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Dear Parent

Name of Student:

Form:

I am sure you were as disappointed as I was about the decision to cancel Sports Day this Wednesday. A great deal of work had gone into the day: bus arrangements, catering, bookings, and the logistics that go with moving a School off-site for the day. I am afraid the predicated wind, rain and unseasonal temperatures meant that health and safety had to take priority. As it seemed to rain for a day and a half from Tuesday evening onwards, the decision was vindicated. I would, though, still like to thank the office staff, the PE department and our Heads of Houses for all the work that they put in to organise an event that regrettably did not occur.

The issue of cancelling an event with only 24 hours' notice again reminded me of the School's need to get messages to parents as quickly and as efficiently as possible. We used the School website (www.caistorgrammar.com), the School twitter feed (@Caistor_GS) and a letter home to alert parents to the cancellation and to explain its impact on our catering and transport. However, I am always concerned that some messages might have metaphorically slipped through the net – it is amazing how long a letter can fester in the bottom of a school bag! As I have mentioned before, from September, all communications home will be via the ParentMail website or app, this will include standard letters (trips, information evenings, etc.) and Headmaster's letters. I urge you again to sign up for the service even if you're not topping up your child's dinner account: it will become invaluable as next year evolves. Particularly, as this will be the portal for locker hire, paying for trips, etc. Please contact finance@caistorgrammar.com to receive a new registration email.

I will write again at the end of term, but I thought that I would outline the range of events for students taking place before the end of term:

- **Today:** Aspirational Day for Science and Engineering for Year 11; Gold DofE practice expedition departs. Thanks to Mr Cooke and Mrs Hoare respectively.
- **3 July** - Y12 Geography field trip in Derbyshire. Thanks to Mr Kay, Head of Geography, for organising this.
- **4 and 5 July:** we will be welcoming new Y7 students for Induction days.
- **School Walk:** Our annual walk takes place on **Thursday 6 July**. This year's walk will be for the charity Water Aid: every £1 invested in water and sanitation in a community, £8 is returned in increased productivity. If you would like to help make the route clear in advance of Thursday next (and if the weather is reasonable), Mr Robinson is keen for parents and friends to walk the Viking Way from Caistor to Grasby as this can be overgrown.
- **Thursday 6 July and Friday 7 July** – Challenge of Industry for Year 12 students working with advisers from local businesses and institutions. Thanks to Mr Hay for organising this event.

- School Reunion: **Saturday 8 July**. The Archive group have arranged an exhibition of memorabilia and old photographs, arranged around former Caistor Grammar School headmasters. We start at 10am and finish at 4pm. The event is open to all, not just Old Caistorians.
- Week commencing **10 July**, Year 10 will be on work experience. I hope they enjoy the experience and gain valuable skills. Thanks to Miss Turner and Mrs Cowland for co-ordinating.
- Year 11 and Year 13 Art exhibition takes place in the Old Hall from **Tuesday 11 July until 14 July**. Thanks to Mrs Porter and Mrs Shilling for displaying our students' work.
- On **Tuesday 11 July** at 7pm, our summer concert takes place in the gym. Thanks to Mrs Thompson for organising this.
- **Thursday 13 July** Year 9 Science and Modern Languages Gifted and Talented workshop. Thanks to Mr Holland and Mr Cooke.
- **Thursday 13 July** Year 9 ten-pin bowling trip. Thanks to Mrs Clarke, Head of Middle School, for organising this.
- **Monday 17 July**, Year 10 and Year 12 art trip to London: Thanks to Mrs Porter, Head of Art, for organising this trip.
- Term ends at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 19 July at 2.30pm**. This is earlier than the time published at the start of the year.

As ever, I am grateful to colleagues for their dedication and commitment to our students' studies and wider learning. I wish you and your family a happy and productive few weeks before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

Alistair Hopkins
Headmaster