

Friends of Caistor Grammar School

Minutes of meeting held on Mon 9th June 2025 at 5.30pm in classroom 05

Those present: Emma Dix, Melinda Chong, Athanasia Ellerby, Wen San Chen, Nancy Heydenblut and Chamila Samarakan

Apologies: Alison Hannath

Quick discussion about the past 3 events and funds raised as follows:

String Soiree in March raised £33.57 for Refreshments

Year 8 Parents Evening in April raised £83 for pre-loved uniform and £15 for refreshments

Open Evening in May generated £43.67 for Refreshments

Then moved on to the remaining 4 events on the calendar as follows:

(As I am very late getting these minutes typed up three of these events have taken place, so the income is shown in brackets)

New Year 7 Induction Evening – 2nd July, ED speaking to new parents about joining Friends (Refreshments £57.95 Pre-Loved Uniform £856)

Duke of Edinburgh Awards – 3rd July (Refreshments including cakes £21.04)

Summer Concert – 9th July strawberry cream scones & sparkling elderflower (Refreshments £58.16)

School Walk - 18th July – Drink stops along the way, x5 Friends with 3 cars

ED informed the group that we have signed up to do the McMillan Coffee morning again, this will be on Fri 26th Sept 25 Volunteers x3 needed 9am – 12noon please get in touch via email if you can help

Date for the Friends AGM is set for Mon 15th Sept at 5.30pm

(room to be booked & Friends AGM added to school calendar by AE)

Changes ahead for Friends with opportunities arising for new committee members.

Friend's roles available from Sept 25 as follows:

Chair (ED standing down after 3 years)

Vice Chair (MC standing down after 3 years)

Treasurer (AH standing down after 12 years)

Please consider coming forward to take on a role – please email friends@caistorgrammar.com to enquire for more information.

Nominations must be received before 12th Sept 25

Gift Aid and GASDS yet to be claimed for this school year, estimated approx £500 (AH to do with ED)

Friends have transferred £4000 to school to go towards the Newbolt Centre curtain and track. Once the gift aid is claimed a further £500 to be transferred.

AE reported that school were very grateful for the funds, but that the curtain and track has yet to be ordered and that it was still in the planning stages with Mr Harris and Mrs Jago.

ED shared the accounts update provided by Alison H detailing total income and expenditure from Sept 24 to date.

Parents Lottery update from NH – posters have now got the school logo on and have been printed and laminated to be displayed at every refreshment event for parents to see. The poster has also been uploaded to the Friends page on the school website and was

So far there are 21 supporters that have bought 55 tickets raising £381.14 We have not yet received any money – payment dates are 22nd July and 20th Dec 25.

Fashion Show – NH to arrange, hoping to agree a date for early October. Q raised whether sixth form students could be models? Tickets sales to include a glass of fizz with a raffle available to generate more money. To be held in the sports gym. Lots of Volunteers will be needed to run this event - date and times to be confirmed. NH to arrange posters, tickets and raffle prizes.

If you are interested in helping with the Fashion Show, please email Friends@caistorgrammar.com

Meeting concluded at 6.25pm