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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of a tremendously busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the many highlights that demonstrate the strength of our school community and our shared values of **aspiration, respect, resilience and kindness**.

We are delighted to share that our **Active Travel Ambassadors** were recently announced overall winners at County Hall following their presentation on promoting active and sustainable travel. Our students spoke with confidence, passion and maturity, demonstrating the very best of our school values. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects both their commitment to making a positive difference in our community and the strength of student leadership across the academy. We are incredibly proud of them.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 60 Year 9 students had the important opportunity, through Testimony 360, to use virtual reality technology to explore the Holocaust and engage with this deeply significant period of history in a powerful and immersive way. Students experienced the testimony of Manfred Goldberg MBE and explored key sites linked to his experiences, enabling them to develop a deeper understanding of the human impact of the Holocaust. The session prompted thoughtful reflection, empathy and respectful discussion, with students demonstrating maturity well beyond their years. They upheld our values of aspiration, respect, resilience and kindness throughout and were highly praised by the Holocaust Educational Trust for their insightful questions and impeccable conduct.

We were delighted to celebrate **World Book Day** in school with a fantastic bake sale that showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of our students. From imaginative book-themed treats to a wide range of delicious cakes, it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved and sharing their love of reading. The event raised £112 for new library books, further supporting reading across the school. A huge well done to everyone who baked, bought and supported the event, helping to make it such a success.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our school community came together to support others through both **Comic Relief** and **World Down Syndrome Day**. Through a non-uniform day, we raised an impressive £481 for Comic Relief, reflecting the generosity and kindness of our students and staff. In addition, students showed great compassion and inclusivity in supporting World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd socks to celebrate difference. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Dylan in Year 10 and his brother, who organised a hugely popular chocolate tombola, we raised £283.72 for Downright Special. These events were a powerful reflection of our values of kindness and respect in action.

We were delighted to see our students take part in an incredible **Inspiration Day** organised by Tigers Trust at Bishop Burton College. The day provided a wealth of enriching experiences, including hearing from record-breaking rower Miriam Payne, taking part in a Hull Truck drama workshop, exploring the college's animals and even stepping inside a real fire engine with Humberside Fire & Rescue. It was a day full of motivation, hands-on learning and unforgettable memories, which truly supported our students in raising their aspirations, building confidence and embracing new opportunities beyond the classroom.

We were also pleased to provide 60 Year 9 and 10 Social Science students with the opportunity to explore issues of crime and punishment through a visit to **Sheffield Magistrates' Court**. Following a tour of the building, students met with judges and court personnel, gaining a fascinating insight into the workings of the criminal justice system and potential future career pathways. They then took on the roles of barristers, solicitors and members of the judiciary, participating in a mock trial based on real cases. This was a highly engaging and thought-provoking experience, which supported students in developing their understanding, confidence and aspiration for future careers.

It has been another successful period for sport at the Academy, with students demonstrating resilience, teamwork and pride. Our **Year 7 girls' netball team** achieved an excellent 3rd place at the East Riding Finals, remaining unbeaten in the group stages, while the **Year 8 boys' football team** performed strongly in a closely contested Humberside Cup semi-final. Our **Year 11 boys** also represented the school with commitment in their final fixture, concluding five years of participation with pride. We are particularly delighted to celebrate our **KS3 archery team**, who were crowned East Riding Champions, with many students competing for the first time and showing aspiration and confidence in trying something new.

As we reach the end of term, we have also enjoyed taking part in the **Big Walk and Wheel** initiative, encouraging students to travel to school in healthier and more sustainable ways. Led by our Active Travel Ambassadors, it has been fantastic to see so many students choosing to walk, cycle or scoot, supporting both their wellbeing and the environment. We are especially looking forward to ending this initiative with our **"Trainer Day"**, organised by the Year 10 Council, where students are invited to wear trainers and donate £1 in support of *Breast Cancer Now (Tickled Pink)*. This provides a wonderful opportunity to combine active lifestyles with kindness and community spirit.

To celebrate the end of this packed half term, we also held a **Rewards Silent Disco** for each year group today (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March). Over 500 students were present due to excellent behaviour and 100% attendance! We have had a fantastic day celebrating their success together.

Looking ahead, on **22<sup>nd</sup> April** we are excited to host our **Variety Performance**—an evening of singing, dancing and acting that showcases the incredible talents of our students. Doors open at 4:45pm, with the show starting at 5:00pm, and tickets are available via Arbor. The event celebrates aspiration, courage and teamwork within the performing arts, featuring our vocal group, soloists, bands, drama performers and dancers. We look forward to seeing our young people shine on stage.

The daffodils previously planted by our students and staff to raise funds for **Marie Curie** are now looking resplendent at the front of the school. They serve as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when our community comes together with a shared purpose, reflecting our values of kindness and respect. It is wonderful to see this lasting impact and the sense of pride it brings to our school environment.

You can view photos of these events and more on our Instagram page, celebrating the breadth of opportunities available to our students.

We wish all our students travelling to London for the **annual Art trip** a wonderful time, and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to school after the Easter break.

Please refer to the final page of this letter for key dates to add to your diary ahead of the summer term. These dates include key points in the school calendar, and we encourage you to take a moment to review them so you can stay informed.

Key Dates	
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
Academy reopens to all students	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday (Academy closed)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 11 GCSEs commence	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
May Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 7 Parents' evening	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Transitions days	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Last day of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and restful Easter.

Yours faithfully,



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