

20<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

I am delighted to announce that Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College has received the National College Award for Mental Health and Wellbeing. As an academy we have been recognised for our commitment to supporting staff and students' mental health and wellbeing, completing a comprehensive training programme that demonstrates our commitment to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of staff and students in line with DfE guidance and best practice.



I would like to congratulate and thank the staff, led by Mrs Ashbridge, and to the students and key stakeholders who supported us in the process. We are proud to announce that Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College is the first school in TCAT to receive the award.

For more information please see attached Press Release statement from The National College.

### **Golden Buzzer**

As part of our Rewards programme we have introduced a new, whole class reward. This week staff have been awarding what we are calling the "Golden Buzzer" on Class Charts. This is awarded when the staff member recognises that the whole class has really delivered on our Academy values. Once awarded, a member of our Leadership or Pastoral team will visit the class to reward the students and celebrate their success.

### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations & non-uniform day – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

As we will be on Half Term during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations we will be marking the occasion on the last day of the term; Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. To celebrate, we will be holding a non-uniform day with students encouraged to dress in red, white and blue or in royal related fancy dress. There will be prizes for the best dressed and the best crown. We look forward to seeing the students in their celebratory attire. We will also have an extended lunchtime on the day, so we can have a Great British Platinum Picnic on the field. If students wish to bring a, no longer wanted, blanket to picnic on they can then donate it to Emmaus our local homeless charity.

Students are asked to donate £1 for the non-uniform day, with funds raised being donated to 'Ruben's Voice'. Please make donations via your School Gateway account.

### **London Art Trip**

For me, as a Leader in schools, it is vital that students have the opportunity to experience things that they might not have normally experienced outside of school. It was great that our annual London Art visit was able to go ahead this year, with the students who attended the trip hopefully being inspired, by the artwork they saw, to follow that path as a career or hobby, or to want to revisit some of the museums and galleries they visited.

Explorer • Scholar • Leader • Collaborator



### **Holderness Academy Twitter**

Last week, we posted nearly 40 tweets highlighting activities such as the fantastic art trip to London, our morning Year 11 exam preparations and the timely return of the resident ducks and their ducklings. It has been a pleasure to see so many events being celebrated in the academy and beyond.

Every Tuesday we will be sending out a tweet to celebrate our Alumni at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College. This tweet will celebrate a student who is out there delivering on our values. Hopefully our students will see one of these tweets and feel inspired to do the same or even better.

If you would like a flavour for what is going on in the academy please take a look at our Twitter feed. You can access it [here](#), or search for @holdernessacad via your twitter account.

We look forward to next week to finish what has been a strong half term. Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Cannon', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Cannon  
Interim Headteacher