



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

SWL/TJ

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

We firmly believe that a child's success at school is a partnership between parents and teachers. Those students that continue to study and learn independently outside of school invariably make better progress than those that don't. While your child is a student at Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College, they will be set homework which will extend their learning. We hope you will support us with this.

We seek to encourage a greater sense of independence in our students, a curiosity for new learning which will create a thirst for new challenges and new experiences.

This is the philosophy behind the LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM booklets which we are sending to all of our Year 7, 8 and 9 families.

These booklets contain a range of learning opportunities, organised by the different subjects that your child will study. These activities are intended to be completed independently with your support. We encourage you to make time to discuss these activities and to plan for your child to complete them.

Teachers will not 'chase' the completion of these tasks and your child will not incur any sanctions if they fail to complete them. That is not the philosophy behind them.

We encourage your child to keep a scrapbook to record their experiences and an exercise book is provided to do so.

These activities have been designed to be completed over the full year. Some of them may take less time than others. There is no deadline.

We encourage your child to bring their scrapbook and booklet into school to show their subject teachers. In exchange for doing so, they will be rewarded for their independent work.

We hope you will support us with this initiative and use these activities as a starting point for creating a desire for independent learning in your child.

If you have any questions regarding the LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM booklets, please contact Mr Harris (Year 7 and 8) or Mr Briggs (Year 9).

Yours sincerely

Mr S Wilson  
Headteacher

Collective Aspirations: Individual Success

