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Dear Parent

Autumn Term 2 – Principal's Roundup 1

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Mrs Ford, Assistant Principal, had the honour of issuing members of the Year 7 Student Leadership Team with their badges this morning. We can't wait to see the fantastic work that these students will undertake this academic year.
- Year 8 art students were introduced to a new material, 'brusho', which creates bursts of colour. Students thoroughly enjoyed the practical lesson experimenting how to use this new medium. Miss Atkinson was extremely impressed with their results and hard work.
- Year 9 students have been working hard in mathematics lessons using Pythagoras theorem. Students have been praised for their phenomenal engagement in lessons by Mr Fisher, Mrs Butcher, and Miss Atkinson.
- Senior Year catering students have been creating a range of dishes in practice for their upcoming mocks. Both Miss Gorman and Miss Brookes were extremely impressed.
- Well done to our best attending form groups so far this term:
 - First place – 10 SAL (98.9%)
 - Second place – 7KLO (97.2%)
 - Third place – 7 SBU (96.4%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 7VRO
 - Second place – 7PCU
 - Third place – 7SBU

Celebrating Excellence

Students who achieved a subject badge last half term received them this week. Once again, a huge well done to all 74 students. Caister coins have recommenced, with all counters set to zero. We look forward to issuing coins in lessons, and we can't wait to see which year group will win this half term.

School Gardening Awards

I am extremely excited to announce that we have been awarded an RHS Level 4 School Gardening Award. Congratulations to our amazing students, and Miss Mijatovic for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to seeing what your next project will be.

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Senior Year Mock Examinations

Good luck to Senior Year students who commence their mock examinations next week. Students will be experiencing the full exam schedule for the first time. All students must arrive by 8.00am to register, have a free breakfast, and prepare for the examination warm-up sessions to begin.

Students with afternoon examinations will have an early lunch and begin the exam at 1.30pm. The duration of some examinations will take students beyond normal school finishing time of 3.00pm. Please refer to your child's examination timetable to see if this affects them.

Students are reminded that they must have clear pencil cases and phones must, in line with academy expectations, be switched off and placed in their bags. All students received an assembly with Miss Sharpe and Mr Sewter to remind them of the key expectations around examinations and the opportunity they provide to demonstrate all they have learnt so far.

Please follow this link to view the full suite of mock examinations [Mock Exam Timetable - November 2024](#).

During this mock examination window, we ask all students to support our Senior Year by being aware of their conduct near the sports hall, and to avoid this area to prevent disruption.

CAI Consultation

Following previous information in the half term update letter about our proposal to change admissions arrangements for the academic year 2026/27, I can confirm that the window for feedback is now open. To view the stakeholder consultation letter, Admissions Policy 2026-2027 and to submit feedback, please use the following link [CAI Consultation](#).

Your views on any aspect of the admission arrangements will be sent to our Academy Council and the Trust's Board of Directors for consideration. All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and will decide the admission arrangements for the school year 2026/27. Once the arrangements have been determined, they will be published on the Academy's website by 15 March 2025.

Children in Need

To support Children in Need on Friday 15 November, we will be holding a bake sale in the theatre during lunch time. If students would like to bring baked goods in for the bake sale, please ensure that these are delivered to Miss Jackman in the PE office by 9.00am on the day.

If students would like to purchase any of the sweet treats on offer, please ensure that they have a small amount of cash with them.

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Monday 11 November to Friday 22 November – Senior Year Mock Examinations
- Friday 15 November – Christmas Card Competition Deadline
- Saturday 16 November – Year 7, 8 & 9 England Netball – Horizon Series 2024 Trip



- Thursday 21 November – Year 9 Parents Evening
- Friday 22 November – Year 7, 8 & 9 CET Orchestra/Choir 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

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