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Dear Parents/Carers,

The **Summer GCSE examination** season has now commenced, with our learners already producing some phenomenal work in the Art practical examinations. On Monday, the core subject examinations begin, starting with English Literature for the entire Year 11 cohort. We would like to wish all our learners the very best as they continue through this important period. We could not be prouder of the maturity, resilience and determination they have shown. Many of our students have stood out not simply by revising to pass, but by practising so that they cannot fail. We have every faith that each one of them will aim to perform at their very best.

Yesterday, we held a **special event** for our Year 11 learners to recognise the tremendous effort and commitment they have shown throughout the examination period so far. As part of a new initiative introduced this year, parents and carers contributed personal messages of encouragement and support which were shared with learners during a surprise lunch. The initiative clearly had a powerful emotional impact on many students and was a wonderful reminder of the strong partnership between home and school. Learners also attended a final assembly featuring recorded messages from staff across the Academy wishing them luck and sharing words of encouragement ahead of the examination season.

Our Performing Arts learners visited **Hull Truck Theatre** to watch *Teachers* by John Godber. Following the performance, learners took part in a Q&A session with the cast. Staff at the theatre commented positively on how well our learners conducted themselves and on the thoughtful and pertinent questions they asked throughout the session.

Sporting success continues to be a major strength of the Academy, with learners achieving success across a range of competitions. Highlights include the Year 8 Boys' Rugby team reaching the East Riding Cup semi-final with a 56–0 victory over Hornsea, Year 7 and 8 Dodgeball teams being crowned East Riding Champions, the KS3 Archery Team becoming East Riding Champions, and the Year 7 Girls' Netball team finishing 3rd at the East Riding Finals. Our Year 7 Boys' Football Team reached the East Riding Plate Final, narrowly losing 1–0 in a closely contested match. In addition, the Academy recently hosted a successful KS1 Cricket Festival for our feeder primary schools, with our Sports Leaders receiving excellent feedback for their leadership and organisation throughout the event.

April was also a busy and exciting month for **Careers at Holderness Academy**. Learners in Years 7 and 8 took part in an engaging workshop delivered by Northern Gas Networks, exploring careers within the energy sector and learning more about the journey towards Net Zero. Some of our Year 9 female learners also participated in a WiME (Women into Manufacturing and Engineering) workshop supported by GEV Wind Power, which included an industry quiz and practical wind turbine design challenge.

Planning is now well underway for our **Year 10 work experience** placements, which begin in just a few weeks' time. This remains an exciting opportunity for learners as they continue to develop their aspirations and prepare for the next stages of their education and future careers.

This week also sees our first **Year 5 Transition Week**, where pupils from our feeder primary schools have been invited to experience a day in the life of a Holderness learner. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

Key Dates	
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 18 th May – Friday 22 nd May
Year 5 Week	Monday 18 th May – Friday 22 nd May
May Half Term	Monday 25 th May- Friday 29 th May
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 1 st June
Year 7 Parents' evening	Thursday 18 th June
Year 6 Transitions days	Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July
Year 10 Taster Day – Wilberforce College	Tuesday 7 th July
Sports Day	Friday 10 th July
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July

As we move further into the summer term, the school continues to be filled with a real buzz of activity, celebration and joy. Alongside examinations and learning, we are also looking ahead to the many opportunities that make this time of year so special, including reward trips, sports days and our upcoming awards evenings. These events provide an important opportunity to recognise the hard work, commitment and achievements of our learners across the year, and we look forward to celebrating their successes together as a school community.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher