

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final weeks of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the many positive events that have taken place within our school community over recent days.

### **Leavers Celebrations**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we held our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly; a wonderful occasion that marked the end of our learners' journey at Holderness Academy. It was a moment of celebration and reflection, made even more special by the presentation of the leavers' hoodies – a lasting memento of their time with us. Later that week, our Year 11 learners celebrated in style at the Summer Ball, where their behaviour and conduct were praised by staff at the venue. Their maturity and sense of occasion were a true credit to them and to the values we uphold as a school community.

Our Year 13 learners also celebrated their time with us this week at their Leavers' Party – another joyful and memorable occasion, full of pride and anticipation for the next stage in their journeys.

### **Team Holderness**

We were incredibly proud to be part of the TCAT Staff Awards, a prestigious event which recognised dedication and excellence across the trust. We are thrilled to share that four Holderness Academy staff members were honoured for their outstanding contributions to the lives of our learners.

### **Year 10 Learners**

Meanwhile, our Year 10 learners are in the midst of their Centre Assessed Exams (CAEs). We have been deeply impressed by the focus, aspiration and resilience they have demonstrated during this important assessment period – qualities that will serve them well as they continue their journey into Year 11.

### **Events & Fixtures**

Twelve Year 8 students recently visited Wilberforce College to take part in an exciting science and technology day. They participated in four different workshops: Diagnosis of a medical problem, building an electric car, programming a robot, and forensics. Our students demonstrated great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. Holderness Academy were proud runners-up in the medical diagnosis challenge, and a special congratulations goes to Alfie I. and Thomas S., who won first place in the electric car task, bringing home a trophy for their outstanding effort and engineering skills.

We were delighted to host the Festival of Sport for our local primary schools on Tuesday 24th June – a fantastic event that brought together young learners from across our community to take part in a range of activities and celebrate teamwork, resilience, and enjoyment in sport.

It has also been a truly exciting time for sport at Holderness Academy. Our Year 8 girls' rugby team made history by playing their first ever competitive fixture, marking a proud and pioneering moment for girls' sport at the academy.

In another fantastic display of participation, over 30 girls from Years 7 to 10 represented Holderness Academy in a rounder's tournament at Cottingham High School, with our Year 8 team triumphing in their competition. Our KS3 athletics team took part in a recent meet and demonstrated outstanding commitment, pride and sportsmanship throughout – all involved should be extremely proud of their achievements.

In football, our Year 9 boys' team gave a strong and spirited performance in the Humberside Cup Final, narrowly missing out but showing tremendous determination throughout. The Year 7 boys' rugby team secured an impressive 17–6 win over Wolfreton in the East Riding Cup semi-final, earning a well-deserved place in the final. Meanwhile, our Year 9 rugby team narrowly missed out on a place in the Yorkshire Plate final against Andrew Marvell but displayed outstanding resilience right up to the final whistle.

### **Sports Awards**

Our tremendous list of sporting achievements was celebrated on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at our first Sports Awards Evening a fantastic event that will become an annual occasion at Holderness Academy.

### **Transition**

Looking ahead, we are fully prepared and excited to welcome our new Year 6 transition learners on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We know how important this next step is in their journey and are committed to ensuring a warm, supportive, and inspiring start to their time with us at Holderness Academy.

### **Sports Day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July we will enjoy our Sports Day, and our Active Travel Ambassadors will also be holding our annual Active Travel Day; they ask us to support them reducing the number of cars on site by encouraging all learners to take the bus, bike or walk to school or walk from a drop off point. This is an ongoing campaign to reduce emissions on site, increase environmental awareness and establish lifelong health habits.

### **Uniform Reminder**

As we near the end of the academic year, we understand that many learners may have outgrown items of uniform and that families will begin preparing for September 2025. We encourage parents and carers to consider purchasing preloved uniform items from the Red Cross Charity Shop in Hedon, in addition to our dedicated school uniform supplier, Steady Schoolwear.

If you have any good quality uniform that is no longer needed, we would be grateful if you could consider donating it to the Red Cross shop in Hedon. Alternatively, donations can be placed in the labelled collection container outside the school building.

### **Community Event**

Finally, we are once again delighted to be hosting the Hedon Mixed Voice choir The Joy of Music to be held on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July; please see attached flyer.

### **NHS Humber Health Partnership Youth Board**

Please also see attached information regarding the NHS Youth Board at the NHS Humer Health Partnership. This is a fantastic opportunity where the members are able to give their input and opinions in order to improve the hospital and overall experience of patients, staff and visitors. This includes having regular guest speakers such as medical professionals, and also tours around departments, labs and wards. It is also a great way to meet others and improve their confidence.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates for Summer Term 2	
Year 6 Transition Days	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Year 6 'Welcome' Evening	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Last day – <b>Students will depart at 1.30pm</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
GCE 'A' Level Results Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Academy reopens to our <b>Year 7 &amp; 11 students only</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Academy reopens to all students	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year. I look forward to sharing further updates and celebrating more of our learners' achievements as the term draws to a close.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher