

26th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As another half term draws to a close, I wanted to share with you the continued successes and achievements of our students, whilst also looking ahead to the final half term of the school year.

Firstly, from a whole academy perspective, we received the final draft of our Ofsted report. Overall, I think the report is fair; whilst acknowledging that the academy is still requiring further improvement, it was encouraging to see that our students came across as polite and respectful, that they feel safe and their behaviour in lessons and around the academy was judged as 'Good'. These are strong foundations to build upon and I can assure you that we will be working tirelessly to address the areas of improvement to ensure every student at Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College receives a first-class education and leaves prepared for a fulfilling, happy and successful life.

This half term has been a very busy and successful period for our students. On the sporting front, our students have excelled yet again. Our Year 7 boys rugby team won the East Riding Plate, putting on a fantastic performance yesterday, beating Beverley Grammar 42-12 to lift the East Riding Cup. Our Year 8 Boys were also the Football East Riding Plate Winners after a fantastic 2-1 victory against Market Weighton School.

Three of our Year 9 girls Hallie, Amelia and Tilly represented East Riding School Girls in the National Cup Final vs Sefton Schools. They finished on the losing side 3-0 but it was an amazing experience for them to play at Stoke City's ground. Good luck to Year 8 student Evie who has a final for East Riding at Stoke City's ground coming up. Congratulations also go to our Year 9 student Jessica who is the Yorkshire gymnastic artistic champion.

Congratulations to Ryan in Year 7 who won a competition to design a Coronation Card for the King. His design was picked out from the Year 7 to 9 group and his card will be sent out to the King and Queen. Ryan was presented with a framed copy of his design by the Lord Lieutenant of East Riding and the Mayor of Hedon.

Nine of our Y8 student Active Travel Ambassadors attended Beverley County Hall and won £250, which was then matched with further funding by East Riding County Council. This money will go toward our bikeability project, Park and Stride day.

This week has seen our Year 10 students participate in their work experience week. 86% of our students have attended work experience placements, this is up from 60% last year, a great improvement.

Finally, can I remind parents and carers that the next Headteacher surgery will take place on Tuesday 6th June (4.30pm until 6.45pm). I am looking forward to meeting you.

A reminder that the academy will be moving to Arbor payments over half term. School Gateway accounts have now closed. All balances on Gateway accounts will be transferred and will be accessible via your Arbor account towards the end of next week.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families an enjoyable half term. I look forward to welcoming all students back to the academy on Monday 5th June.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr N Holder
Headteacher