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**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you enjoyed a restful Easter break and you and your family are keeping safe.

When you watch the news it is hard, sometimes, to imagine that there will be an end to this pandemic crisis and that some kind of normal life will begin again.

Consequently, I do think it is very important to keep reminding ourselves that school will not be closed forever! We all want to be back at school as soon as possible. We need to ensure, however, before we begin the return to school, that we have thought through how that will happen and that we all remain safe. Please be assured that, behind the scenes, we are planning the return to school, but we have no return date in mind yet as we will be guided by advice from the government and the Trust. Furthermore, the governing body and I share one overriding priority: to ensure that everyone can return to school safely.

### **Remote Learning**

I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to your child/children for participating in our remote learning survey. The feedback was very positive with students feeling that the work set was appropriate with over 80% working between 2-4hrs each day on their learning.

From today, subject teachers will update our remote learning package and there will be further updates throughout the week. We have listened carefully to your feedback and we will try to ensure that the work set is manageable for all students. Please continue to refer to our FAQs document for further support.

<https://www.holderness.academy/attachments/download.asp?file=119&type=pdf>

As I'm sure you will appreciate, it will not always be possible for your child's teacher to give detailed feedback on the majority of the work set. However, please be assured that our teachers are monitoring work.

I have really enjoyed receiving examples of work completed via our remote learning email address and I will announce the winners of our Year7-9 competition next Monday. The closing date for entries will be Friday 24 April. Please send your competition entries to: [remotelarning@holderness.academy](mailto:remotelarning@holderness.academy)

### **Consolidating Learning**

There are a number of online learning packages advertised on various social media platforms from today and I fully appreciate that this, as well as being extremely helpful, can serve to overwhelm parents and students. I have trialled two this morning with my own children (my son really enjoyed doing Maths at 7am!) and I would suggest they may be used to consolidate the learning set by subject teachers, not as an alternative.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

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## **Year 11 Bridging Work**

Bridging work will shortly be available for students continuing their studies in our Sixth Form. Students who engage with these activities will find they are better equipped for Sixth Form study.

I would like to thank everyone within our school community for their support and their ongoing determination in ensuring that our students' welfare and education are protected as much as possible under these exceptional circumstances.

I will write to you again later in the week, but for now, take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Wilson', written in black ink.

Mr S Wilson  
Headteacher