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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 2

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students have been praised by their Head of Year for their positivity and enthusiasm this half term. Students have been taking part in Lego therapy sessions and are currently in the process of learning a new song for their weekly assemblies.
- Year 8 students have shown amazing focus and determination whilst engaging with first aid and lifesaving skills in a bespoke Red Cross intervention.
- Miss Jackman, Teacher of PE, couldn’t wait to share Year 9 students’ success during synchronized routines in trampolining. All the students worked incredibly hard and had a fantastic time.
- Year 10 students have been working hard on securing work experience placements which commence in the first week of July. This week, students have also seen the start of PSA’s which will count towards their final results in the courses that they are taking.
- Passport to Prom has been launched for Senior Year students, and they are extremely keen to gain stamps to pass bronze level and gain their silver passports. Thank you to all parents who attended our Senior Year Parents Evening last night, it was great to see parents and students having in depth conversations with their subject teachers about their mock results.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 11MMA (96.5%)
 - Second place – 8NCU (95.3%)
 - Third place – 9RWD (94.6%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7VRO
 - Second place – 10CBL
 - Third place – 10SAL

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 20 January – Year 9 Netball Tournament – Great Yarmouth Charter Academy
- Wednesday 29 January – CET Choral Workshop London
- Monday 3 February – Year 9 Netball Tournament - Caister Academy
- Monday 3 February – Year 10 Science Live Trip - Ipswich
- Thursday 6 February – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 10 February – Year 9 Netball Tournament – Caister Academy
- Thursday 13 February – Year 10 Cambridge University Trip
- Friday 14 February – School closes for half term
- Monday 24 February – Students return to school.



Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Billy Burrage, Year 7, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Billy is extremely positive in all lessons and is enthusiastic to answer questions. Billy's creative thinking provides the whole class with ideas.

Papillion Project Update

If the chilly start to the year has shown anything, it's that there truly is no putting off students keen on gardening. Despite the cold and wet weather, Thursday's elective still saw the continuation of groundwork for spring sowing of the orchard meadow, the stringing of broad beans, weeding and the pruning of fruit trees. The buds of which promise the warmth of long summer days to come.

A great deal of garden artifacts were discovered in the process of upturning turf and the students keenly placed them in the 2025 historical finds tray ready for cleaning the next time rain or ice forces them inside for winter weather activities. During Friday's elective the students partook in this year's RSPB Big School's Birdwatch – which is the first of many activities on our quest to receive the RSPB's Bronze Level Wild Challenge Award.

This week all students that engaged with the allotment received a wooden badge celebrating the garden's Level 4 RHS School Gardening Award and they have worn them with pride.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Helen Seath".

Helen Seath
Principal