

17th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, the final week at Holderness Academy has provided a fitting celebration of everything our students have achieved over the past twelve months.

Throughout the week, students have enjoyed a variety of enrichment and reward experiences. Trips to **Dalby Forest, Big Fun** and **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** have been fantastic opportunities for our young people to spend time with their friends, experience new environments and create lasting memories as we bring the year to a close.

We have also continued to recognise and celebrate student success through our rewards programme. It has been wonderful to see so many students acknowledged for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year, exemplifying our values of being **Aspirational, Resilient, Respectful and Kind**.

Our staff have also embraced the end-of-year spirit, with the annual **staff rounders match** once again proving to be an enjoyable occasion that highlighted the strong sense of community which exists across the academy.

The crescendo of the week was undoubtedly our **Academic Awards Evening**, held last night. It was a marvellous event and a wonderful celebration of excellence, recognising students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement, effort and determination throughout the year. Seeing students, families and staff come together to celebrate these successes was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through hard work and perseverance.

As we reflect on the year, there is so much to celebrate. From successes in the classroom to achievements in sport, the performing arts, leadership opportunities, educational visits, personal development activities and community events, our students have embraced every opportunity available to them. They have consistently demonstrated the values that define Holderness Academy and have made us immensely proud.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school is essential to our success, and we greatly appreciate your encouragement and commitment. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts ensure that our students receive the very best educational experience every day.

Most importantly, I would like to thank our students. Your enthusiasm, resilience and ambition have made this another fantastic year for Holderness Academy.

As we break for the summer, I hope all members of our community have the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. There is much to look forward to in the new academic year, and we are excited to welcome our students back in September for another successful chapter in the life of Holderness Academy.

Before the end of term, I would also like to draw parents' and carers' attention to some **important transport updates for September**. An additional letter regarding the academy's late bus routes is attached. In addition, East Riding school bus routes will commence five minutes earlier across all routes from September. The [East Riding website](#) will be updated in due course, and we encourage families who use school transport to review the information carefully and make any necessary arrangements before the start of the new academic year.

Summer Activities

From 25th June until 1st September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, an **attraction finder** website has been launched which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Please also use the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) link below to book on to a variety of summer activities in the local area throughout the summer: [Holiday activities and food](#)

Key Dates	
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 (<i>all students return to the Academy</i>)	Wednesday 9 th September
Y11 Steps 2 Success	Wednesday 16 th September
Year 5/6 Open Evening	24 th September

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 9th September.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher-