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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was fantastic to welcome our students back last week, ready to continue learning and enjoy the last half term of this academic year. Below are some recent academy highlights and news along with details of upcoming events.

Exams

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 – 13 students as they progress through this year's summer exam season. The exam season continues next week for some of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who have exams remaining. Next week will also see our Year 10 students commence their CAE's.

Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday 6th June 2024. It was a brilliant success, and, in total we sold £549.32 worth of books for Scholastic. As a result of this, we have raised £219.73 to spend on books that we can keep in our school library. It was lovely to see our students so engaged with the books available to purchase, and we are very impressed with the respect and aspiration they have displayed during this event. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Build a Bike

Six of our students have built three bikes with the support of engineers from Revolution; the students have decided to gift these bikes to charities close to our community: Dove House, Ruben's Voice and Limbo.

Active Travel Day

Our Active Travel Ambassadors continue to work to reduce the number of cars on site and increase the number of learners walking, biking, or travelling by bus to school. They ask if parents consider if they need to drive their children to school and, if they do, that they try to car share with other learners or drop students off at Station Carpark so learners can walk on to the site.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 5th July 2024. More information on this event will be shared with parents/carers and students in due course.

Sporting achievements

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

- **Year 7 Rugby** – The East Riding Cup final saw an excellent performance from our Year 7 boys rugby team. Unfortunately resulting in a 14-10 loss, the boys played amazingly well and should be proud of their efforts!
- **Year 9 Rugby** – A fantastic performance from the Year 9 boys rugby team in a thrilling Yorkshire plate Semi Final against St. Mary's. Whilst the game resulted in a 38-32 defeat, the boys played well and rallied back from 16-0 early on. Well done all!
- **Athletics** – Well done to all students who competed in the Humberside Athletics Championships. It was amazing to see all students give 100% in the events they competed in. We also saw four students crowned Humberside Athletics champions following the event:
 - Demi L - Y8 girls' 800m
 - Charlie D - Y7 boys' 1500m
 - Oliver N - Y7 boys' shot putt
 - Zak A - Y7 boys' long jump

National UK increase in Whooping Cough case

The UK is experiencing a significant increase in the number of outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) in educational settings with 2793 confirmed cases during the first quarter of 2024. Just over half the cases (51%) were in people of 15 years or older. The UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) has published [Guidelines for pertussis outbreaks in nurseries and educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidelines-for-pertussis-outbreaks-in-nurseries-and-educational-settings). Whooping cough is a bacterial infection of the lungs and breathing tubes. It is very easily spread and can lead to serious health problems. It is treated by antibiotics. Vaccination is the best defence. The cough may last for several weeks or months.

How to spot it:

The first signs of whooping cough are similar to a cold, e.g., a runny nose and sore throat. A high temperature is uncommon. After about a week, an affected individual:

- Will get coughing bouts that last for a few minutes and are worse at night.
- May make a "whoop" sound which is a gasp for breath between coughs; young babies and some adults may not "whoop".
- May have difficulty breathing after a coughing bout and infants may turn blue or grey.
- May bring up a thick mucus, which can make them vomit.
- May become very red in the face; this is more common in adults.

East Riding joins 'Check. Think. Report.' campaign to guide parents during child disappearances

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is supporting the 'Check. Think. Report.' campaign, as it launched across Europe on International Missing Children's Day (Tuesday 21st May). Please see the link below for further information:

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CRY Heart Screening Event

We are pleased to be hosting a heart screening for 14-35 year olds on Tuesday 30th July 2024. This is organised alongside the Daniel Wilkinson Foundation and is ran by the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). More information will be shared regarding this in due course.

Key Dates for Summer Term 2	
Wellbeing Surgery (3pm – 5pm)	Monday 24 th June 2024
Year 6 Transition	Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July 2024
Sports Day and Active Travel Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
SENDCo Surgery (2pm – 4.40pm)	Monday 8 th July 2024
KS3 Careers Fair	Tuesday 9 th July 2024
Academy Awards Evening	Wednesday 10 th July 2024
Academy closes at 1.30pm for all students	Friday 19 th July 2024
CRY Heart Screening event	Tuesday 30 th July 2024
Academy reopens to Year 7, 11 & 12 students	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Academy reopens to all students	Thursday 5 th September 2024

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher