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Dear Parent

### **Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 5**

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Miss Brookes, Raising Achievement Mentor, was impressed with Year 7 students during their lesson on making pizza toast. The atmosphere amongst students was fantastic and the whole class gave their full attention and were able to make their culinary creations with minimal assistance.
- Year 8 students showed fantastic participation during this morning’s Spelling Bee. It was great to see students supporting one another. Keep an eye out on our social media pages where the winner will be announced shortly.
- Mrs Ford, Assistant Principal, praised Year 9 top set English students for an excellent reteach lesson. Students worked with their peers to unpick misconceptions from their assessments and worked on upgrading parts of their responses using the guided checklist for success.
- A group of Year 10 students took part in the Science Live Trip to Ipswich. Students attended inspirational talks by five leading scientists including Prof. Robert Winston, Prof. Jim Al-Khalili and Dr Hannah Critchlow. They also received useful information about examination techniques from a GCSE Examiner.
- Senior Year students’ attendance at step ups has been phenomenal this week. The mathematics team broke the current record and had over 60 students in attendance. Well done team mathematics!
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
  - First place – 7VRO (95.4%)
  - Second place – 9VBE (95.0%)
  - Third place – 11MMA (94.3%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
  - First place – 11ZJA
  - Second place – 7VRO
  - Third place – 7IBI

### **Reminders for next week and beyond:**

- Thursday 13 February – Year 10 Cambridge University Trip
- Friday 14 February – School closes for half term
- Monday 24 February – Students return to school.



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

Congratulations to Lucy Moores, Year 10, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Lucy works extremely hard in all her subjects, completes all independent study, and is well above school average for reward points.

### **Year 10 Mock Examinations**

Year 10 students are part way through the completion of their first set of mock examinations, which are due to finish on Friday 14 February. Students' behaviour and attitude has been exemplary, and they have adapted well to the new routines expected of them. The results achieved in these examinations will be used to inform teachers reteach planning, where areas of development will be addressed to ensure students improve their knowledge and confidence.

To ensure we set students up to meet the examination regulations, please could parents check that they have a clear pencil case with stationery (multiple black ballpoint pens), and a clear water bottle, with no writing on. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Attendance**

We have seen a continued rise in attendance this week and we are pleased to see how committed our Year 10 students are with attending their mock examinations. Next week is our final week of the half term, please encourage your child to attend daily to receive a reward after half term.

A reminder that the breakfast club is free and open to all students from 8.00am each day. We have a selection of breakfast options available such as bacon bagels, porridge, waffles and pancakes.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to writing to you again next week.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath  
Principal