

3 December 2021



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support with the updated government guidance and once again, I have been really impressed with how our young people adapt to change and maintain their resilience.

We continue to monitor and manage the impact of cases on our students and staff in the best way we can at this difficult time and we do appreciate your support with this.

Facebook sign up

Please see below the new Holderness Academy Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/346675060569115>. So that we can verify and accept your request to join our Facebook group, please email office@holderness.academy using the title 'Facebook Page' providing your child's name, your child's Year group and your Facebook username.

Upcoming Events

A reminder that the Academy will be closed to students on **Friday 10 December** for the planned TCAT staff training day.

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 6 January 2022** – a separate letter will be sent to Year 11 Parents before the Christmas break.

Parent Forum

The second Parent Forum of the term takes place on **Tuesday 14 December** where we will discuss Relationships and Sex Education and our KS4 curriculum. If you haven't already done so, please email office@holderness.academy by Thursday 9 December using the subject heading '**Parent Forum**' to register your interest.

A Holderness Christmas

On **Tuesday 14 December** we are inviting staff and students to wear their Christmas jumpers (all other uniforms required) and to donate to the local food bank in partnership with the Trussell Trust. We hope this event will support everyone in the local community in having a fantastic Christmas and instil in our learners that it is important to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Where possible please can we request the following non-perishable items are donated;

- Year 7 - A food item that is Christmas related
- Year 8 - Something sweet
- Year 9 - A tin of something
- Year 10 - Toiletries
- Year 11 - A packet of something (pasta, rice, cereal etc)
- Year 12 and Year 13 - Luxury biscuits Luxury crisps Tea and coffee Mince pies Crackers Christmas pudding

At lunchtime on **14 December** we will be serving a wonderfully festive **Christmas Dinner**.

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Carol Service

I'm pleased to tell you that our annual Carol service will be held at St Augustine's on **Wednesday 15 December** from 6-7pm with our Academy Choir and Orchestra along with special guests, East Riding of Yorkshire Band.

Prison? Me! No Way! (PMNW)

On **Friday 17 December**, all Year 9 students will be off timetable all day to participate in the event. We ask that students bring a pen and their planner and be in normal uniform. PMNW's vision is to ensure every young person leaves school with the knowledge and confidence to take control, make positive choices that avoid becoming involved in crime, stay safe and realise their full potential. They also work to help young people develop peer respect and realise the many dangers that they can inadvertently be subjected to. Students will take part in a range of interactive activities including getting to see inside the mobile prison cell, talks on knife crime, online abuse, county lines and railway safety.

All students will also listen to a talk from an individual who made the wrong choices in life and ended up in the criminal justice system. They will talk about the impact their actions had on their families, their victims and their families as well as themselves. PMNW has been visiting the academy for many years and it is always well received by our staff and students. We encourage you to look at their website if your child is in Year 9 so you can see for yourselves what a fantastic event this is. <https://www.pmnw.co.uk/>

End of Term

On **Friday 17 December**, the Academy closes at 2pm and will re-open to students on **Wednesday 5 January**.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

The Department for Education has recently announced that secondary schools should plan to test students once on their return to school after the Christmas break. We will communicate further with you next week on the arrangements for this.

Yours faithfully



Scott Wilson
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