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Dear Parent

## Autumn Term - Principal's Roundup - 4

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- The London Theatre Tours trip was a fantastic success with 40 students experiencing the best London's West End has to offer. They were lucky enough to watch three smash hit shows, Mrs Doubtfire, Mamma Mia, and The Play That Goes Wrong. They also worked with professional actors in two workshops at Pineapple Studios and even managed to squeeze in a shopping trip to Oxford Street. The students were impeccable, and a fabulous time was had by all.
- It was fantastic to hear our Year 7's sing in assembly this morning. Students also loved receiving their subject specific awards to recognise their achievements. Well done Year 7!
- Year 8 music students embraced an African drum lesson this week, and all students thoroughly enjoyed the session delivered by Miss Curston. Students were praised for their enthusiasm, and staff couldn't resist visiting the music room to see where the amazing beat was coming from.
- A group of Year 9 students took part in the annual Norfolk Agriculture and Business Awareness Day held at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. Both the staff and vendors commented on how polite and enthusiastic our students were. Students who attended the trip took part in potato seminars, tractor rides, and Kettle Crisp tasting. Thank you to all staff that took part in this fantastic event.
- Year 10 were getting closer and closer to overtaking Senior Year as highest 'Caister Coin' winners at the start of the week. However, in a powerful turnaround, Year 9 had been secretly hoarding their coins and dramatically poured them all in, stealing the lead from Senior Year. As it sits Senior Year have just about regained the lead.
- Year 10 English students took part in a trip to Lloyds of London, Lockton Companies Ltd, and the Globe Theatre. During the visit, students took part in career-related talks, and watched a matinee performance of The Taming of the Shrew.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
  - First place 7VRO (97.5%)
  - Second place 7IBI (97.1%)
  - Third place 8BMI (96.7%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place 8RHA
  - Second place 7VRO
  - Third place 9RWD

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# Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 30 September Year 7, 8 and 9 Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 7 October Year 10 and Senior Year Flu Vaccinations
- 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

### **Tutor Evening and Tutor Day**

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Tutor Evening on Thursday 24 October and Tutor Day on Friday 25 October. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and discuss their progress and wellbeing at Caister Academy. Mrs Preston will be writing to parents next week with further information on how you can book an appointment.

#### **Christmas Show Dates**

Please be advised that there has been a change to the dates for our Christmas Shows this year. Revised dates below:

- Monday 16 December
- Tuesday 17 December
- Wednesday 18 December

# **Change of Weather**

As things start to feel more autumnal and the evenings shorten, please remember to check your child is wearing a coat on their way to and from school. I am aware that children sometimes forget or are not keen to bring a coat in, so I would appreciate your support in reminding them. I would also recommend checking that they have bike lights, and that they are working if they cycle to school.

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