

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Holderness Academy, we often speak about being part of **Team Holderness** and the sense of belonging that comes with becoming a Holderness learner. Over the past week, we have seen that journey begin for our newest cohort as we welcomed **187 Year 6 students** from 28 different feeder primary schools for three days of transition activities and timetabled lessons designed to support their move to secondary education.

Over those three days, Year 6 pupils quickly became Holderness learners. Their behaviour, conduct and enthusiasm were exceptional throughout and they embraced every opportunity with confidence, curiosity and excitement for the future. Perhaps the best summary of the experience came from one learner who, as they prepared to leave at the end of their final day, simply said, "**I'm so excited, I just want September to happen.**"

At the same time, we have been preparing to say goodbye to another exceptional group of young people. Following a wonderful Leavers' Assembly, shirt signing and final farewells, our **Year 11 learners** have now completed their journey with us. We look forward to celebrating with them once more at the prom this evening before welcoming them back on **Results Day on Thursday 20th August**.

The Class of 2026 have been outstanding ambassadors for Holderness Academy and leave us having demonstrated resilience, ambition, humour and kindness in abundance. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success for the future as they take their next steps.

Last Wednesday evening saw us celebrate sporting excellence at our annual **Sports Awards evening**. It was a pleasure to recognise the commitment, determination and success of our talented young athletes across a wide range of sports. A particular highlight of the evening was welcoming back former Holderness learner and Hull FC winger Lewis Martin to present the awards, meet learners and pose for photographs with families. Lewis' journey from Holderness learner to professional rugby league player provided a wonderful source of inspiration for our young people, and we are incredibly grateful to him for helping to make the evening such a memorable occasion.

The sense of community and belonging that defines Team Holderness was perhaps best demonstrated last week through our **Year 7 flash mob in support of Teenage Cancer Trust**. The event held particular significance for our academy community as it was inspired by three of our own Year 7 learners who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or are in remission following treatment. Their courage, resilience and positivity have been an inspiration to us all and provided the motivation behind this very special event. In an extraordinary achievement, 168 Year 7 learners came together to perform the flash mob despite never having rehearsed together as a whole year group prior to the event itself. The result was a truly unforgettable moment and a powerful demonstration of our values of Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness in action.

The story of our learners' kindness has since reached far beyond our school gates, with coverage from BBC Radio Humberside, local press and ITV Calendar helping to share this very special event with communities across the region. Seeing Holderness Academy featured on regional television was a proud moment for everyone connected with our school. Most importantly of all, the event has already **raised an incredible £1,226 for Teenage Cancer Trust**, with donations continuing to rise each day. If you would still like to support this very special cause, donations can still be made through Arbor on your Arbor Parent Portal, under the 'School Shop' section and every contribution, no matter how small, will make a genuine difference to young people and their families facing cancer.

Summer Holiday Information

Looking for something for young people to do this summer? Check out the East Riding's HAF programme here [Holiday activities and food](#).

Please also see the attached leaflet for information provided by East Riding regarding Family Help community drop-in sessions available throughout the summer.

Last day of term

Please note that the academy will close at 1.30pm on Friday 17th July (the last day of term). Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm, with buses departing no later than 1.45pm. Please expect your child home at this earlier time.

Key Dates	
Sports Day	Friday 10 th July
Awards Evening	Thursday 16 th July
Last day of term (<i>academy closes for students at 1.30pm</i>)	Friday 17 th July
Year 11 Results Day	Thursday 20 th August
First day of term	Wednesday 9 th September

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to thank our learners, families, staff and wider community for their continued support. Together, we continue to demonstrate what makes Holderness Academy such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher