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Parents' Letter 7/2017

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Dear Parent,

Name of Student:

Form:

We said farewell to Year 11 yesterday. They have been an outstanding year in all senses: academically, artistically, socially. We are immensely proud of all that they have achieved and all that they will go on to achieve. It has been a privilege to watch their journey. Talk of their excellence as a year group reached me before I was appointed as Head in April last year. What I can say with certainty, because I have seen it with my own eyes, is that whether it has been interviewing them, meeting them around the School, watching them perform in House drama or in *West Side Story*, visiting those final few GCSE practical workshops, each and everyone of them has made a sterling contribution to Caistor Grammar School. I certainly hope that as many as possible will want to return to us for the Sixth Form. For those that are taking their talents elsewhere, we would like them to stay in touch. We're keen to know how they're getting on.

As Year 11 depart, last week our new Year 7 joined us for their induction evening. They're eager to get started on their own CGS story. I'm looking forward to shaking them by the hand as they make their way through the door of the Old Hall in September.

During our Open Evening this week, we also welcomed students that I hope will become the Class of 2018. Visitors cram a lot into two hours as they are guided by students from department to department. Many visitors commented on the maturity of our students and the enthusiasm and pride with which they spoke about their School. They do us proud. So thank you for allowing them to participate in one of the most enjoyable and important evenings in the school calendar.

On that evening, I spoke about many aspects of School life, one of which was our School as a community where we care for one another regardless of year group or status. We currently have two opportunities in School to join our community in the guise of PE and Science technicians. More details are available on the website under the vacancies section at the top of the home page. The jobs would ideally suit someone looking to take a pre- or post-university gap year. Please would you pass these details onto anyone that you think might be interested.

The biometric data capture took place last week. As I've explained this year, the canteen will be cashless soon and accounts will need to be topped up to use the canteen. Mrs Mosey, our Finance Manager, will write to you next Friday with further details about how you can charge up your account. There will also be a coin/note machine in the dining hall where students can feed in money that will also

fund their account. The Caistor Grammar School app is now available on the Android or Apple 'app' stores. Cashless catering will go live on **Monday 12 June**.

Other news:

Lumière – our Young Enterprise team were in the East Midlands final. They were runners-up and took the environmental award. Thanks to Mr Terry McTernan for organising these and to advisers Mrs Hughes and Mrs McKinley for their help.

Sports results: Well done to Y7/8 cricket team who won their County Cup cricket match against South Axholme Academy. Thanks to Mr Shepherd for organising this. A team of students took part in the English Schools' Athletics competition. The Y9/10 boys came 1st, Y9/10 girls came 3rd, Y7/8 boys came 3rd and Y7/8 girls came 4th. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks go to Mr Andy Shutes and the PE department for organising this. There have been a number of rounders fixtures and the results are as follows: Y10 finished in 2nd place overall, Y9 finished in 3rd place, Y8 finished in 3rd place and Y7 finished in 3rd place. Well done to all the teams and thanks go to Mrs Ellerby for organising these fixtures.

Year 12 International Ambassadors have been continuing their visits to local primary schools: Caistor, Osgodby and Grasby. Thanks to Dr Dan Wilton for organising these visits.

47 of our Year 10 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition and will next weekend be taking part in their assessed expedition. Thanks to Mrs Jo Hoare for organising these.

Year 12 English Literature students spent three days visiting the Battlefields in Belgium/ northern France last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Mrs McNeilly and Mr Davey for leading the trip.

Yours sincerely



Alistair Hopkins
Headmaster