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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 7

A great start to the second spring half term this week. Thank you for ensuring students are well prepared and ready to learn.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Miss Atkinson, Teacher of Art, praised Year 7 students for their hard work in lessons. Students were introduced to the concept of art movements through a fun game of Top Trumps. Before starting, students had to categorise each artwork into the correct movement. All the students were fully engaged, and Miss Atkinson was incredibly proud of how they worked together as a team. Well done Year 7.
- Year 8 history students have been exploring Aztec history and culture. Focusing in on their use of symbols and patterns to represent deeper meaning. Students were tasked with recreating their own Aztec sun stone, using symmetry, and creating symbols to show their own identity and power.
- Our Year 9 Spelling Bee took place this morning. Students were amazing and it was great to see them having fun and supporting one another. Thank you to Miss Mallett, Teacher of History, for organising this fantastic event.
- Year 10 students have been working incredibly hard on their Pearson Set Assignments for vocational courses. Students are half-way through the PSA window and are making the most of additional support at lunchtime.
- Miss Sharpe, Assistant Principal, couldn't wait to share how amazing our Senior Year dancers were in their twilight session this week. Miss Sharpe was impressed with their determination and work ethic. We would also like to congratulate our Senior Year drama students who took part in their practical examinations this week. The examiner commented on how supportive the students were of each other, the lovely atmosphere throughout the examinations, and what a positive impact this had on students' performance.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 11MMA (95.1%)
 - Second place – 7PCU (94.3%)
 - Third place – 7VRO (94.3%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7VRO
 - Second place – 9RWD
 - Third place – 7IBI



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 3 March to Friday 7 March – National Careers Week
- Tuesday 4 March – Year 9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 6 March – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Thursday 6 March – World Book Day
- Wednesday 12 March – CET Performance Choir/Orchestra
- Monday 17 March – Year 7 Future Stars trip to UEA
- Tuesday 18 March – Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 21 March – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25 March – Easter Performance
- Wednesday 26 March – Easter Performance
- Wednesday 26 March – Year 10 Local Flavour Trip
- Wednesday 26 March – Our Town trip
- Thursday 3 April – Caister Coins Rewards Event
- Friday 4 April:
 - Celebration Assemblies – All Year Groups
 - End of Term

Year 9 Options Evening

Our Year 9 Options Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 18 March. Students and parents are invited to meet course leaders and further education providers and discuss the exciting subjects offered at Key Stage 4. Please see the attached letter from Mr Sewter for further information.

SEND Update

We are excited to announce the launch of SELFI, an intervention focused on the principles of emotional literacy and cognitive behaviour. This program is being delivered by Mr Cooper, Raising Achievement Mentor, who has recently completed training with Norfolk County Council. We are one of a handful of schools who have been successful in being part of the roll out of this exciting opportunity.

Additionally, Lego Therapy sessions continue to thrive, with Mrs Roberts completing the fourth cycle for this academic year.

We also welcome back Emily Jarvis from the Schools and Community Team. Emily will be delivering two bespoke interventions that focus on working memory and social communication, complementing our current intervention provision.

Attendance

We have seen a rise in attendance this week. On Tuesday we saw Year 7 achieve 98.1%, which is an incredible effort. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school each day. It would be great if we could achieve that percentage across all year groups as we move forward across the half term.

Equipment & Jewellery

Though the majority of our students attend with perfect uniform and equipment, recently we have seen an increase in missing equipment, as well as failure to follow expectations with regards to jewellery. Please refer to the following guidance with regards to equipment and jewellery expectations within school [Uniform, Jewellery and Equipment Guidance](#). Thank you for your continued support with this.



Lockdown Drill

This afternoon we successfully ran our annual lockdown drill. Though not an enjoyable experience for any of us, it is critical that everyone would know their role in the unlikely event of an emergency, and I wanted to thank both parents and students for playing your part. We will continue to review this procedure and undertake practice drills on an annual basis.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal

Attachments:

- Year 9 into 10 Options Letter