

21 July 2021



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is customary that I write to all parents and carers at this time of year to set out any major changes that you need to be aware of ahead of the new school year.

In any year, there is always change as we adapt to the external environment and seek to drive our school forward. This year, I was hopeful that I would be able to present a 'back to normal' tone; however, that may well not be the case and I am afraid that there are still many decisions to be made before 7 September comes around.

In this letter, I will set out the changes and adjustments that we have already made for the new school year. In August, I will write to you again, explaining the necessary changes that we will need to make to the school in order to make it as safe as possible for full reopening to students. I expect that letter will reach you on or around Monday 16 August.

### **Return to school - Student Testing**

The Department for Education has recently informed schools that we will be expected to offer Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests for students before they return to school in September. Students will be invited into school to do the test and will then go home, returning to school to begin lessons on a specified date. In order to do this, it will be necessary to stagger the return to school for students in September. The table below shows when students will be offered tests and when they will return to school.

	<b>Tuesday 7 September</b>	<b>Wednesday 8 September</b>	<b>Thursday 9 September</b>	<b>Friday 10 September</b>
<b>LFD Testing</b>	Year 7, 12 and 13 <b>Test 1</b>	Year 10 and 11 <b>Test 1</b>	Year 8 and 9 <b>Test 1</b>	
<b>Return to School</b>		Year 7 and 12	Year 10, 11 and 13	Year 8 and 9

Prior to booking a slot, we will need to collect consent from parents to enable us to offer your child these tests. Over 85% of parents provided their consent for the first round of testing before the wider return in March and we would ask you all to complete the consent form, that will be sent to you in the form of an emailed link later today, to allow testing for the return in September.

Explorer • Scholar • Leader • Collaborator



## The School Day

Regardless of the dates on which students return, I can confirm that we will revert to our pre-Covid structure of the school day which is shown below. Tutor period begins at 8.35am and all students are therefore expected to be on site by 8.30am. Arrival after this time will be considered late. The school day finishes for all students at 3.00pm.

Timing	Activity
08.35	Tutor Period
08.55 – 09.55	Period 1
10.00 – 11.00	Period 2
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.20 – 12.20	Period 3
12.20 – 12.50	Lunch
12.55 – 13.55	Period 4
14.00 – 15.00	Period 5
15.10	School Buses depart

## Key dates

Please see below some key dates for the- 2021/2022 academic year. Also attached (as a separate document) is an overview of the term dates for 2021/2022.

Date	Event
September 2021	Phased return & LFD Testing – see page 1 of this letter
Friday 17 September 2021	School Photographs (Years 7 & 11 individual & groups; Year 9 individual)
Wednesday 6 October 2021	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
Wednesday 13 October 2021	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 22 October 2021	<b>Academy closed</b> to students
Thursday 4 November 2021	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 11 November 2021	Year 7 Settling in Evening
Wednesday 24 November 2021	Immunisations Years 7 – 11 (Flu)
Thursday 2 December 2021	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
Friday 10 December 2021	<b>Academy closed</b> to students
Wednesday 15 December 2021	St Augustine's Christmas Church Service (6pm-7pm)
Friday 17 December 2021	Last day of autumn term – <b>Academy closes at 2pm</b>
Wednesday 5 January 2022	First day of Spring term – Academy reopens to all students
Thursday 6 January 2022	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 January 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 February 2022	Year 9 Pathways Evening
Friday 18 February 2022	Year 11 Mock Interview day ( <b>Academy closed to all other Year groups</b> )
Thursday 17 March 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 31 March 2022	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 2 May 2022	Bank Holiday – <b>Academy closed</b>
Thursday 5 May 2022	Year 7 Parents' Evening
W/C Monday 23 May 2022	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 15 July 2022	Sports Day
Friday 22 July 2022	End of summer term – <b>Academy closes at 2pm</b>

## **Bus Routes and Timetable**

Details of our academy bus services can be found on our [website](#). Please note that, with effect from September 2021 there will be minor changes to some routes; please click [here](#) to view all 2021/2022 bus service timetables.

## **School Uniform**

Thank you for your support in ensuring high standards of uniform are maintained throughout the year. Please see our uniform policy [here](#).

## **Mobile Phones**

Our policy on mobile phones and other devices remains the same as in previous years. Students are permitted to bring them to school. However, between 8.30am and 3pm, they must be 'Off and Away'. This has proved to be very successful in recent years and students have found many other activities to do instead of using their phones. The sight of students reading and chatting with their friends has been great to see. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

As we bring the curtain down on another school year that has been heavily impacted by Covid-19, I would like to thank you for your support. The Covid-19 situation draws many different opinions across a wide spectrum and it has been extremely difficult to make decisions that please everyone. Nevertheless, we have always appreciated your support. Thank you.

I hope that you and your family can enjoy a peaceful, safe and relaxing summer and I very much look forward to September, welcoming back our students and young people and continuing to support our families in the best possible way.

Take care and have an enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Wilson  
Headteacher