

19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As another academic year comes to a close, we look back to reflect on many highlights of the year. These include the opening of the new Academy gym, gaining Rainbow Flag status, our Academy Awards evening, many wonderful trips and educational visits, students helping their community and several sporting successes.

We look ahead to the new academic year in September with excitement. We start by welcoming our new Year 7 cohort into the academy, followed by our 'Welcome to Year 11' evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. October will see the opening of our new Technology Department, which will be relocated in the very heart of the academy and will provide the most up to date technology as well as the perfect backdrop to celebrate the fantastically creative work our learners produce.

### **Summer Examinations**

GCSEs, A levels and our Y10 CAEs are now complete. We are proud of how our learners have conducted themselves and the aspiration they have shown, and look forward to sharing their success this summer. A reminder that A Level results day is the 15<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE's the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please see separate letters previously sent to Y11 and Y13 students, and their parents/carers, for more information.

### **Year 11 Summer Ball and Celebration Assembly**

The Summer Ball and the Celebration Assembly is always something we look forward to. Our students looked spectacular on the evening, and it was with great pride we received praise from our hosts at the MKM stadium for their conduct.

### **Transition Days and Welcome Evening (Y6 into Y7)**

It was a joy to welcome our new Holderness Learners and see them immersing themselves in the routines and expectations of a new school. The welcome evening was one of the busiest we have ever seen. We look forward to our new Year 7 students joining us in September.

### **Sports Day and Active Travel Day**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July saw our sports day take place unhindered by any rain. The day began with our Active Travel event which saw prizes, smoothies and sweets celebrating learners being active and reducing pollution on site.

Our learners' behaviour was fantastic; there was superb teamwork and many exceptional individual performances. Thank you to our PE team for a great day!

### **Key Stage 3 Careers Fair**

Our Careers Fair for Y7 and Y8 took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Students learned about a variety of career pathways and explored their future career options. The event was supported by several companies, including Centrica, Swift, Yunex Traffic and Humberside Fire & Rescue, to name a few. The learners were praised for their independence during the fair. This was an enriching and meaningful event that allowed students to explore different opportunities and future pathways.

## **Trips, Visits and Events**

Our Battlefields Trip 2024 saw students from Y9-12 travel to Belgium, paying their respects and learning about their heritage, whilst our creative students enjoyed a visit to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

Thank you to Cranswick Foods for supporting our Dragons' Den event during which students pitched their new food ideas.

Our talented performers put on an amazing showcase with an audience in attendance of over sixty who enjoyed a range of musical hits from well-loved shows.

Six of our students who worked with Revolution to build three bikes donated them this week to Dove House Hospice, Ruben's Voice and LimbBo; these will be raffled at events over the summer to raise money for each charity.

We thank everyone in our academy community for donating preloved uniform items. Items will be delivered to the British Red Cross in Hedon as part of our Unicycle initiative. Please continue to donate directly to British Red Cross.

## **Sporting Achievements**

Our students continue to showcase their hard work and resilience in their sporting achievements:

### **Rugby**

In June we saw a fantastic performance from our Year 7 boys' rugby team in the East Riding cup final. Whilst resulting in an unfortunate 14-10 loss, the boys played well and should be proud of their efforts.

Our Year 8 boys' rugby team also put on an impressive display at a national 9 a side competition in Warrington. The boys played some excellent rugby, remaining unbeaten all day, retaining the winner's trophy they won last year.

### **Rounders**

The summer season has seen some excellent performances from our Year 7 – 10 girls' rounders teams, with our Year 7 & 8 teams continuing to improve their hits and tactical fielding, our Year 9 team finishing third in their end of season finale, and our Year 10 team reaching fifth place overall in their end of season tournament.

### **Athletics**

Our Year 7 boys' and Year 8/9 girls' team both finished as runners up at the Humberside Athletics Championships in June, with an outstanding effort from everyone in both teams to finish second in the county.

On Monday we saw 42 of our students attend the East Riding Athletics Championships, with a fantastic effort from all involved. Charlie D remained the champion of the 1500m race for the third time, and our Year 7 students Zak A and Scarlett S champions of the Year 7 boys' long jump and Year 7 girls' 100m respectively.

### **Softball**

The start of July saw a fantastic effort from our KS3 boys' softball team, who finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall at the East Riding softball finals.

### **Sports Leaders events**

A well done, and thank you, to our Sports Leaders who have helped run the primary and secondary events this half term.

### **Champions Cup**

Outside of the academy fixtures, our Year 9 student Evie N helped her East Riding football team to win the Champions cup final against Swansea. Huge congratulations to Evie and her team!

## **Staffing**

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Fisher, Miss Allen, Mrs Havercroft, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Wiles, Mr Tyson, and Mr Lowery. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Bartlett (Humanities) and pleased to be sharing that Mr Foster will

be joining the Academy's Humanities Department on a permanent basis while also taking up the role of Progress Leader for Year 9.

### Pastoral Managers & Progress Leaders

Year 7: Mrs Oglesby & Mrs Painter

Year 8: Miss Oliver & Mrs Painter

Year 9: Miss Meek & Mr Foster

Year 10: Miss Gale & Mr Brattan

Year 11: Miss Deyes & Mr Tupai

### Form Tutor updates

Current Form Teacher	New Form Teacher
Miss Metcalfe	Mrs Prate
Miss Wiles	Please see separate communication from Miss Gale
Mr Foster	Miss Vaikovska

### Key Stage 3 and 4 Summer Tutoring

Summer break is a great time for children to relax and recharge, but it can also be a good opportunity to prevent learning loss. We are pleased to announce that we can offer a limited number of summer tutoring sessions to help students maintain their academic progress and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Summer Tutoring will be provided by Pearsons Tutoring, with learners tutored online in groups of 3 by trained subject tutors. There will be a choice of subjects for both KS3 and KS4, namely: English, Maths and Science. If you would like your child to enrol for this tutoring, please complete the Microsoft Form via the link below by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bF8XEsHmw7>

If you have any questions or queries regarding Summer Tutoring, please contact Mr Wobbaka directly by email on wobbakad@holderness.academy.

### CRY Heart Screening Event

We are pleased to be hosting a heart screening for 14–35 year-olds on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. This is organised alongside the Daniel Wilkinson Foundation and is ran by the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). We are absolutely delighted that all 100 of our available cardiac screening appointments have been booked.

We would like to thank Ruby W for the time and effort she has put into supporting this event and mention how proud we are that she had the courage to stand in front of her peers in an assembly to speak about the Daniel Wilkinson Foundation and the importance of heart screenings. Well done, Ruby!

### Policies

Please look out for a further email next week with a link to 3 updated academy policies. These will also be available to view on our website.

Key Dates	
Academy closes at 1.30pm for all students	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
CRY Heart Screening event	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
A Level Results Day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024
Academy reopens to Year 7 and Year 11 students	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Academy reopens to all students	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

Year 11 Parents Evening – Steps 2 Success	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Year 6 Open Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Academy closed to all students	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
October Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Academy reopens to all students	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

Finally, can I wish you and your families a lovely, safe, and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to seeing our Year 7 and Year 11 students return to the Academy on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 8.30am, and all other year groups on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher