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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal's Roundup - 3

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students took part in an International Education Theatre production called 'Smashed'. The production teaches children about the dangers of underage drinking. Following the performance, students were praised for their maturity and participation.
- A huge well done to our Year 8 netball team who won 10-2 against Great Yarmouth Charter Academy.
- Miss Delf, Head of English, praised Year 9 students for their efforts during English lessons. Students have been working incredibly hard, and Miss Delf was rightly impressed with their work on analytical paragraphs.
- Year 10 BTEC Sport students have been working hard on their Pearson Set Assignment coursework. Once complete, the grade from this coursework is unchangeable and is worth 30% of their final grade.
- Senior Year students were congratulated on their participation in step-ups. 56 students attended mathematics and 52 attended English. Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, couldn't wait to share their success with staff.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:

First place – 7VRO (96.7%) Second place – 9VBE (94.5%) Third place – 10SMA (94.0%)

• And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:

First place – 7VRO Second place – 7SBU Third place – 7IBI

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Wednesday 29 January CET Choral Workshop London
- Monday 3 February Year 10 Science Live Trip Ipswich
- Thursday 6 February Year 10 Parents Evening
- 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 Ester Lima De Carvalho, Year 8, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Ester tries her hardest in every lesson, is equipped and ready for learning, and is always happy to support others.

Attendance

Whilst our weekly average for attendance is higher than the same point last academic year, overall, our attendance this term is lower than the Autumn term. Every child in every year group contributes to better attendance and it is vital that students are in school each day. Please encourage your child to attend every day next week so that we can end the month of January on a high and boost the overall average attendance for the month.

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Each week a number of our students take part in the CCF at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. Currently there are CCF contingents in over 500 secondary schools all over the UK, offering young people a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities.

To find out more about CCF, please visit their website <u>https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/</u>.

If your child is in Year 8 or 9, and they would like to be involved in this exciting opportunity, please send a letter of interest to Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal for Raising Achievement, by Friday 14 February.

SEND Update

We are pleased to highlight Norfolk's Local Offer, a comprehensive website designed by Norfolk County Council to provide essential information for children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), as well as those in alternative provisions and settings. This invaluable resource is tailored to meet the needs of parent carers, children, young people, and all those who support them.

The Norfolk County Council's local SEND offer can be accessed here.

Norfolk Family Hubs

Are you a parent or carer in need of advice or support? If so, there are lots of services in Norfolk that have joined together to form Norfolk Family Hubs. Please visit <u>www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs</u> or <u>www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs</u> to find out more, including information on:

- Parenting
- Health and wellbeing
- Pregnancy
- Money and work
- Learning
- Days out and activities.

From the minute you know you're having a baby, right up to your child's 19th birthday (25 if your child has special educational needs), Norfolk family hubs are here to help.



Advance Notice of Road Closure – Jack Chase Way, Caister

We have received notification from Persimmon with regards to ongoing work associated with their development of Caister. Following a meeting with the Norfolk County Council Street Works Team, it has been agreed that Jack Chase Way will be closed for a circa six-week period from Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April. This closure will enable Persimmon to construct a signalised junction and southern toucan crossing.

Advance notice signage will be erected two weeks before the closure.

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

Yours faithfully

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Helen Seath Principal