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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the Spring Bank Half Term holiday I would just like to take this opportunity to update you on our attendance, some minor changes to the Positive Discipline Policy and remind all parents/carers about the Uniform Policy.

With regards to the Academy attendance, I am absolutely delighted that since September we have made significant gains across all year groups on last year's attendance; so much so that we have not just equaled the National Average data but are now significantly above it. We are on course to have the highest ever attendance over the year we have ever had as a school. This has been a fantastic effort on everyone's behalf and I just wanted to thank the students, parents and carers for their support which has paved the way for this outstanding improvement. There is still some way to go before the end of the summer term and we must continue to promote the importance of good attendance for everyone if we are to have a record breaking year.

At Holderness Academy we are very proud of our uniform and believe that our students look very smart and professional, wearing their uniform with pride, both within the Academy and also in the local Community. During the warmer weather we do make adjustments so that blazers are allowed to be carried to lessons instead of insisting they are worn at all times and by allowing students to take them off in lessons. However, please note that blazers should be brought into the Academy EVERY day and they are NOT optional items. Likewise, when blazers are worn, they should not have sleeves rolled up. In addition, trousers should be full length and not rolled up or of the legging or cropped type. Skirts should be knee length (no stretchy or tube type skirts). Your support in maintaining our high standards and expectations is much appreciated and is vital to ensure that the Uniform Policy continues to be consistently adhered to.

After half term we will be making a minor amendment to the Positive Discipline Policy with regards to punctuality to lessons. As I am sure everyone will agree, punctuality is an important life skill and one which is essential if all our students are to maximize their learning opportunities throughout the day. Therefore, we will be making the following change. **If students are more than five minutes late to a lesson then they will receive an after school detention rather than receiving a written comment in their planner.** This was communicated to all students via the 'PD lesson' on Friday 17 May and will be reinforced during half year assemblies in the last week of term.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and look forward to a very positive last half term of the academic year.

Our very best wishes go to all those students who are currently taking exams; we have everything crossed for them that their hard work, dedication and positive attitude is rewarded with the outcomes they deserve.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Truran'.

Mr Truran
Deputy Headteacher

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