

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

This week ended very unfortunately, with a power cut across the locality meaning we had to take the difficult decision to close the school. I apologise for any inconvenience this caused you and our students, but the health and safety of our students is always our priority.

It has once again been an extremely busy week for students. Positive behaviour points topped 21,000 and the week started with wonderful smells wafting through the corridors from the food technology classrooms. A number of students in Year 9 spent the afternoon learning how to cook healthy nutritional meals on a budget. The workshop was kindly provided by Groundwork, a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK and was sponsored by Tesco. Students prepared an enticing looking chickpea and spinach curry to enjoy with their families.

On Thursday, 100 Year 9 students enjoyed a Masterclass provided by our local For Entrepreneurs Only group, who volunteer their time to help inspire young people to think about self-employment as a career option. This is a career path that can reward hard work, resilience and determination and underpins the importance of our core values.

Today we wish Lucy, in Year 10, good luck as she takes part in the filming for ITV's This Morning, as part of her ongoing volunteer work with Little Haven Farm. The farm is currently appealing for support to find a new friend for their reindeer Sven after the sad passing of Klaus earlier in the year. It is wonderful to see our students being involved in such a broad range of experiences. As we mentioned last week, another group of Holderness Learners have featured in the media, this time our local Holderness Gazette, for their work with the Lifestyle project.

As Year 11 prepare for the Centre Assessed Exams (CAEs) next week, we welcomed NHS Early Intervention Service to offer support and advice about how to cope with associated stress and anxiety. We wish all our Year 11 students a great week next week.

Finally, in sporting highlights, we have had more fantastic performances from the boys' rugby teams. The Year 7 boys rugby team went down fighting but were outstanding and keep improving with every match they play, while the Year 9 boys' rugby team put on a fantastic display against a spirited Andrew Marvell team and finish top of their group with a 100% record. The Year 9/10 girls' football team progress into 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Schools Football National Cup with a brilliant win at home. Well done also to the Year 10 and Year 11 girls' netball teams who played fantastically well and never stopped trying against two very good Hornsea teams.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher