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WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the academic year 2025/26.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new academic year, from the staff and Trustees at Caistor Grammar School. We have had a busy and rewarding first week back welcoming all students into school. It has been great to see so many eager to learn.

If you are new to our School, I hope that you and your child will enjoy being part of our community and that your child settles in quickly. If you have any questions, much of the information can be found on the school website. If you wish to discuss issues relating to your child's progress, then please communicate, in the first instance, with your child's form tutor or send an email to enquiries@caistorgrammar.com (please include your child's full name and form group) and this will be shared with the relevant tutor. If there is a change in circumstances at home that might have an effect on your child's wellbeing, please also let us know, via their form tutor. To ensure that we can communicate with you effectively, if you change your contact details, please use the MCAS app.

The Friday letter to parents will share forthcoming events, student achievements and anything that we need help with from home. There will be also be a list of events for the forthcoming week. We also have a School Facebook page and a Sixth Form Facebook page where we try to capture some of the events surrounding the life of this special, busy, and purposeful school. I encourage you to get involved as parents: over the course of the year, we will share with you different ways you can support. In the first instance, please see the information further down this page from the Friends of Caistor Grammar School.

In addition to new students, we also welcome some new staff:

Mr Vince Jones – Teacher of D&T

Mrs Sara Williamson – Teacher of Languages

Miss Sophie Prior – Learning Support Assistant

And there have been some internal changes to staff roles and responsibilities:

Miss Rebecca Turner takes on the role of Head of German

Mr Darren Hargreaves moves to Cover Manager

Mr David Holmes moves to D&T Technician

We also welcome back Miss Emma Dodsworth, as DofE Manager and Trips Manager.

This version of our letter contains a lot of important information - I hope that you will find it useful.

Shona Buck, Headteacher



The Friends of Caistor Grammar School are always keen to welcome new members to the group and are appreciative of any support which you might be able to offer.

For more information please send an email to friends@caistorgrammar.com or [click here to complete an expression of interest form](#).

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you soon.



KEY DATES

06.09.25 - DofE Silver Expedition departs

07.09.25 - Grease Rehearsal, 10am-4pm, Newbolt Centre

08.09.25 - DofE Silver Expedition returns; Y8 Vaccination Assembly

09.09.25 - Y12 Information Evening, 7pm, Newbolt Centre

10.09.25 - School Photographs (see information below)

12.09.25 - Y8-13 School Council Hustings; Y7 Social Evening, collection from Church Street Entrance at 9pm.

14.09.25 - Grease Rehearsal, 10am-4pm, Newbolt Centre

We seek to use lively minds, to work hard, develop all of our talents, to grow through sharing, to be the best version of ourselves.

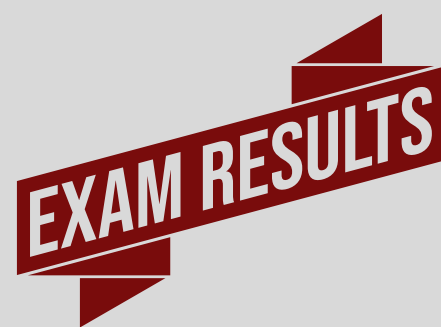
Examination results

I am thrilled to report that Year 11 and Year 13 students performed extremely well in their recent public examinations. The headlines are:

- Over 56% of all results received were the top grades of 9-7

GCSE

- Over 97% of grades were grades 9-4
- Over 88% of students achieved the Ebacc.



Many of our students now progress to complete their A-Level studies at CGS Sixth Form; we wish them all the very best for their next steps, wherever that may be.

- Over 38% of grades are A*-A (well above the national average)

A-Level

- Over 63% of grades are A*-B
- Over 84% of grades are A*-C

Most importantly, on results day, 90% of students in Year 13, on the UCAS pathway secured their University or Apprenticeship of choice.



We are seeking fluent French speakers interested in volunteering some time to practice conversation with our students. Your involvement would greatly enhance their confidence and enjoyment in learning French.

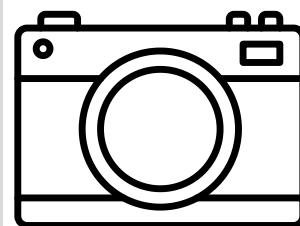
Please note, volunteers with a current DBS check and registered with the DBS update service are preferred.

If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact us at enquiries@caistorgrammar.com or share the facebook post to help our search! Thank you for supporting our students' language journey!

Fizz photography

Visiting photographers will be in School on Wednesday 10th September. Individual photos will be taken of students in **Years 7, 10 and 12**, and group photographs will be taken of **Years 7, 11 and 13**. There is also the opportunity to have sibling photographs taken. **Sibling photographs** will require your children to meet at the Newbolt Centre at morning break to have this taken.

Please ensure that your child is in their full School uniform for this day, even if they have PE. On this day, they can change into kit, in school, for their lesson if they have PE. As a result of parental feedback, we have again managed to find the capacity to receive the photographs in School and distribute them here, in order to save parents the cost of individual postage. Further information regarding the day will be sent via Bromcom.



Parking

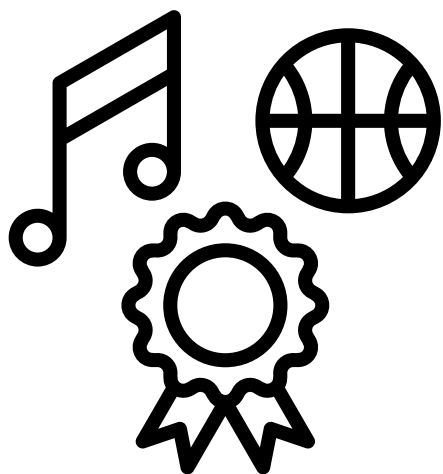
We are increasingly concerned about dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the school during drop-off, pick-up times, and for School events. This behavior puts children at risk, causes disruption for local residents, and is resulting in many complaints.

Please:

- **Use car parks** in and around Caistor - North Kelsey Road, Co-op, Town Hall
- **Do not** park on double yellow lines or near junctions — this is illegal and dangerous
- **Do not** block driveways or footpaths — residents need access at all times
- **Switch off** engines while stationary — idling contributes to harmful pollution

Inconsiderate parking may be reported to local authorities. We expect all parents/carers to set a good example. Thank you for cooperating to keep our school community safe and respectful.





Enrichment Programme

This term's enrichment programme is being finalised and will be shared with students and parents and available on the web site next week. There will be, once again, a huge range of weekly clubs on offer this term. I have encouraged students to take advantage of such an extensive offer and to play a full and active part in the extra-curricular life of the School.

Developing interests beyond the curriculum is an important part of Caistor Grammar School's ethos. Those who participate regularly in our clubs and workshops develop skills outside the classroom and find that they get the opportunity to mix and meet different students and year groups, as well as working with teachers who they have not been taught by yet.

This programme is offered thanks to the time and dedication of our teachers and older students.

School & PE Uniform

We have been very impressed by how smart students have looked on their return to School. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

Students in Years 7 – 11 have been reminded that when wearing the skirt uniform they should be wearing white ankle socks or black tights. The accessory rules are - a wristwatch, a single plain finger ring and a single ear stud in each ear are allowed (no wrist bands or necklaces are allowed). No make-up or nail varnish is to be worn in Years 7-9 and should be discreet in Years 10 & 11.

PE Uniform - students should only wear polo shirts and school hoodies, with the school badge on; these must not be substituted with an alternative brand. Other items (shorts/leggings/tracksuit trousers) should be smart and have no logos.



Year 7 Social Evening Reminder

Year 7 Social Evening takes place on Friday 12th September. Parents please check your email/junk email to find the permissions form. A reminder link will also be sent via bromcom communications in due course.

REMINDER

Advance Warning

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is paramount. To ensure we are prepared for any emergency, a fire evacuation drill is planned to take place next week.

All students will receive reminders and instructions about the evacuation process in advance to help the drill run smoothly and safely.



Congratulations to...

Cassidy Crowe who, over the Summer competed in the National Hammer Championships in Birmingham on the 9th August and came third with a throw of 43.67. On the 13th August, Cassidy competed at Hull and threw 50.77m. This means Cassidy currently ranks #1 in the UK and #25 of all time.

Stanley Zhang who recently qualified in the Swim England National Summer Meet (50m). Stanley reached the finals in the 100m backstroke for the 13-year-old age group and finished in 8th place. He also placed 12th in the 200m backstroke.

Very well done to both students!

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance: A Reminder of Statutory Expectations

As you may recall, last August, the Department for Education (DfE) made its attendance expectations statutory, meaning schools are now legally required to follow this guidance. I want to remind parents and carers of the key points and how this continues to impact school attendance procedures.

Our Attendance Policy was updated in line with this guidance. [You can view the full policy here.](#)

Key Reminders:

Term-Time Leave: The Headteacher may only grant leave during term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays or travel during term time do not qualify and will not be authorised unless considered truly exceptional.

Unauthorised Absence & Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs):

- If a child is taken out of school without authorisation, the absence will be marked as unauthorised, and the Local Authority may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.
 - The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
 - If unpaid, further legal action may follow.
 - Only two penalty notices can be issued per parent, per child, in a three-year period. A second fine is automatically charged at £160.
- When a Fine May Be Issued: A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if a child has 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period.

We continue to work closely with families to support good attendance and ask for your continued cooperation in ensuring that children are in school unless there is a valid reason for absence. High attendance is not only a legal requirement but also vital for your child's learning, wellbeing, and future success.

For more detailed information, please refer to the [DfE guidance.](#)

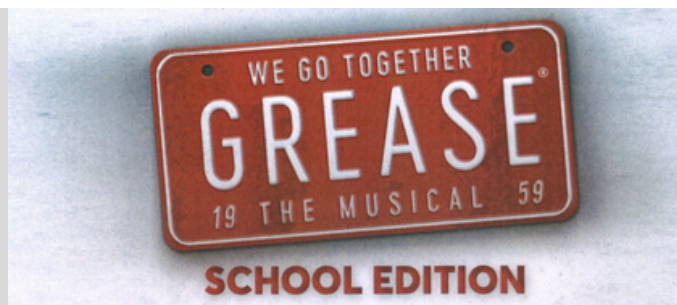
Reporting Unplanned Absences

Please remember to report your child's absence before 9am on each day of the absence. This prevents parents from receiving a safeguarding phone call from our Attendance Team. Email is the best way to report an absence: absence@caistorgrammar.com

Reporting Planned Absences

Please can parents also complete the relevant online form alerting us to planned absences **as soon as you know**. It does take time to process these, so, as a guide, where possible please try to give us at least 3 days notice for a planned medical absence and at least a week for absences that are classed as exceptional circumstances. The relevant documents can be found by going to our website at www.caistorgrammar.com (go to the parents' tab where you will find the 'Key Documents and Forms' section, which includes both the medical absence form and exceptional circumstances form).

Please also be aware that, in order to authorise medical appointments, we now require supporting evidence. This must be sent to absence@caistorgrammar.com.



Grease is the word!

Tickets available NOW!

Rehearsals have started in earnest and plans are well underway for props, staging and costume.

Tickets are now on sale through the school's SumUp page [Caistor Grammar School](#) priced at £13.00 for adults and £7.00 for under 18s. Please also be aware that there will be no physical tickets issued this year, your confirmation email is your ticket and this can either be displayed on a mobile device to show to one of our front of house staff, or printed at home.

This year's CGS production of 'Grease' (School Edition) will take place on October 14th, 15th and 16th at Caistor Town Hall, with all performances starting at 7pm.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to our GOODHUB page, which has allowed us to reduce ticket prices whilst still maintaining our high standards, and if you haven't yet had a chance, please do consider making a donation, big or small, to keep this Caistor Grammar tradition alive!

[GoodHub](#) | [CGS School Production 2025: 'GREASE' \(School Edition\)](#)

Careers Bulletin on Sway!

A reminder that you can access our Careers Bulletin using this link on [Sway](#), where you will see upcoming events and opportunities.

Careers Matters

You can read the Summer 2025 edition of Careers Matters [here](#)



WE ARE

HIRING!

Cover Supervisor (casual)



Caistor Grammar School

MENU

The menu is subject to change



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	Chicken or Quorn Korma in Flat Bread	Pork or Quorn Sausage Bun	Chicken or Quorn Burger	Pork Meatball or Quornball Sub
Tuesday	Pork or Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken or Quorn Pie	Beef or Quorn Savoury Mince Yorkshire Pudding	Beef or Quorn Mince Pie
Wednesday	Chicken or Quorn Pasta	Beef or Quorn Pasta Bolognese	Ham Pasta Bake or Macaroni Cheese	Pulled Pork Bun or Macaroni Cheese
Thursday	Beef or Quorn Chilli & Rice	Southern Friend Chicken or Quorn Wrap	Chicken or Quorn Korma & Rice	Beef or Quorn Taco
Friday	Pizza	Fish or Veggie Fingers & Chips	Pizza	Chicken or Quorn Escalope & Chips

Meals above are available with potatoes and vegetables

Homemade soup of the day & roll
Homemade dessert
Freshly made sandwiches, wraps and buns
Panini's (added extras at additional cost)
Toasties
Salads (added extras at additional cost)
Fresh Fruit
Jacket potatoes (fillings at additional costs)
Quiche
Potato and Vegetables

Morning Break

Pain au Chocolat
Croissant
Buttered Toast
Cheese on Toast
Bacon Bun
Sausage Roll
Hash Browns
Vegan Sausage Roll

Available Daily

Variety of Cakes
Variety of Biscuits
Variety of Savoury Snacks
Fresh Fruit
Yogurts
Sausage Rolls
Chicken Bites

Drinks

Water
Flavoured Water
Rubicon
Capri Sun
Juice Carton



Sixth Form 'Coffee Club'

Hot Chocolate
Latte
Tea
Coffee

Free Parent Webinars

Online Pornography Webinar by Lincolnshire Police Education Team - WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER / 6-7PM

Discussing Online Pornography and the impact it has on the attitudes of children towards sexual relationships.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816362>



Police response to indecent image sharing webinar by Lincolnshire Police - WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER / 6-7PM

Discussing how the police may respond to indecent image sharing by children.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816378>



Help my child has shared a nude?? Next steps as a Parent - WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER / 6-7PM

Discussing what you might experience as a parent if your child has shared a nude, how to guide your child and the support services that can help.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816396>

