

10th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoyed the half term. It has been great to see our learners return to school fully refreshed. A positive start has been made by all with more than 21,000 positive points being awarded.

Prior to the half term, our Year 8 students held a bake sale for Diabetes UK. Funds have now been counted and I am delighted to report that students raised an amazing £130!

The half term break gave time for the site team to continue the work in the gym including the knocking down of walls to make more space for the new equipment. This week sees the equipment being assembled and the new suite starting to take shape.

This week there has been a focus on our value of respect as we have looked at the history and inspiration behind Remembrance Day and the poppy appeal. We are proud that some of our students will, once again, represent our academy and mark their respect by taking part in the parade, ceremony and laying of the wreaths in Hedon on Sunday, this year with our new Holderness Academy ceremonial flag.

Our Year 11s continue their hard work and commitment to completing their centre assessed exams, and as the nights draw in this certainly has not stopped the outstanding attendance to our extra-curricular clubs.

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November the Changes to the HA1 and HA2 bus timings will take effect; pick ups at all stops, covered by both buses on their inbound journeys in the morning, will now arrive at each stop slightly earlier - please see our website [here](#) for further details and specific timings.

Next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November is our annual Sixth Form Open Evening – all current Year 10 and 11 students (and their parents/carers) are invited to attend.

In support of Children in Need, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, students in Years 7 – 11 are invited to take part in the academy's non-uniform day. Please see the information sent on 26th October for more details. The Consortium Sixth Form College is holding a PJ/Onesie Day for our Sixth form students. All students (Year 7 – 13) wishing to take part are asked to donate £1 via the School Shop on Arbor Parent Portal.

Our Year 12 & 13 Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 7th December – more information on how to book appointments will be issued in due course.

Finally, please do not forget that learners have until Monday to complete their entry for the Christmas Card Competition that could see their design created and distributed as the 2023 official academy greetings card.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher