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**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope the week has gone well and students are back into the swing of accessing their remote learning.

We continue to set work for all students, and it is important that they do their very best to attempt and complete this work. We will be in touch with some parents and students to support you in doing this in the coming weeks. Please do your best to encourage and support your child to engage with the work set by their teachers. I know it is not easy to do this, but we do appreciate any support you can offer.

Once again, if there are any issues, please refer to our FAQs document on our website or email: [remoteteaching@holderness.academy](mailto:remoteteaching@holderness.academy)

I would also like you to ensure your child is checking their school email account. I have sent each student a STEPS FUTURE workbook today which focuses on key work for the next steps in their education and is bespoke to each year group. Students should also see an email from their tutor in the next few days.

At a time when everyone is making greater use of their internet connection for online meetings or working, it is more important than ever that we consider our online safety, especially when this relates to our young people.

We are delighted that so many of our learners are engaging with our online learning tasks and hope that this is also helping you to keep working from home where you need to. However, please continue to monitor the internet sites that your child is visiting. Sadly, there are some people out there who will look to exploit any changes in society and the fact that so many young people are online currently provides an opportunity for criminal behaviour. This is nothing to be alarmed about and a check of your child's internet history is often enough to detect anything worrying. Or just be vigilant for any changes in behaviour, opinion or language which might be an indicator that they have been contacted by strangers.

Much more information on what to look out for and what you can do is available via the following links. At any time, if you are concerned about any aspect of your child's e-safety, please contact the school.

Useful websites:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

I would also like to make you aware of a new online counselling and emotional wellbeing service that has been launched to support 11 – 25 year olds across Hull. 'Kooth' is free and guarantees anonymity for anyone

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using the service. It can be accessed via a desktop computer, smartphone, or tablet device. It is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. Kooth enables users to receive one-to-one online sessions with qualified counsellors, access peer-to-peer support via moderated online forums and read and contribute to mental health and wellbeing articles.

[Visit Kooth.com for more information or to sign up](https://www.kooth.com)

For those parents whose children are eligible for Free School Meals, the Government's own Free School Meal voucher provider, Edenred, has begun to issue supermarket vouchers to the value of £3 per day per child. After a slow start, they seem to have accelerated the roll out quickly in the past 24 hours or so. Please be patient if you have not yet received your eCode allowing you to access the vouchers. If you need any help with this please contact us via email [fsm@holderness.academy](mailto:fsm@holderness.academy).

Thank you for your ongoing support and for your messages thanking our staff for the work they are doing. We read, and share, every one and they really do give our staff a boost.

Take care,

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

Scott Wilson  
Headteacher