



CAISTOR
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

26th Sept 25

WEEKLY NEWS

EVER TO EXCEL

Dear Parents/Carers,

11+ Entrance exams - 27th September

Last week we held the first two of our 11+ exams, and they continue with the third session, tomorrow. This event causes a heavy volume of traffic in Caistor and can cause issues for residents on test dates. If you are coming to School tomorrow, please park respectfully, being mindful of the car parks available in Caistor. This was shared in the letter, sent to all candidates, prior to the tests.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday 26th September

Well done and thank you to Mr Davey, his Year 11 helpers, the Friends of CGS and the Senior Strings group for organising the Macmillan Coffee Morning, held this morning in the Old Hall. Thanks also to all of you who donated and/or visited to enjoy the coffee and cake on offer. The total amount raised was over £1040 for this fabulous charity.



Friends of Caistor Grammar School, Fashion Show, 2nd October

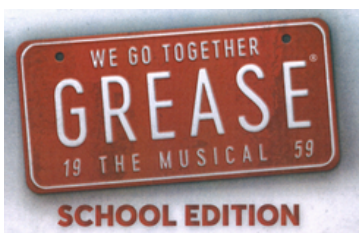
You are invited to join the Friends as they host a Fashion show in School on 2nd October. All proceeds go towards events and resources for the students. There are some great raffle prizes up for grabs, donated by local businesses. Please see the poster information below.

Shona Buck, Headteacher



Grease is the word! THURSDAY TICKETSSOLD OUT

If you still haven't secured your tickets for this year's CGS production of 'Grease' (School Edition) time is running out! Thursday night is now completely sold out and tickets are going fast for the remaining two nights. If you have ever been to a CGS production before, you will know that the talent on display - on stage, in the orchestra, in the choir and in our technical team - is far beyond what you might expect from 'just another school production' and this year is no exception! With jaw dropping choreography, production values the envy of many professional companies and, of course, those songs, we do expect all three nights to sell out! Tickets are available from the Caistor Grammar School SumUp page which can be found by clicking on [this link](#). **Tickets are selling FAST!**



Dates for your diary

27.09.25 11+ Exam

28.09.25 Production rehearsal, Newbolt Centre, 10am-4pm

30.09.25 Y8 & 10 Netball & Football vs De Aston, Collection from Caistor Market Place at 5.45pm

02.10.25 U14 Netball Tournament vs KEVIGS, 2.45pm to 6.15pm, Friends of CGS Fashion Show, 6pm, School Gym

03.10.25 Y11/12 Careers Assembly by Wilkin Chapman

05.10.25 Production rehearsal, Newbolt Centre, 10am-4pm

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.

The School Council 2025/26

Following the announcement of Form group Representatives, the School Council met for the first time on Monday lunchtime. After introductions, the Senior Prefect Team discussed the three areas of focus for the year – Health and Wellbeing, Sustainability, Charity and Community Outreach. Students have been asked to consider how the school community can support, and how they will bring ideas from their Form group and peers to develop the plan.



MCAS and Student Portal

We are aware of some issues some students and parents are having with accessing MCAS and the Student Portal. We appreciate the feedback and are working towards making the online homework process more manageable for students and easier for parents to see which homeworks are 'current'.



If your child is having issues with accessing the Student Portal try the following steps.

- Have the Microsoft Outlook app installed on their device as well as student portal and log into your child's account.
- Delete and re-install the Student Portal app
- Once Student Portal is re-installed, choose a five digit pin (00000 is a good one to use)
- Then click on 'Magic Link'. (normally a green bar going across the screen). You will need to type in the school ID (14466) and your child's email address. This will send an email to your child's Outlook account which will contain a link. If he clicks on that, it will take him back to the Student Portal which will then open up and he should be able to use it.

If your child is still not able to log on at home, we will be able to help them in school if they bring their device with them. We will be running some Student Portal clinics at lunchtimes next week.

We believe that the overwhelming majority of parents now have access to MCAS, but if you are having issues, please email enquiries@caistorgrammar.com and we will be able to help.



Annual Awards Evening, Thursday 9th October

This will take place in the Church on 9th October. Prize winners have now received their invitations and we would be delighted if you would join us. If invited, please complete the form using the QR code provided.



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.

We are still 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.

Thank you, if you have shared this information on behalf of the school. Please ask those who are interested to contact us at enquiries@caistorgrammar.com or if someone you know would like to help, please pass on the contact details. Thank you for supporting our students' language journey!



Parking

We are increasingly concerned about dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the school during drop-off and pick-up times, as well as during school evening events. This poses a serious risk to the safety of our students, creates unnecessary disruption for local residents, and has led to a growing number of complaints. In particular, vehicles parked along narrow roads such as Church Street and Bank Lane are causing significant obstruction. These roads must remain clear at all times to ensure access for emergency vehicles. We urge all parents, carers, and visitors to park responsibly and considerately. Please make use of designated parking areas and avoid stopping in no-parking zones, across driveways, or in ways that restrict access for others.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Diary of the Silver Assessed Expedition in the Peak District

Day 1 – Navigation Lane to Eyam - The expedition began bright and early at 6:00am at Navigation Lane, with 15 excited students, supported by 3 staff members and 4 dedicated volunteers. The morning greeted us with sunshine and clear skies; however, due to an unfavourable weather forecast, students were first shown how to set up storm shelters as a precaution.

After a short journey to Eyam, the groups met their expedition Assessor, received final instructions, and then set off on their planned routes. As the day progressed, the weather took a turn—light drizzle set in, gradually worsening. By the time the groups arrived at the campsite, the rain had become heavy and persistent!

Despite the downpour, all students showed great resilience and teamwork, setting up camp and cooking their evening meals in challenging conditions. Spirits remained high, and everyone turned in for an early night, ready for the next day.

Day 2 – Eyam to Lathkill Dale - The second day began with a beautiful sunrise and clear skies—an uplifting start after the previous evening's rain. Students prepared breakfast (mostly porridge), packed away their tents and gear, and set off towards the next destination: Lathkill Dale.

The walk was long but scenic, with all groups performing exceptionally well, arriving at the next campsite within 7 hours.

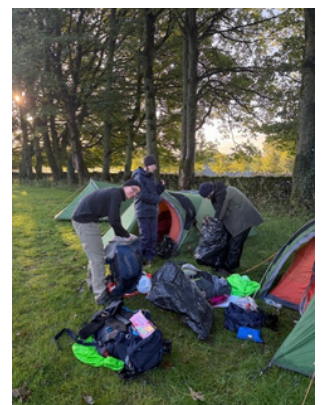
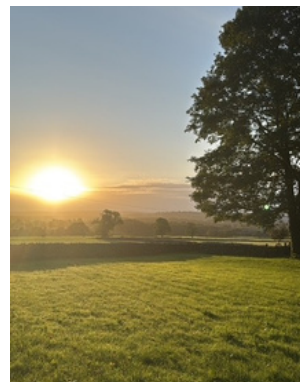
The evening was calm and dry, allowing the students to relax, cook dinner (with pasta being the most popular choice), play cards, and enjoy time socialising in their groups as the sun set. A peaceful and memorable final night under the stars.

Day 3 – Lathkill Dale to Bakewell and Hassop - The final day started with a frosty morning—ice clinging to the tents—a true expedition experience! Despite the cold, all groups were up, packed, and off-site before 8:00am, setting off on their final leg towards Bakewell and Hassop.

Glorious sunshine followed them throughout the day, making for a perfect finish to the expedition. Upon completing the route, students were rewarded with a well-deserved slice of authentic Bakewell tart—a sweet ending to their journey.

The students were outstanding throughout the expedition—resilient, positive, and supportive of one another. They handled tough weather, long hikes, and camping challenges with maturity and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers for their time and support.

Well done to all students—you did yourselves and the school proud!



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.



COMMUNICATION INFORMATION SENT THIS WEEK

- Cranedale Residential Trip for Year 12 students studying A Level Geography
- France Residential Trip for Year 8 and 6th Form students studying French - confirmation of place letter
- Fixture information for next weeks Netball and Football League matches against DeAston
- Information leaflet about the Friends Of CGS Fundraising Fashion show event



Netball Results

23.09.25 vs KEVIGS

Y8

CGS 7 - 8 KEVIGS

PP: Maeve Jackson

MP: Edie Hotchin & Beth Osbourne

Y10

CGS 15 - 32 KEVIGS

PP: Florence Welch

MP: Florence White

Football Results

23.09.25 vs KEVIGS

Y8

CGS 1 - 8 KEVIGS

PP: Bobbie Newton

MP: Dan Williams

Y10

CGS 1 - 6 KEVIGS

PP: Nathan Redmond

MP: Oliver Briggs

WE ARE HIRING!

Finance Assistant

Cover Supervisor (casual)

FASHION SHOW

AT CAISTOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN TO EVERYONE

£5 INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK

2ND OCTOBER
STARTING AT 6:00 PM

MODELS WILL
SHOWCASE
HIGH STREET
BRANDED CLOTHES

WHICH CAN BE
PURCHASED DISCOUNTED PRICE AFTER THE SHOW

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON
M CAS OR CONTACT NANCY ON
07912211049





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
Capri Sun
Juice Carton



Sixth Form 'Coffee Club'

Hot Chocolate
Latte
Tea
Coffee



 our big picture

Heritage Explorers Collective

A new pathway to explore
Heritage & Arts for young
creatives **age 14 - 19**, focusing
on local heritage, creativity
and skills development

Launching 20th September

Saturdays 12.30 - 3.30pm

**Fishing Heritage
Centre, Grimsby**

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