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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to share some wonderful news and celebrations from across our school community, all of which reflect the values we work so hard to develop in our young people.

Year 11 CAEs

Firstly, we could not be prouder of our Year 11 students, who have now completed their final round of centre-assessed examinations (CAEs) ahead of their GCSEs. Their conduct, maturity and commitment to making progress have been exceptional. They have truly embraced every opportunity available to them — including attending over **3,000 hours of additional tuition** through our *Steps to Success* Period 6 programme; which is over **800 hours more than the same time last year**. This level of dedication shows real **aspiration** and **resilience** and reflects their determination to achieve their very best.

Year 11 have also benefited from a recent evening **theatre visit** to see *Macbeth* ahead of their Literature examination — a valuable experience that supported their learning and deepened their understanding of the text.

We are now looking forward to the **special milestones ahead for our Year 11s**: the Leavers' Assembly, Prom, and of course Results Day, along with all the positive moments that make the end of Year 11 such a memorable time.

Educake – Whole school achievement

We are delighted to share a fantastic whole-school achievement. Through the Educake platform, our learners have now answered **over one million questions** as part of their extended learning. Even more impressively, our participation and performance place us **7% above the national average**. This is an incredible milestone and a clear reflection of students showing **aspiration** in wanting to improve and **resilience** in practising and refining their knowledge independently. We are extremely proud of the consistency and effort they continue to demonstrate.

Science triathlon - Overall winners!

Our Year 10 students have also given us every reason to celebrate. Recently, a group took part in the Science Triathlon at Hymers College, competing against 64 students from other schools in a series of challenging A-level science-based activities. We are incredibly proud to announce that they were **crowned overall winners** — an outstanding achievement — as well as securing several individual awards. Their willingness to put themselves forward for such a demanding event shows real **aspiration**, and the way they supported one another throughout demonstrated genuine **respect** and teamwork. You can read more about this in this weeks' Holderness Gazette.

Panathlon indoor challenge

Our winning streak did not stop there. Ten of our amazing SEND students represented the school at the Panathlon Indoor Challenge, and they were absolutely brilliant. Split into two teams, they competed across a range of activities including boccia, curling, basketball and bowling. Every single student showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, embodying our values of **kindness, respect** and **resilience** in the way they encouraged one another and represented the school. One of our teams finished in **second place**, bringing home silver medals; all learners proudly received participation medals. We are immensely proud of their positivity and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the event.

Community engagement

Our staff and students continue to visit our primary feeder schools as they host parents' evenings. It is always a joy to meet families and our future Holderness learners, reflecting the strong sense of community that underpins our school.

Holderness Academy ski trip 2026

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 9–11 students a fantastic and safe trip to Austria over half term. A group of 42 learners and 6 staff will be heading to the slopes, and we know this will be an unforgettable experience for them all. Opportunities like this help build confidence, independence and resilience, while creating lifelong memories. We thank our staff for giving their time to make visits like this possible and look forward to hearing all about the trip when they return; you can see moments of their trip on Instagram as the adventure unfolds.

Key Dates	
February Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 23 rd February
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 5 th March
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 12 th March
Year 11 Steps to Success Evening	Thursday 26 th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April

As we approach the break, we wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term. We hope this time provides an opportunity to recharge and spend quality time together, and we look forward to welcoming students back ready for the next phase of learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us nurture not only successful learners, but respectful, resilient and aspirational young people.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher