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Dear Parent

## **Autumn Term 2 – Principal’s Roundup 4**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Miss Newbury, Assistant Head of Year praised Year 7 students for their hard work in English lessons.
- Year 8 science students were commended for their phenomenal work on creating DNA models. Miss Mijatovic, Raising Achievement Mentor for Science couldn't wait to share images of the models with staff. Great work Year 8!
- Year 9 students have been praised for their time and effort after school, to perfect and rehearse their routines for the upcoming Shakespeare Project.
- Year 10 catering students have been busy in the kitchen making lasagne. Students listened carefully during the three-part lesson and blew teachers away with their culinary creations. Fantastic work Year 10.
- Miss Jackman, Teacher of Physical Education has been busy marking Senior Year health and social care assessments this week. Miss Jackman is extremely proud of the improvement they have made since completing their first component in Year 10. Students continue to impress us with their continued hard work within lessons, and twilight sessions.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
  - First place – 7SBU (96.3%)
  - Second place – 8RMA (95.3%)
  - Third place – 9VBE (94.9%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 9VBE
  - Second place – 7VRO
  - Third place – 10CBL

## **Principal’s Learner of the Week**

Congratulations to Bebe Collins, who won Principal’s Learner of the Week. Bebe has been selected for her amazing start to Year 9, her attendance at mathematics electives, and for showing real enthusiasm towards her subjects. Bebe works above and beyond in geography and is excelling in previously challenging subjects.

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### **Christmas Card Competition Winner**

Congratulations to Willow-Rose Smith, Year 8, who won the Caister Academy Christmas Card Competition. The winning design is currently being printed and will be shared with external stakeholders and colleagues within the Creative Education Trust.

### **Warner Brother Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter**

As you may be aware our Key Stage 3 trip to Warner Brother Studios was unable to take place due to a three-hour delay on the A11, caused by a road traffic accident. Due to the accident, we missed our planned arrival time, and staff had to make the difficult decision to return to school. I know that students and staff were very disappointed, but I have commended staff for putting the safety of our students first. I have written to Warner Brother Studios requesting that the trip be rescheduled. As soon as I have received a response, I will be in contact with an update.

### **SENDCo Update: Literacy Interventions**

At Caister Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student achieves literacy success. To support this goal, we have implemented several targeted literacy intervention programs, including Read Write Inc., Catapult Learning, and Lexia.

Read Write Inc. is a phonics-based program designed to help students develop strong reading and writing skills. It focuses on teaching the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing.

Catapult Learning offers intensive, small-group instruction tailored to students struggling with grade-level content. The program emphasises phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension.

Lexia provides a blended learning approach that combines independent, adaptive learning with teacher-led instruction. Lexia's programs, such as PowerUp Literacy, are designed to identify skill gaps and provide targeted interventions.

Together, these programs form a comprehensive literacy intervention strategy that addresses the diverse needs of our students, helping them to achieve their full potential in reading and writing.

### **Haircut Reminder**

Thank you for ensuring students arrive to school looking smart and are ready to learn. Though we removed the prohibit of a haircut below a number two this year from the uniform policy, please be aware that we do not permit students to have shaved emblems or lines. If you are unsure as to whether a particular haircut or style is appropriate or acceptable, please contact your child's Head of Year before going ahead.



### Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 2 December – Year 7 & 8 Netball Tournament
- Tuesday 3 December – Year 8 & 9 Greenwich Observatory Trip
- Wednesday 4 December - Shakespeare Performance at Abbeyfield
- Friday 6 December
  - EMC Inter School Maths Competition
  - East Norfolk Sixth Form – Sustainability Conference
- Thursday 12 December
  - Rudolph Run from 3.15pm-4.00pm in the Sports Hall
  - CET Carol Service at The Minster, Great Yarmouth from 6.00pm until 7.30pm
- Monday 16 December – Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 18 December – Christmas Performance
- Thursday 19 December
  - Christmas Lunch
  - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20 December
  - Assemblies and Rewards Events
  - School closes for Christmas

Thank you for taking the time to read this update, I look forward to sending you further information next week.

Yours faithfully

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

Helen Seath  
Principal