

6th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy and positive fortnight across the academy, with many opportunities for our learners to develop their knowledge, confidence and skills - both in and beyond the classroom.

It was a fantastic turnout for the Year 9 **Parents' Evening** on Thursday 5th March. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging so positively with staff and supporting their children's progress. A special thank you goes to our brilliant student helpers, who warmly welcomed parents, answered questions, and guided visitors around the academy throughout the evening. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were truly appreciated. We now look forward to welcoming families once again for the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th March.

We ended this week with a fantastic celebration of **World Book Day**, bringing our academy community together through a shared love of reading. Across the week, students took part in a "Guess the Book" competition during form time, guessing book titles from emojis and zoomed-in images of book covers. On Thursday 5th March, students enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate the day, including a shared reading of *The Landlady* by Roald Dahl, a screen takeover across the academy featuring staff sharing their favourite books and recommendations for "World Book Day Best Reads," and an impressive "Books and Bakes" sale hosted by our Year 7 Reading Ambassadors. Together, we raised £112 to spend on new books for our school library. We would like to thank all students, parents/carers, and staff who baked, donated books, and supported the event. It was wonderful to see reading conversations taking place across the school and to celebrate literacy in such an engaging way.

Our **Year 10 Bake Off competition** was another highlight. Students have been learning a range of cake-making methods and used the competition to showcase their creativity and developing skills. The standard was incredibly high, with some fantastic designs and flavours on display. Mr Fuller kindly judged the entries and, while it was certainly a difficult task, it was also a rather enjoyable one as he sampled so many fantastic bakes. Prizes were awarded for appearance, taste and the cake that left him saying he would "love a second slice".

Fourteen Year 11 students travelled to York to take part in the **Higher-Level Maths Achievement Programme** at the National STEM Learning Centre. The day focused on challenging topics including vectors, compound measures, cumulative frequency and histograms, supporting students working towards grades 7–9 at GCSE. The organisers were particularly complimentary about the conduct and engagement of our students throughout the day.

Students across the academy also took part in the **UK Youth Parliament vote**, learning about democracy and the importance of having their voices heard.

National Careers Week was marked with assemblies from the University of Hull and Cranswick Foods, tutor time discussions about different careers and staff sharing their own career journeys through displays around the academy. Year 11 students also took part in further interviews with Wyke College as they prepare for their next steps.

On Wednesday, 32 students and five staff members took part in a **Life Skills trip into Hull**, travelling by bus from Hedon into the city centre. Students explored the marina, visited Hull Minster and took part in a guided tour of the fishing heritage exhibition before independently purchasing their lunch. The day provided valuable opportunities for students to develop confidence, independence and important life skills.

It has also been another excellent fortnight for **sport**. The Year 7 boys football team showed great resilience to come back from 2–0 down at half time to beat Howden 4–2 and reach the East Riding Plate final. The Year 10 girls produced a strong performance in their Humberside Cup semi-final against Hornsea, with the game level until the final five minutes. The Year 7 girls also secured a 3–2 victory against Kelvin Hall. Meanwhile our Year 7 and 8 teams were crowned **East Riding Dodgeball Champions**, and we were delighted to host our Cluster Primary School Tag Rugby Tournament on the 3G. A special thank you goes to our fantastic Sports Leaders from Years 7–10 who officiated the matches and were praised for their organisation and leadership.

Our academy attendance currently stands at **93.2%**, which is around **2% above the regional average and 1% above the national average**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the resilience and commitment of our students and families. However, we remain ambitious and continue to work towards our target of **96% attendance**. Parents and carers can monitor attendance through the **Arbor app** or the tracker in their child's planner. If you would like support with improving your child's attendance, please contact the relevant **Pastoral Manager**.

Upcoming events with the East Yorkshire Parent/Carer Forum (EYPCF)

Please see details of the upcoming events with the EYPCF below:

- Tuesday 10th March - Cuppa and Chat: Hornsea (10am – 11.30am)
<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2078978>
- Wednesday 11th March – Cuppa and Chat: Bridlington (11.30am – 1pm)
<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2035327>
- Wednesday 18th March – Brunch Club: Patrington (10am – 12pm)
<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2085836>
- Tuesday 24th March – Cuppa and Chat: Beverley (10am – 12pm)
<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2035258>
- Wednesday 25th March – Cuppa and Chat: Gilberdyke (11am – 12pm)
<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2035419>

Finally, a small sign that spring is on its way — **our ducks have returned for the summer**, much to the excitement of students and staff!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Key Dates	
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 12 th March
Year 11 Steps to Success Evening	Thursday 26 th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April
Academy reopens to all students	Monday 13 th April

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher