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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Below are some highlights from the last few weeks along with details of some upcoming events.

### Year 9 Pathways (Options)

The deadline for students to select their Option choices has now passed. Students will be contacted in the summer term with their formal pathways offer. If there are any issues with a student's application form, parents/carers will be contacted individually. If you have any questions, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:options@holderness.academy">options@holderness.academy</a>

## Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 29th February

A fantastic turnout for our Year 10 Parents' Evening with 68% of parents/carers attending. Some very positive discussions taking place regarding our learners' progress through their GCSEs.

# Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 14th March

The booking system for the Year 8 Parents' Evening is currently open and will close at 10am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, or once fully booked should this be sooner. For further information on the event, please see the letter sent, via email, to all Year 8 parents/carers on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

#### KS3 Access Mathematics/Reading Tests (AMT/ART)

From Monday  $11^{th}$  March – Friday  $22^{nd}$  March, students in Key Stage 3 (Year 7 – 9) will be completing their Access Mathematics and Access Reading Tests. These will take place during English and Maths lessons, with the specific dates and lessons for each student available on their live timetable on Arbor. Tests will take place in a computer room; however, students should go to their allocated classroom as usual and follow instructions from their normal subject teacher.

## **School Events**

It has been a pleasure to hear, from both students and staff, the success of the trips that took place during the February half-term. Students who attended the Ski Trip to Austria showed some great **resilience**, with all students making progress with their skiing skills. The students who attended the Consortium Sixth Form trip to New York visited the many of the famous attractions in New York city, including the Central Park and Grand Central Station, Times Square and the 9/11 memorial. These trips will have created memories to last a lifetime; thank you to all involved.

On Thursday of last week, the annual TCAT Learner Conference took place with this year's theme 'Responsibility and Sustainability'. This event saw 45 students from Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College join 300 other students from across The Consortium Academy Trust attend the event at the University of Hull.

### Comic relief - Non-uniform

In support of Comic Relief 2024, students are invited to wear non-uniform on **Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> **March 2024**. For students who wish to participate in this fund-raising event, a donation of £1 is requested per student, which can be donated through the School Shop on the Arbor Parent Portal.

Please note, as students will still be in a working environment, clothing and footwear <u>must</u> remain suitable. False nails, false eyelashes or any additional piercings are not permitted.

### Sports fixtures

Since we have returned from the February half-term, we have already seen some excellent sporting success. This includes:

- Year 9 boys rugby team won 28-8 against Shelley College, Huddersfield
- Year 9 & 10 rugby Sports Leaders supported the primary tag rugby competition where Inmans were crowned champions
- Year 9 boys football team finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the East Riding 7-a-side finals
- KS3 girls dodgeball team crowned East Riding champions
- Hally H, Year 10, through to Champions Cup Semi-Final playing for East Riding SFA U15
- Evie N, Year 9, through to Schools Football Plate final playing for East Riding SFA U14
- Year 8 Boys football team came third in the East Riding 7-a-side final
- Some excellent results from our Year 7, 8 and 10 girls football teams, and Year 10 Netball teams against Beverley Longcroft
- Year 7/8 Football team have progressed to the Humberside Cup Semi-Final

Well done to all students involved, and to those who continue to attend our sporting fixtures and clubs. We are very proud of your continued commitment to represent Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College.

#### **World Book Day**

This week has seen the Masked Reader competition, and the annual Book Bake alongside the designing of book tokens and the 'Big Read' on World Book Day. There were some truly amazing bakes that had taken hours of careful crafting to create.

#### **Northern Gas Maintenance**

We have received confirmation from Northern Gas that the road closure in Hedon is now open.

Baxter Gate will close for a final time between George Street and Fletcher Gate from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

If you have any immediate queries, please contact Northern Gas direct on 0800 040 7766.

### **Key dates**

Key Dates for Spring Term 2	
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
End of Spring Term	3pm, Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
All students return to school	8.30am, Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### **Curriculum Overview**

Please use the following link to view the Curriculum Overview for Spring Term 2 on the website: <u>Curriculum End Points</u> - <u>Holderness Academy</u>. This explains what your child will be learning during this half term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Holder Headteacher