence. If pupils are off for sickness they are able to return 24 hours after the last bout of sickness. For appointments, wherever possible please attend school before or after an appointment - failure to do so may result in an unauthorised absence



So eine Nervensage!

Fifty year 10 pupils headed out of school for a German lesson with a difference! They travelled to Langley Senior School in Loddon to see a play by the Onatti theatre company, performed completely in German.

The hour long comedy was about two feuding sisters, one trying to get ready for a date and the other annoying her - and one pupil, Jack, even took to the stage and joined in the show.

The pupils voted the play a great success, commenting that they found it easy to understand and very funny.

Mrs Wood said: "They were incredibly well behaved throughout the trip. Some were worried that they would not be able to understand what was going on but their excellent German language skills meant that they could access the whole story. We'd like to say a big thank you to Langley Senior School for providing us with this free opportunity to watch such an excellent performance."

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Premier Sports and Sport Leaders

A Great morning was had at Caister Academy, when we were visited by the Premier Education Group - East Norfolk & North Suffolk, for a Primary school competition with KS1. Pupils from five primary schools: Martham, Northgate, Southtown, Hopton & St Nicholas, joined our sports leaders for an archery competition. A wonderful day was had by all, and a huge well done Hopton for winning.



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