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Dear Parent,

Sports Day

Thank you to all staff, students, Friends and parents that contributed towards a very successful Sports day at King George V stadium, Grimsby, last Friday. The students' conduct throughout the day was excellent, supporting friends, their Houses and, those students who endeavoured to complete their races when they dropped behind. I thanked the key staff last week. So, today, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Sixth Form students that attended, and, the Sports House Captains who do such a lot to arrange, rally and to enthuse all the participants. They are Ayscough: **Lucy Cullen** and **Matthew Savage**; Hansard: **Emily Barratt** and **Michael Durham**; Rawlinson: **Lizzie Dee** and **Oliver Levitt-Allen**. I would also like to thank the Heads of House, Mr Markham (Ayscough), Miss Dales (Hansard) and Mrs Cooke (Rawlinson) who lead their houses with aplomb. Miss Dales will be leaving us at the end of the year to teach in Australia. We wish her well and we all join in thanking her for an impressive first (and sadly only) year as a head of house. A new head of Hansard has been appointed and I will let you know once the students have been informed. As for the day, after last year's close competition – if you recall, it was initially a draw before Ayscough took the spoils by two points. This year Ayscough won with 688 points, Rawlinson were second with 609 and Hansard were third with 605.

A number of personal bests were achieved by students, while others established new school records:

Y7 Girls Relay - Ayscough 62.14s

Y7 Girls 1500m - **Alice Fearn** 5.39.42

Y9 Girls Long Jump - **Alice Lingard** 4.46m

Y10 Boys 1500m **Henry Cullen** - 4.29.84

Y10 Boys 800m **Henry Cullen** - 2.05.00

Food bank

Students from Year 10 are currently organising a collection for Scunthorpe foodbank. Tom MacDonald, a pastor at Scunthorpe Baptist Church came in to speak to students about the Trussell Trust, a foodbank charity with over 1,200 centres around the UK. Ninety-one Year 10 students have signed up to participate in the collection, which will take place in school from Monday 8 to Wednesday 17 July. A full list of food items needed will be given to students shortly.

Art exhibition

I would like to extend a very warm invitation to you on behalf of Mrs Porter, the Head of Art, to attend this year's Art Exhibition. The exhibition is on Tuesday 9 July from 5pm to 7pm. This year's poster is especially impressive! It was created by Nisha Prabhakar (Y11) and typeset by Mrs Shilling. If you missed it in a ParentMail email, you can view it [here](#). (The summer concert is on the same evening, starting at 7pm, so why not come to both?)

Caistorian Day

A reminder that school will be open tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am to 4pm for Caistorians, our former student and teacher organisation. If you intend to come, I ask that you park with due regard for our neighbours. We cannot accommodate cars on site but the car park at the Navigation Lane sports field will be open.

Head lice

There has been a reported case of headlice from a parent who has a student who attends CGS. Please can you check their child's hair and, if required, take the necessary steps to treat it.

Congratulation

Congratulations to **Amy Sugden** (Y11), who learnt this week that she has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship... **Daisy Williams** (Y8), who rode at Bicton, Devon, last weekend. On Sunday, in the 1m25 class, she got into the final rounds amongst some talented 16 year olds, but missed out qualifying to Horse of the Year show one second... **Josh Hughes** (Y12) was awarded the trophy for 'contribution to the high standard in the instrumental classes', at the Cleethorpes Music Festival.

Godfrey

I wrote a very sad bulletin note last weekend to students to make them aware that our beloved school cat Godfrey passed away this weekend. Godfrey was a school institution who perambulated at his own pace through the school grounds. He was always on loan to us as his 'true' owners were Paul and Angela Warmoth, who have a close association with the School's music. In warm weather, Godfrey could be found slouched by the Leavers Wall outside reception, snaking his way around the picnic benches at the top courtyard or wandering into Casterby whenever he spotted a door was ajar. He was less keen on the cold! At morning break, his muddy footprints could be seen on staff cars where he had taken temporary residence on warm car bonnets. I recall him wandering into last September's Year 11 evening and finding a lap to curl into. We managed to carry him out, only for him to sneak in through another entrance and return to his place.

A psychological study of cats suggests that a cat's ambition is to take over its homes. He never quite took over CGS but he did find a secure place in our hearts. He will be sorely missed. I've passed the School's condolences to his family. We plan to install a small memorial later this calendar year in the gardens on the top terrace.

Yours sincerely



Alistair Hopkins

Headmaster

Sports

At the Superzone Athletics Championship yesterday, the School came first. More details will follow before the end of term.

Diary

Friday 28th June - Y10 reports to parents; Newspaper day; Gold DofE assessed expedition departs (returns 2nd July)

Saturday 29th June - Caistorian Open Day 10-4pm

Monday 1st July - Y10 work experience beings (until 5th); Y12 Berlin Trip Parents Eve; House rounders and tennis to continue this week.

Tuesday 2nd July - Induction day for Y6 students

Wednesday 3rd July - Induction day for Y6 students; Y7&8 Performing Arts Evening (until 5.30pm); Y12 Biology trip to Far Ings; Induction evening for Y6 parents 6-8pm.

Parentmail

School Uniform Letter