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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all students for the hard work and dedication that they have shown towards their remote learning. We have been really pleased with how our remote learning has been going over the last couple of weeks, and we are grateful for the many positive comments we have had from parents and carers about this. This is still very new to all of us, and I am grateful to staff for all the work they are putting into planning and delivering lessons and for the way they continue to step out of their comfort zone to learn new skills. Please [click here](#) for further information about our blended provision. We have tried to keep you informed of your child's level of engagement by sending a weekly report, the content of which will change slightly next week, but all information will be explained in the report.

We are aware that whilst some of our students and families are finding it straightforward, others are finding it challenging for a variety of reasons. We would like to reassure you that we really do understand this and want to be as supportive as we can. Please use our dedicated email address: remotelearning@holderness.academy for further support with our blended provision. This is such a challenging situation for us all.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of competitions taking place this week - Years 7-9 have the opportunity to participate in our Oracy Challenge, and this has been shared with them. Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January and students will be focusing on this during tutor time this week; they will be encouraged to participate in a 'be the light in the darkness' activity that links with our Holderness learner (ARRK) values of Aspirational, Resilient, Respectful and Kind.

As students spend more time online, can I take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of safeguarding. If you have any concerns regarding online safety, please report this via welfare@holderness.academy. We have placed several useful resources on our [website](#).

This week, we began Lateral Flow Testing, where our Main Hall turned into a pop-up centre, with our staff and our students currently in school. This has been on a voluntary basis and going forward, we aim to test both staff and students twice weekly.

Finally, thank you to our Year 7 and 8 parents and carers for your patience during our Year 7 Meet the Tutor and our Year 8 parents' evening. Our external provider, SchoolCloud, experienced technical difficulties throughout the UK during both evenings. This resulted in some missed appointments and we

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would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused. We look forward to meeting with our Year 11 parents and carers on Thursday.

We await further information on summer examinations and I hope to update you further next week.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and please take care.

Yours faithfully,

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

Scott Wilson
Headteacher