

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the final half term of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the successes and developments at Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College and look ahead to the exciting events still to come.

Firstly, I am delighted to welcome three new colleagues to our community this half term. Mrs Warnes joins us as our new Lead Teacher of Performing Arts and brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for music and performance that I am confident will inspire our learners. We are also pleased to be welcoming Mrs Carlilse, Director of Maths, and Mr Harness, Art Technician next week.

This half term marks an important milestone for many of our learners as we draw a close to the GCSE examination period. Our Year 11 learners have approached this challenging time with resilience and determination, and we are incredibly proud of them. We now look forward to celebrating their journey through the academy with the much-awaited Leavers' Assembly and Summer Ball – both special events that will allow us to come together and recognise their hard work and achievements.

We also bid a fond farewell to our Year 13 learners. As they prepare for the next steps in their journey, we look forward to marking the end of their time at Holderness with a well-deserved leavers' party – a moment of celebration and reflection as they move on to exciting new opportunities.

Good luck to our Year 10 learners who will begin their CAEs next week. This will provide our Year 10s with an opportunity to experience the exam environment ahead of their final year next year. I am confident that they will approach the CAEs with our Holderness values at the forefront. I look forward to seeing them build on their progress over the next academic year.

### **Holderness Academy Sporting Updates**

May and June have started strong for the sporting teams at Holderness with our Year 11 girls beating Beverley High in their final rounder's tournament. We extend huge congratulations to the Year 9 boys rugby team who march into the Yorkshire Plate semi-finals after a dominant display against Beverley Grammar. An amazing evening in glorious sunshine saw the Y7-10 girls rounders teams play their first matches of the year away to Driffild. All the teams played fantastically well with some exceptional rounders scored. Our Y7 boys' rugby teams incredible form continues with a solid 22-6 win over Beverley Grammar! Outstanding in defence and slick in attack – next up, Wolfreton in the semi-final, and, we are proud to host our first ever Holderness Academy Sports Awards Evening on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **REMINDER: Catering Service Provider**

We will be moving to a new catering service provider for the new academic year. The new provider is Caterlink, and they already work in a number of local schools. Further communications will be sent as the academic year draws to a close but for the remainder of term 3, we request that parents and carers check their balances on Arbor and only add funds sufficient for the rest of the term.

### School uniform

As we approach the end of academic year, we appreciate that many students will have outgrown various school uniform items, and that parents will be looking to make uniform purchases ahead of September 2025. Please do consider purchasing preloved uniform items from the Red Cross Charity Shop in Hedon as well as from our dedicated school uniform provider, [Steady Schoolwear](#).

Additionally, should you have any unrequired uniform items that are in good condition please also consider dropping these into the Red Cross shop in Hedon. Alternatively, these items can be deposited into the dedicated labelled container which will be outside of the school building from Monday 16th June.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates for Summer Term 2	
Year 6 Transition Days	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
Year 6 'Welcome' Evening	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025
Sports Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Year 13 A Level Results Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Year 11 GCSE Results Day	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2025
Academy reopens to new Year 7 & Year 11 students	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Academy reopens to all students	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Year 5 & 6 Open Evening	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

As always, I thank you for your continued support of the academy and our learners. We remain committed to our shared values of aspiration, respect, resilience, and kindness, and I look forward to all that this final half term holds.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher