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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent and Student

Reflections of an Interim Headteacher!

As my time at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College is drawing to end, I am delighted to have been asked to reflect on the time I have had to get to know the Academy.

My initial view of the school when I first arrived in June 2018 was 'wow, it's enormous!' I have only slightly tongue in cheek told whomever I have met, or those who have visited the Academy, that half of our estate is in Preston and the other half is in Hedon. This geographical nature of the Academy was reflected in the student and staff voice, which said they wanted to feel like a bigger part of the local community. In response to that, my most memorable activities have centred on our engagement with the community at Christmas. The Christmas Concert in St Augustine's Church and the support for the Foodbank in our locality, which was so graciously donated by our students and their families, and so gratefully received by staff and the beneficiaries!

The everlasting impression of the staff team (all of them) is the warm greeting I received, and continue to feel, and their passion and commitment to the young people within our Academy Community. Their willingness to go above and beyond is evident every day. Though as a team, the Holderness staff team has experienced and driven significant change in the last 8 months; this has been embraced, and staff have kept young people at the heart of everything they have done.

And finally, our fabulous student body; I have enjoyed most the opportunity to get to know them. They are the heart of our Academy community and every one of them is unique and contributes to the life of the Academy in a different way. The Student Council are amazing and their voice has contributed to many of the key features of change we have made - the Sixth Form students, who 'work' across the site providing a role model as mentors or supervisors to younger students, the Junior Leadership Team in English, who have initiated a 'reading for pleasure' scheme during tutor period, and the various students who represent all of us at numerous sporting events and other activities. All the students have impressed me – and I will miss them the most.

I know that the new Headteacher, who will introduce himself in this letter, will enjoy the challenges and opportunities leading Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College will have in store. I will watch, in my role as Director of Education for the Trust, with keen interest as the Academy fulfils its undoubted potential.

An Introduction, from Mr Scott Wilson

It is with great pride and excitement that I am writing to you today. I am extremely honoured to be taking on the role of Headteacher at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College from June 2019. I very much look forward to taking up this post and continuing the excellent leadership that Mrs Young has provided to the Academy in recent months.

I am supported by an exceptional group of Senior Leaders who have contributed significantly to its improvement. I am confident that the transition will be seamless and the Academy will continue to provide your child with the best education and guidance possible.

Collective Aspirations: Individual Success



As I write, the GCSE and A Level Examinations are about to commence and I wish all our Year 11, 12 and 13 students every success. I have been fortunate enough to visit the Academy on a number of occasions this term and I know how hard the students have been working to prepare themselves for the challenges ahead. I have also been impressed by the high levels of support offered to our students by our committed staff.

I am sure that this hard work will be rewarded when students receive their results in the summer (Thursday 15 August for A Level and Thursday 22 August for GCSE).

I am looking forward to working with the whole community as we strive for greater success for our young people. By working together we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs S L Young
Interim Executive Headteacher

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Mr S Wilson