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Dear Parent

Autumn Term - Principal's Roundup - 7

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Year 7 students remain top of the leader board for behaviour points and are working extremely hard in lessons. Students continue to make new friendships and are really making the most of after school electives.
- A group of Year 8 geography students visited the Norfolk Broads. Attendees took part in a
 wide range of activities that taught them about the importance of the peatlands and the
 Broad's significance for our local area. Students also took part in a boat trip, geocaching,
 pond dipping, and took a peat core sample. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were
 an absolute credit to our school.
- Year 9 students have stormed ahead with collecting 'Caister Coins' this week and have managed to almost fill their coin counter to the top. Great work Year 9!
- Year 10 catering students have been busy in the kitchen perfecting their baking skills.
 Students produced fruit, choc chip and cheese scones. Miss Brooks was incredibly impressed with their hard work and couldn't wait to share students' success with staff.
- Senior Year have been working incredibly hard in English this week. Mrs Ford has praised students for correctly answering quick fire questions to review learning in lessons, as well as mind mapping key poems to recall and recap powerful knowledge.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
 - First place 8RMA (96.6%)
 - Second place 7PCU (96.1%)
 - Third place 10BAT (95.3%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place 7VRO
 - Second place –7IBI
 - Third place 8NWR

Principal's Learner of the week

Congratulations to George Bowles, Year 8, who won Principal's Learner of the week. George was chosen for working incredibly hard in lessons, having above average rewards points, and always giving every question a go.

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Fire Drill

We held our termly planned fire drill today and I'd like to share that our students were impeccable throughout. They exited the academy both quickly and calmy, followed staff instructions, and remained silent until all staff and students had been registered. Thank you to everyone involved.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Tuesday 22 October Come from Away Theatre Trip
- Thursday 24 October Tutor Evening (all years)
- Friday 25 October:
 - Tutor Day (all years)
 - School closes for half term
- Monday 4 November School reopens for Autumn Term 2
- Thursday 7 November Year 10 BBC Concert Hall Rehearsal at Hippodrome
- Thursday 7 November CET Shakespeare Voice and Text Workshop
- Friday 8 November Year 8 MFL Trip to UEA
- Monday 11 November Year 7 & 8 Netball Tournament
- Saturday 16 November Year 7, 8 & 9 England Netball Horizon Series 2024 Trip
- Friday 22 November Year 7, 8 & 9 CET Orchestra/Choir Day at Abbeyfield Academy
- Monday 25 November Year 9 Netball Tournament
- Tuesday 26 November Year 7 & 8 BAE Systems Science Show
- Wednesday 27 November Year 7, 8 & 9 Warner Brothers Studios Trip

Tutor Evening and Tutor Day

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all parents to our annual Tutor Evening (Thursday 24 October) or Tutor Day (Friday 25 October).

Booking meetings with form tutors takes place via the Arbor Parent Portal. This can be accessed via the arbor website (https://caister-academy.uk.arbor.sc/) or phone app. On the arbor dashboard, it will show the meetings you are able to book. If you have more than one child, you will need to repeat this process. Please book either an evening slot or a day slot. If you have any questions, please contact the main reception via enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Parents will also be invited to join sessions with the Joe Dix Foundation to understand and explore themes of Childhood Criminal Exploitation (CCE). Emma Dix will be facilitating the workshops at the following times:

- Thursday 24 October 5.30pm Book Here
- Friday 25 October 10.00am Book Here
- Friday 25 October 2.00pm Book Here

To support students when learning from home, we will be running a Remote Learning Helpdesk that is monitored by staff. Students should follow this link <u>Tutor Day - Help Desk</u> and write what support is needed - a member of Caister Academy staff will then get back to them with an email response.



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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath Principal