

31st March 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of another term, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect, and share with you some of the success stories and achievements of our students.

The students held a charity day for Red Nose Day where the students, and staff, raised an incredible £581 for Comic Relief.

KS4 and KS5 students visited Iceland as part of their Geography course, and then students, parents and staff enjoyed a celebration evening where a film of their trip was shown, and certificates and rewards given out.

KS5 students had the opportunity to spend a day at the law courts to see how law is practiced in real life.

In sport, our teams have achieved some amazing success. Firstly, the KS3 swimming team put on a fantastic display at the East Riding swimming gala at Beverley Leisure Centre. The girls' 4x25 metres freestyle team stormed to victory. In the girls' individual breaststroke Charlotte W won the final with Evie B coming 2nd. Isabel H came 3rd in the girls' front crawl. All students were fantastic on the day giving 100%. Our Year 8 boys' football team has made it through to the East Riding plate final after a dramatic sudden death penalty shootout win against Snaith School. The Year 7 and 8 boys' rugby teams have both advanced to the next round of the Yorkshire plate after respective wins. Year 7s are now in the quarter finals and the Year 8s are in the semi-finals. Our KS3 girls' and boys' dodgeball teams both competed well at the East Riding dodgeball finals.

After learning rugby in their PE lessons, we now have a new girls' rugby club at Holderness Academy. This takes place on Tuesdays after school 3pm-4pm. Student will need their PE kit and boots.

Our first SEN drop in evening, ran by Mrs Ashbridge and her team, started last week with a high turnout. Regular SEN drop in evenings take place each month. Starting after Easter I will also be running a Headteacher surgery where parents and carers will have the opportunity to drop in and raise any issues or queries that they may have with the school. This will run from 4.30pm until 6.45pm on the first Tuesday of each month with the first one taking place on Tuesday 2nd May.

At the start of March, you will have been aware that we received a two-day, section 5 visit from Ofsted. From my perspective I believe that it was a positive visit and the feedback that we received will ensure that our Academy will be in a much better position next time they visit. Our students' conduct and behaviour was amazing over the two-day visit, something noted by the Ofsted inspectors. Students were a credit to the academy and their parents and carers. I will be relaying this message to them in their assemblies during the first week back after Easter. I should receive the Ofsted report within the first two weeks of our return after Easter. I will notify parents and carers in due course and the report will be posted on to the academy website.

We have held four parents' evenings this term which have been hugely successful, with the return of face-to-face parents' evenings. Each evening has seen, on average, 70% of parents and carers attending. This created a huge buzz, especially as it will have been the first time that many KS3 parents will have had the opportunity



to visit the academy. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey on your visits and the positive feedback. We take note of the feedback and areas where we maybe need to improve. We will endeavour to improve on your experiences of these evenings.

You will have seen, at our parents' evenings, that our student council has been conducting an Active Travel Survey. In April, learners from several secondary schools will, as part of their Active Travel Ambassador roles, be pitching their campaign ideas to a panel of industry experts at County Hall, Beverley. The schools are competing to secure funds of £250 to help run their campaigns in school and promote active travel, aiming to change travel behaviours amongst their peers.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful and peaceful break. I look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday 17th April.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Holder', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr N Holder
Headteacher