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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 6

A busy and successful final week of term here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights below:

- Our Young Carers received a fantastic Haven Holidays cookery masterclass. Students were taught how to make chilli con carne and sausage casserole. Attendees had a fantastic time learning new skills in the kitchen and were each given a Haven Masterclass badge and a voucher for a free family meal at Haven in Caister.
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been busy in our library signposting support for anyone who is concerned about bullying.
- Year 7 students have continued to amaze us with their hard work, resilience and love of learning. We celebrated their academic success in our end of half term assembly by awarding subject excellence badges and certificates. A group of year 7 students also completed their British Red Cross first aid course – well done to all!
- Year 8 students have really pushed themselves this half term and narrowly missed out on the end of term Caister coins reward event. We have been impressed with their enthusiasm and determination throughout.
- Students in Year 9 have had an amazing half term with regards to attendance and upholding the academies core values. Students have been encouraging each other in lessons, showing politeness, acceptance, and inclusivity of one another. Students have also been discussing their options, and we look forward to welcoming students and parents to our Options Evening on Tuesday 18 March.
- A massive well done to Year 10 students for their efforts over the last fortnight during mock examinations. They have approached each mock examination with purpose and focus, and their behaviour has been exemplary. We now look forward to providing feedback which will help students close gaps in knowledge and skills. The next set of mock examinations for Year 10's are Monday 16 June to Friday 20 June 2025.
- A number of Senior Year students have secured conditional offers with further education providers, and college interviews will continue into Spring Term 2. Feedback from providers has been extremely positive and they have praised students on their professionalism and eagerness.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 11MMA (94.8%)
 - Second place – 7VRO (94.1%)
 - Third place – 10SAL (93.9%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 9LAM
 - Second place – 11ALU
 - Third place – 7VRO



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 24 February – All students return to school for the start of Spring Term 2
- 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
- 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
- Thursday 3 April – Caister Coins Rewards Event
- Friday 4 April:
 - Celebration Assemblies – All Year Groups
 - End of Term

Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Felicity Bass, Year 11, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Felicity works extremely hard and tries her best in all her subjects. She attends step up every day to ensure she is taking all opportunities to exceed.

Easter Show

Staff and students are busy rehearsing and preparing for this year's Dance Revue, which provides an opportunity for Year 11 students to celebrate all their hard work on the BTEC Dance course. Supported by performances from Year 10 and Key Stage 3 students, it promises to be a wonderful event – tickets will soon be available to purchase via TicketSource.

This week has also seen the announcement of this year's summer musical. The Performing Arts Team are so excited to be producing "Chicago: Teen Edition," in July. Auditions will take place in the second week after half-term, so you might hear lots of "All That Jazz!" being practised over the holiday!

Uniform Update

We are pleased to announce that tailored shorts are now available for purchase from our uniform supplier, Screens. To order uniform, please visit the Screens website [Screens Schoolwear](#).

A copy of our Uniform, Jewellery and Equipment Guidance can be viewed [here](#).

Attendance

Thank you for encouraging your child/children to attend every day. Attending well is important because it allows students to access all the amazing opportunities open to them within our academy; from engaging lessons to fantastic electives and exciting rewards events. If a student attends well, they will achieve more academically, and we believe that all students should strive for success. We look forward to our average rising again as we move into the new half term.



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.

Thank you for your continued support over this term, I look forward to writing to you again on our return.

Yours faithfully

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

Helen Seath
Principal