

WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that there have been some issues with our management information system, Bromcom, and the MCAS app. This has been a national issue and we are being kept up to date with the progress to fix the faults. If you encounter any issues, please do let us know via enquiries@caistorgrammar.com To try to help with this I have included a section on communications which have been sent out since the start of term.

We have now hosted an information evening, in School, for students and parents in Year 11 and Year 12. I hope that you found them useful. A reminder that the information shared was also sent to you via a link on MCAS. Thank you to Mr Davey, Mr Kay and Mr Hay for their time and guidance. A reminder that the Year 10 Information Evening will take place on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm, in the Newbolt Centre.

Today, students in Years 8 – Year 13 were involved in the Hustings, to gain the support of their peers for a place on the School Council and Sixth Form Council. Many students contested for a place. Very well done and thank you to all who put themselves forward. Delivering a speech, sharing personal qualities and their ideas with their peers, takes a great deal of confidence. Voting takes place next week.

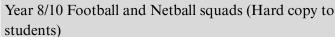
Shona Buck, Headteacher





COMMUNICATION INFORMATION SENT THIS WEEK

Year 8 - French Trip Letter (sent via MCAS/ Hard copy to students)



Year 11 - Silver Duke of Edinburgh's letter (Hard copy to students)

Year 12/13 French A level students - French Trip Letter (sent via MCAS/ Hard copy to students)

Year 7 - 11 - Flu Vaccination information (via MCAS)

KEY DATES

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

15.09.25 - Friends AGM, 5.30pm, Room O6

16.09.25 - Y8 & 10 Football vs CYA (away)

17.09.25 - Y8-13 School Council Elections; Y10

Information Evening 7pm

18.09.25 - Lockdown drill; Bus Prefect Training, at lunchtime

20.09.25 - 11+ Entrance Exams; Silver DofE Expedition

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

Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Practice Expedition

On Saturday 6th September, 15 students – most of them veterans of the Bronze Award - set out on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition in the Lincolnshire Wolds. This meant three days putting into practice their year's training. We are fortunate to have the Wolds on our doorstep, as this landscape offers students a unique opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside while developing their resilience and teamwork skills. The students successfully navigated through rolling hills and picturesque landscapes, honing their map-reading abilities along the way, and learning more about camperaft at two different campsites. We were blessed with good weather – although clouds disappointed those of us hoping for a sighting of the lunar eclipse on Sunday night. On Monday morning one of the teams discovered that a partridge had decided to join in, as they found it sleeping under the 'outer' of their tent.

The expedition proved a valuable learning experience and excellent preparation for their assessed expedition in the Peak District.

As always, many thanks go to staff - Mrs Leaning, Mr Bateman and the volunteers, John Colley, Richard Craig, Alan Griffin, and Kristian Smy who gave their time to support the expedition. It would not be possible to do the expeditions without them.

If any parents or friends of the school would like to get involved with our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme or would like further information, please contact athanasia.ellerby@caistorgrammar.com.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curricular timetable has been published for the Autumn Term and is now available to view on the <u>school</u> <u>website</u>, under the parents tab. Once again, this term, there is a vast array of additional opportunities, provided by staff for the students and this term there is a great weekly offer of over 55 clubs. I urge students to take advantage of this varied offer, and I am very grateful to the staff who give up their free time to run these activities.



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 enquries@caistorgrammar.com or share the facebook post to help our search! Thank you for supporting our students' language journey!

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL

We had a successful fire drill on Thursday where we were very impressed with the conduct of students.

As stated last week the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is paramount. It is therefore important for schools to have a policy and plan in place to manage and respond to potential security related incidents. It is therefore good practice to have lockdown procedures and to practice this with staff and students.

A Lockdown drill prepares students and staff to respond to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and students in the School.

Next Thursday, we have a planned Lockdown drill. Students will be notified that this is due to happen and informed of procedures beforehand. During the drill, teachers will follow safety procedures to secure their classrooms, and students will be instructed on how to remain quiet and out of sight. I understand that the idea of a lockdown drill may be concerning for some parents and students, but please be assured these drills are an important part of our safety protocol and are designed to help everyone to know what to do in an emergency.

In the event of an actual lockdown, the School telephone lines and entrances will be un-staffed, external doors locked and nobody allowed in or out of the School site.

Our aim is to communicate to parents as soon as is practicable, and to do everything possible to ensure the safety of our students. We request that in the event of an actual lockdown that parents do not contact the School, as calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are required for contacting emergency support providers. We also ask that you do not come to the School, as this could interfere with emergency support provider's access and may even put yourselves and others in danger. Parents should wait for us to contact you about when it is safe to collect your children, and where this will be from.

Whilst we understand that such an event will be likely to cause you concern for the welfare of your children, everything will be done to ensure the children's safety.

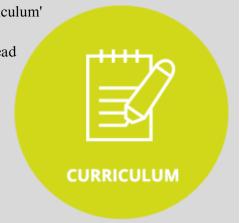
I would like to draw your attention to the 'Our School' section of our website on www.caistorgrammar.com which has

I wanted to communicate this with you ahead of the drill, to keep you fully informed.

Curriculum Information

details about the curriculum that your child will be studying this year, in the 'curriculum' tab. There is a section on our approach to the curriculum, followed by some information specific to each Key Stage. For parents of students in Years 10-13, head to the bottom of the page where there is a document showing you the courses studied in each subject, with links to the exam specifications. For parents of students in Key Stage 3, there is a section just above this for each subject, showing you the main content coming up this year. Students in Key Stages 3

and 4 should also have Learning Journey stuck into their books, showing in summary, what topics they will study between Years 7 and 11.



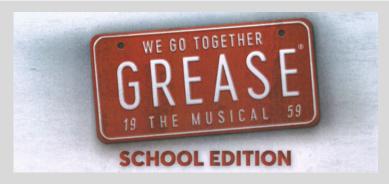
The Friends of Caistor Grammar School are always keen to welcome new members to the group and are appreciative of any support which you might be able to offer. For more information please send an email to **friends@caistorgrammar.com** or <u>click here to complete an expression of interest form</u>. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you soon.





Careers Bulletin on Sway!

A reminder that you can access our Careers Bulletin using this link on <u>Sway</u>, where you will see upcoming events and opportunities.



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 <u>Caistor Grammar School</u> 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)



Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday 26th September

We would like to invite parents and friends to join us for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September between 10am and 12pm in the Old Hall.



Football Results

11.09.25 vs Louth Academy

Y8

<u>CGS</u> 1 - LA 0

PP: Khizar Khan

MP: Khizar Khan

Y10

CGS 5 - LA 7

PP: Myles Elliot

MP: Myles Elliot









Netball Results

11.09.25 vs Louth Academy

Y8

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PP: Eleanor Briggs & Harriet Wright

MP: Izzy Bevis

Y10

CGS 20 - LA 0

PP: Olivia Hotchin

MP: Abigail Omonbude



Caistor Grammar School MENU



	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 Bolognaise	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



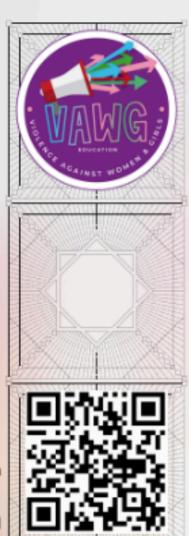
Sixth Form 'Coffee Club'

Hot Chocolate
Latte
Tea
Coffee

PARENT WEBINAR



WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 6-7PM MICROSOFT TEAMS



ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY WEBINAR LINCOLNSHIRE TEAM

48% of 11- to 16-year-olds in the UK have viewed pornography online? Talking about online pornography can be a tricky subject to discuss with your children. However, it's important to be open and ready to answer questions if they stumble across it. Lincolnshire Police Education team are hosting this a free webinar discussing Online POLICE EDUCATION Pornography and the impact it has on the attitudes of young people towards sexual relationships. Sign up is required.



Whatsapp



What is Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a messaging app owned by Meta that allows users (13+) to send text, voice, and video messages, make calls, and share media, documents, and locations, all using an internet connection

Privacy Settings

Whatsapp has the following privacy settings -

Last seen online
Profile photo
About
Status
Read receipts
Silence unknown callers

You can set these features to Everyone, My contacts, My contacts except... and Nobody

Location Sharing

WhatsApp gives you the ability to share your device's location with other users

This can be turned off in settings

Sharing Personal Information

Ensure you remind your children that they shouldn't share private information including –

- names, phone numbers, links to other social media accounts or their school
- locations
- other people's personal information
- links to join private group chats
- photos of themselves including indecent images

Further information



Reporting and Blocking

You can report problematic content to WhatsApp. You can also block a user to stop all contact

Group chats

Whatsapp has the ability for users to be added or create group chats, if you're child is added into a group chat with people they don't know that will give that person the ability to chat with them.

You can't always control if you're added to a group chat; but remind children that they can always leave whenever they want to or block unwanted contact

You can mute the group chat without leaving the group, this stops notifications but still allows you to check in when you want.

