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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

It has been fantastic to see all our students returning to school this month and looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and displaying exemplary standards of conduct. From day one, our students have been working hard in their lessons. We are extremely proud of them and excited to work together over the coming months.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our first Year 11 Steps to Success Evening – the second of which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12th December. We were also delighted to have hosted our Open Evening for current Year 6 students and their parents/carers, where we had in excess of 60 of our current students volunteer to support the during the course of the evening – all of whom conducted themselves impeccably in displaying our ARRK values whilst interacting with prospective students and their families.

Year 7 & Year 11 Photographs

The Year 7 & Year 11 individual and tutor group photographs will be taking place in school on **Wednesday 2nd October**. To be included in the group photograph, 'External Publicity' consent must be provided. To check or amend this permission, please log on to your Arbor Parent Portal. Alternatively, if you do not wish to provide consent but would like your child to be involved in this as a one-off event, please email your consent to <u>data@holderness.academy</u> before 9am on Monday 30th September.

Year 11 P6 Intervention Lessons

Thank you to everyone who signed up to the P6 lessons, the response and parental support has been overwhelming. P6 lessons were assigned based on a combination of student prior performance in subjects and the subject identified as being of high importance during signup. The P6 lessons will begin on Monday 30th September and will be reviewed each term so the data used is most relevant.

Some subjects still have spaces so if you missed the deadline, please contact <u>office@holderness.academy</u> with the days (Monday-Wednesday) your child would like to commit to and up to 3 subjects of personal importance for their career pathway.

Sporting Fixtures

Despite still being in the first month of the academic year, we have already seen many of our sports teams proudly representing the school and some great results. These include:

Primary Football Event - Our first cluster primary event for this academy year was a football tournament held at Holderness Academy. Well done to all teams who took part, and a thank you to our Sports Leaders for their support at the event.

Year 8 Boys' Football - The first game this academic year was our Year 8 boys' football team who advanced into the next round of the National Cup after beating Humberston Academy. The boys won a thrilling penalty shoot-out 5-4 after the game finished 0-0 in a tight close match.

Year 8 Boys' Rugby - Our Year 8 boys' rugby team debuted the new Holderness Academy rugby kit, and continued to improve their game, with a close match against Winifred Holtby 24-22. The boys hard work paid off with some great attacking and tries scored. Man of the match went to Lewis S, Albie D + Charlie D. Well done all!

Year 10 Boys' Rugby – We have seen both a fantastic win and an unfortunate loss for our Year 10 boys' rugby team so far this year. The first game of the season resulted in a 42-14 win against Hessle High School, with the second game a 26-12 defeat against Kelvin Hall. The boys' showed great character in both games, completing sets and working hard in defence.

Year 10 Boys' Football - Congratulations to our Year 10 boys' football team who won a 10-goal thriller with a 6-4 victory over Kingswood Academy to advance in the National cup. Bobby C scored a hat-trick with Matty R, Matty H and Jamie R scoring a goal each.

Afterschool Clubs

A reminder that our after-school clubs' timetable can be found here.

Active Travel Survey

Please find attached a flyer which includes a link to a Bikeability & Modeshift Active Travel survey. This information can help develop an understanding of our local needs and support ensuring our provision is bespoke to our learners in terms of road safety, wellbeing and travel. It also offers an opportunity to win one of twenty £50 Amazon gift cards!

Some key dates for the current term are detailed below. Please also see additional dates on the attached separate sheet for the list of wellbeing and SENDCo surgeries that will run through the 2024/2025 academic year.

| Key Dates for Autumn Term | |
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| Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening | Thursday 17 th October |
| Academy closed to students | Friday 25 th October |
| Half Term | Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November |
| Academy reopens to all students | Monday 4 th November |
| Year 11 Steps to Success Evening | Thursday 12 th December |
| Church Service | Wednesday 18 th December |
| End of Term (Christmas Break) | Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January |

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Holder Headteacher