

30th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another incredibly positive and busy period at Holderness Academy, and I am delighted to share just a few of the moments that have made us so proud of our young people. Every day, our students continue to demonstrate our core values of Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness, both in the classroom and beyond.

Trips & Events

Last week, our Ethics and Philosophy students visited Bradford to spend time at a local mosque. During the visit, students spoke with members of the mosque about their faith, culture and expectations, gaining a deeper understanding of beliefs and traditions different from their own. Our students were highly praised for their respect, curiosity and exemplary conduct throughout the visit — something that made us all immensely proud. They represented both themselves and the academy with maturity and kindness.

We are proud of a group of Year 10 students who took part in the Science Triathlon held at Hymers College. They showed real aspiration in putting themselves forward for this challenge and approached the event with enthusiasm and determination. We now wait with anticipation for the results, but regardless of outcome, their commitment to learning beyond the classroom is fantastic to see.

Sporting Fixtures

We are also delighted to share yet more positive news from our PE department. Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' netball team, who secured their first wins representing Holderness Academy in a fixture away at Driffield — a fantastic milestone and a reward for their commitment to training. We are equally proud of our SEND Panathlon team, who finished second at the East Riding Championships. Staff commented on the outstanding effort, teamwork and determination shown by all students involved — a wonderful example of resilience and inclusive sport in action.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into the academy for our recent Year 8 Parents' Evening. The event was very well attended by our families and supported by a number of our learners, who acted as superb ambassadors. They confidently guided parents around the building, discussed subjects and spoke proudly about their school. Their confidence, responsibility and kindness are a credit to Holderness Academy.

Student Voice

Student leadership also continues to grow in strength. Our Student Voice representatives are currently playing an active role in working with the central team at TCAT and our catering providers, Caterlink, to help shape improvements for all students. It is wonderful to see our young people contributing thoughtfully, sharing their views and helping to influence positive change within our school community and beyond.

Year 11 CAEs

Finally, we remain extremely proud of our Year 11 students as they approach the final round of Centre Assessed Exams (CAEs) before their GCSE examinations begin. Their resilience and determination to improve have been exceptional. Across subjects, students have collectively attended over 3,000 hours of additional Period 6 sessions, demonstrating a remarkable commitment to making progress and being the very best version of themselves. As the weather improves and spring begins, we look ahead to results day in August, when all their hard work will be recognised and celebrated.

Key Dates	
February Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 23 rd February
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 5 th March
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 12 th March
Year 11 Steps to Success Evening	Thursday 26 th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we are helping our young people grow, not only academically, but as respectful, resilient and aspirational members of our community.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher