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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

Last week saw our students in Year 11 & 13 leave after what has been a very successful exam series. It was fantastic for both sets of students to celebrate their time at the academy, reflect on their achievements and look forward to the next stages in their lives. For the last few years we have not been able to celebrate these collective rites of passage and this has been at the detriment to the Academy and the students we serve. This year has added that extra sense of celebration and a realisation of how much we have missed these events.

This year we have introduced a uniform donation scheme where students leaving Year 11 can donate their uniform back to school. We understand the financial pressures families are facing with the increasing cost of living and this uniform will be made available to make sure that all our students can wear their uniform with pride. If you have any uniform that you no longer need which is in good condition, please drop into reception and we will pass this onto families to use. Not only is this a financial support but it reduces our carbon footprint by reducing the amount of energy required to produce new uniforms.

With the space left by our Year 11s & 13s leaving, we wait with anticipation the start of our Year 6 students joining the school. Numbers joining us in September remain buoyant and it has been a pleasure seeing the young people in our partner primary schools join us for our transition events.

The atmosphere around the Academy last Thursday was amazing and the way the students conducted themselves was first class. Along with the excitement and joy of finishing the examination series came the realisation of the challenges ahead in what will be a new situation. I am confident that our young people will continue on to live our values and will go on to be a success and deliver on the aims of our Academy. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank all the parents and carers who shared gifts and cards with staff as a token of support for the staff at the school and I know that colleagues were extremely touched by these kind gestures.

Sporting Events

Our sporting prowess goes from strength to strength. I was reviewing our trophy cabinet last week and we only have a small space left. With all the trophies coming our way, it could be time to buy a few more cabinets!

Congratulations to our Year 8 rugby team who won the Hull and East Riding Plate competition with a 32-8 victory over a hard-working Cottingham High team. We also saw a fantastic performance from the Year 8 girls rounders team who were beaten finalists in their end of season tournament. The girls came 2nd in their group after winning 3 out of their 4 matches; winning against Wolfreton, Goole and Howden. Well done to the Year 10 girls rounders team who finished joint 2nd in the end of season tournament at Wolfreton. The girls should be proud after winning 4 of their 6 matches.



On the evening of Wednesday 24th we saw one of the most anticipated matches of the football season - Staff v Students! The competitiveness was at an all-time high with the staff prevailing 8-5 win with Mr Beecroft scoring a hatrick. Well done to all involved - the match was much closer than the score line suggests.

Congratulations to Ms Addison and Ms Hakeney who have completed their ITT with Wolds Teacher Training. We are so proud to see two dedicated, focused, and enthusiastic practitioners join the profession and it is an honour to work with partners at Wolds Teacher Training to bring into the profession a crop of young professionals who will go onto make a difference in the lives of young people in the East Riding. Nationally, there is a teacher recruitment crisis and being able to recruit and develop staff in our locality can only benefit the academy going forward.

Activities This Summer

There are a number of different activities in the area this summer for our students to get involved in. Details of a couple are below. We look forward to students sharing their experiences with us in the Autumn, so that we can reward these through Class Charts points for displaying our ARRK values across the summer break.

Lifestyle: Students work in a team to complete a community project, as part of this scheme with Humberside Police. Full details can be found in the booklet attached. This is a very worthwhile project where students get a grounding in many life skills such as planning and communication.

Stage-Ed: A six-day summer camp (at Middleton Hall, in the grounds of the University of Hull) for students interested in singing, dancing and acting. Featuring work with musicals such as Hamilton, Matilda, Encanto, Six and much more. Full details available here: <https://stage-edholidayschools.com/holiday-schools/hull-summer-school>

I will write again during the last week to share with you our plans for next year, until then I wish you all well and thank you again for your support.

Yours faithfully



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