

2nd May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we return from the Easter break, it's been a vibrant and inspiring start to the summer term here at Holderness Academy.

As the Easter holiday commenced, a group of our art learners had the incredible opportunity to take part in an enriching trip to London. They visited some of the UK's most iconic galleries—including the National Gallery, Tate Britain, Tate Modern, and the Saatchi Gallery. This experience not only broadened their artistic horizons but also deepened their cultural understanding and appreciation. We are incredibly proud of the way our learners conducted themselves throughout the trip - exemplifying respect and kindness, both to each other and to the wider public.

This week marked the beginning of the GCSE exam season, with learners in Art, 3D Design, and Textiles being the first to step into their formal assessments. The dedication and resilience our learners have demonstrated in their revision and preparation is commendable. We know this is a time that demands focus and commitment, and we are confident that our learners will continue to approach the coming weeks with determination and aspiration.

Looking further ahead, we are already preparing to celebrate the journey of our Year 11 cohort. Plans are well underway for key events including the Leavers' Assembly, the Summer Ball, and of course, the much-anticipated Results Day in August. These moments will allow us to reflect on the achievements of our learners and wish them well in the exciting paths that lie ahead.

Meanwhile, for our Year 10 learners, preparations for Work Experience are nearly complete. This important experience, taking place later this month, offers learners the chance to explore potential career paths and develop valuable workplace skills. It also allows them to demonstrate our school values beyond the classroom, particularly aspiration and respect, in real-world settings.

We would also like to ask for your support with a practical matter. Several PE garments, including those that are clearly labelled, have been reported missing but have not been handed in. We kindly ask parents and carers to check the labels inside their child's PE kit and uniform items at home to ensure they have not mistakenly taken someone else's belongings. In addition, we ask learners to take responsibility for checking and collecting any lost property they are directed to by their tutors. Your help in this matter reflects our shared value of respect for one another's belongings.

We will be moving to a new catering service provider in the new academic year. The new provider is Caterlink, and they already work in a number of local schools. Further communications will be sent as the academic year draws to a close but for the remainder of term three we request that parents and carers check their balances on Arbor and only add funds sufficient for the rest of the term.

The Summer Term 1 curriculum end points are now available to view on our website, using the following link - [Curriculum End Points by Year - Holderness Academy](#)

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates for Summer 1 Term	
Bank Holiday (Academy closed to all students)	Monday 5 th May 2025
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 19 th May – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Academy reopens to all students	Monday 2 nd June 2025

As always, thank you for your continued support. We remain proud of the Holderness Academy community and look forward to a term full of opportunity, growth, and celebration.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher