



# Caistor Grammar School

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Dear Parent

## Careers

I am delighted to inform you that CGS has become a Partnership School with InvestIN, which delivers programmes and internships for students aged 12-18 across a range of areas such as medicine, architecture, politics, law, fashion design, journalism etc. Further details of their programmes can be found on the InvestIN website. Currently all of their courses are delivered online and CGS students can benefit from a discount of 10% if they quote the code CAISTOR10.

There are also up to three bursaries per term for eligible students. In order to qualify for an InvestIN bursary you must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- You are currently in receipt of a bursary from the government's "16 to 19 bursary fund" (or equivalent)
- You currently receive free school meals during secondary education or have done so in the past 6 years
- You have been in care or taken the role of a carer at home

If you wish to apply for a bursary, please e-mail Mrs Bradbury, our teacher in charge of Careers, [Kathryn.bradbury@caistorgrammar.com](mailto:Kathryn.bradbury@caistorgrammar.com) detailing which programme you wish to attend and we will contact InvestIN on your behalf to confirm that one or more of the above criteria applies to you.

In the current climate, it is difficult for students to gain relevant work experience and the InvestIN programmes allow students to gain valuable experiences, which they can talk about on job, apprenticeship and university applications.

**More careers** Mrs Watson, our careers advisor, is keen for students looking at post-18 opportunities to access this website <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/> The first seminar was today, but students can log on for the second which takes place tomorrow (Saturday).

## Celebration of Awards

Despite having to operate differently, in these challenging times, we are still trying to honour some of our traditional events. Although we could not meet in person in the Church for our annual Awards Evening this year, we still wanted to recognise the achievements of our students for the 2019/20 year. Before half term, we sent home book tokens, certificates and programmes to our award winners. Congratulations to them all. The programme can be viewed on the school web site.

## Competition Results

Before half term Mrs Jago ran a competition where students were invited to design a literary face mask. Students were asked to choose a character, book, or author they loved, or to design a mask to promote reading. Congratulations to our winners Kishoor Vasuthevan, 9Z and Charlotte Gothard, 8X. Both students will be presented with a professionally produced mask bearing their design.

Runners up are Freya Brook 9Z, Lucy Smith 9Z, Liadan Rea-Leaning 9Y, Hana Ajaz 7Z, all will receive a book of their choice from the Scholastic Book shop to a value of £10

Our thanks go to all those who took part and to Amy Sugden (Y13) who judged the entries.

## **Year 9 Golden Ticket**

Introduced last year, we now award a golden ticket to students in Year 9, as part of our rewards system. This gives students' the chance to have a free biscuit etc from the school dining room every Friday for a half term. The criteria for winning changes each half term. Well done to our first set of winners, listed below, who have received the ticket for a particularly impressive start to the school year.

9X - Daniel Albert Lammin & Alexander Smith  
9Y - Rhys Drury & James Ellis  
9Z - Catherine Hargreaves & Elizabeth Crowther

In addition, form tutors nominate two Golden Ticket winners from their form.

9X - Edith Green & Jaipreet Mattu  
9Y - Katrina Donner & Matthew Dent  
9Z - Alice Fearn & Daniel Kitchen

## **Quaranteen**

Thank you to everyone who bought a copy of Quaranteen, our lockdown Nightingale Anthology by the English Department. Together we have managed to raise a total of £500 for Young Minds, the leading Mental Health Charity for children.

## **Children in Need**

Next Friday we will be marking Children in Need day when many of the school attend in fancy dress, in support of the BBC charity. As in previous years this event will be led by the Senior Prefect Team. Students are asked to bring £1 to donate to the charity.

## **Face Masks**

I will also take this opportunity to remind you that students will be required to wear masks, from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, in communal areas (inside and outside) around school, as per the new guidance from the government. Please see the letter sent to parents yesterday for further information.

## **Critically Extremely Vulnerable Children (CEV)**

Further to the Government's recent announcement about lock-down measures that came into effect on Thursday, 5th November, pupils who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) should not attend an education setting.

Lincolnshire County Council tell us there are a relatively small number of pupils or students under paediatric or other specialist care that have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend an education setting. If you have received a letter from the NHS confirming that your child is in this category then please inform us as soon as possible, to allow us to support.

If you are unsure, please speak to your GP or specialist clinician to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

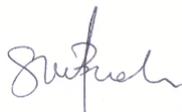
The guidance on CEV can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protectingextremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protectingextremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

## **Congratulations**

Finally, we pass our congratulations to Mr Hopkins and his wife who have become parents this week. As a result, Mr Hopkins will now be on paternity leave. His e-mails will be monitored in school, until his return.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Shona Buck  
Deputy Head

**Next Week:**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – 8X Careers Talk with Careers Adviser; Governors Admissions and Curriculum and Student Welfare Meetings from 6.30pm

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Service in classrooms period 1

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 7 Parents Evening - Information to follow from Miss Turner

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Fancy Dress day in school