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Dear Parent

Spring Term – Principal’s Roundup - 1

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year. It has been fantastic to welcome students back into school this week and see them engaging so well with their learning. Uniform has been exceptionally good for which I thank you.

It has been a great start to the new year here at Caister Academy, I wanted to highlight the following:

- Year 7 students have started using manipulative resources in mathematics. It has been fantastic to see students increased understanding and engagement with topics they had previously found difficult. We can't wait to start using these resources across all year groups.
- Year 8 and 9 students have had a settled start to the new year and have started to study Shakespeare within their English lessons. Students have enjoyed exploring the context of Elizabethan England and Shakespearean Theatre before delving into their new plays of study.
- Year 10 physical education students participated in Boxercise sessions. This was fitness using non or limited contact boxing. Students had the opportunity to learn safe techniques using pads, whilst working up a sweat to motivational music. The session was extremely well received by participants. Students gave positive feedback as well as maximum engagement.
- Miss Willingham, Lead Practitioner of English, has praised Senior Year students who were involved in our English masterclass session this morning. Students were working hard to improve creative writing skills in preparation for the English Language exam.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7IBI (97.2%)
 - Second place – 8NCU (97.2%)
 - Third place – 9RWD (96.4%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 8RHA
 - Second place – 8AMC
 - Third place – 7SBU

Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Thursday 16 January – Senior Year Parents Evening
- Thursday 16 January – Drama Workshop ENSFC – Year 10
- Friday 17 January – East Maths Community, Maths Beyond GCSE Event – Year 10
- Monday 20 January – Year 9 Netball Tournament – Great Yarmouth Charter Academy
- Wednesday 29 January – CET Choral Workshop London
- Thursday 6 February – Year 10 Parents Evening



SENDCo Update

We are excited to share more details about the two key interventions being delivered this half term by the Norfolk County Council Schools and Community Team. The first intervention is around fostering a respectful and supportive environment. The second intervention focuses on the Zones of Regulation, a framework designed to help students develop self-regulation skills. This programme teaches students to identify their emotions and understand how their behaviour affects others. By learning to manage their emotions effectively, students can improve their emotional control and social interactions, leading to a more positive and productive learning experience.

Mathematics use of Manipulatives

This year we are trialling the use of 'manipulatives' in mathematics to provide a practical approach to learning within the subject. Though mathematics is really valued by our students already, we have invested in some resources that bring some of the more challenging concepts to life to enable a better understanding by students. If this is a successful initiative and student voice is positive, we will grow this provision ahead of next year.

Cold Weather

Thank you for ensuring our children have coats with them this week as it has been unusually cold. Today we have allowed students to wear coats in lesson if they feel cold and we will assess whether we need to continue with this at the start of next week. The new boilers are on their maximum settings but due to the external doors being open on changeover and at social times, some parts of the academy are warmer than others. The outdoor space is well gritted, and we don't want to restrict students going outside at break and lunch if possible.

Student Illness

At this time of year, we know that many students are suffering with coughs, colds, and viruses, and we understand that it can sometimes be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please find some useful information with regards to government guidelines via the following link [Is my child too ill for school?](#) If your child does feel too unwell for school, please contact us in the usual way to explain your child's absence. However, if your child needs to leave medication with us to support them in attending, this can be signed in at main reception and will be stored with our attendance office.

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

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal