

26th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks at Holderness Academy, and I am delighted to share some of our recent highlights with you.

We were thrilled to welcome over 228 families to our Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 and equally pleased to host an additional evening for those unable to attend due to residential visits. The positive atmosphere and enthusiasm from our visitors were wonderful to see.

Our Year 11 learners have begun their *Steps to Success* programme, with Period 6 sessions starting this week. Attendance has been extremely strong, reflecting the commitment of our students as they prepare for the important months ahead.

We were also fortunate to welcome the theatre company *Riot Act*, who delivered a powerful and engaging road safety performance to our Year 7's. In addition, we were proud to learn that Holderness Academy has been nominated for a national *Active Travel Award*.

In the Arts, we were delighted that 29 of our learners have had their artwork selected for the prestigious Ferens Young Artists Open Exhibition, which will showcase 200 pieces in total from 10th October – 11th January. Meanwhile, *Amazing Amy* – our much-loved rat sculpture – returned to Holderness this week, travelling back from Hull in the school minibus. She will soon be proudly displayed outside the academy before heading back to Hedon, as the town looks forward to its Yorkshire Day 2027 celebrations.

Auditions are now underway for our eagerly anticipated *Holderness Has Got Talent* event on 12th November. Uptake for Drama Club has also been phenomenal, and we are excited about the range of performances planned for the year ahead.

We are particularly proud of one of our learners who expressed a wish to raise awareness of stammering. Their idea has inspired a collaboration between TCAT and the NHS to produce a learner-led Stammer Awareness package for schools, which will include a video filmed here at Holderness Academy this week. The conduct and enthusiasm of all the learners involved, from across Hull and East Yorkshire, were exemplary, and we look forward to following the progress of this important project.

Sporting Success

It has also been a fantastic period for sport at Holderness Academy.

In **football**, our Year 8 boys' team enjoyed a superb victory against Sirius West in the National Cup, while our Year 8 girls were narrowly defeated 1-0 by Driffield in a very tight clash that could have gone either way. Special congratulations go to our Year 7 girls who made their debuts for the Academy – you were amazing! The Year 8 boys also showed great spirit despite a 3-1 loss to Withernsea in the National Cup, and our Year 10 boys put in a superb effort against a strong Hessle High side. Meanwhile, our Year 9 girls secured a brilliant 4-2 win over Toll Bar School (Grimsby) to progress into the third round of the National Cup. They also produced a fantastic performance against a very strong South Hunsley side, showing resilience right until the final whistle. The opposition staff praised them as "a real credit to the academy" – and we couldn't agree more.

In **rugby**, huge congratulations go to our Year 10 boys, who came away with a brilliant 42-10 win at Andrew Marvell. The boys showed fantastic character to avenge last year's Yorkshire Plate semi-final defeat, and this victory now means they qualify for a one-off play-off match to secure their place in the Yorkshire Cup.

Holderness Academy Social Media

We have now ceased using X and are excited to announce the launch of our new Instagram account. Please follow us at **@holderness.acad** to stay up to date and to help us celebrate all the fantastic events, achievements and opportunities taking place at Holderness Academy.

Bookbuzz – Year 8

We're delighted to share that our Year 8 students are taking part in Bookbuzz, an exciting reading programme from BookTrust where each student will have the chance to choose their very own book, free of charge, from a list of 15 fantastic titles. We hope this inspires your child to develop a lifelong love for reading, and we are very much looking forward to seeing which titles they pick.

Term Dates

We have now updated our website with the Term Dates for 2026/27. All term dates can be accessed on our website using the following link: [Term Dates - Holderness Academy](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities

To view our extra-curricular activities available for the Autumn term, please visit our website using the following link: [Extra-Curricular Activities - Holderness Academy](#).

Lost Property

Finally, a practical reminder: we currently have a large amount of unclaimed lost property that has been collated over the summer break. To prevent this in future, please ensure all items are clearly named. We will run stalls in both Lower and Upper School for students to check through items at break and lunchtime. Students will be informed of the timings of these stalls during their tutor period in the coming weeks. Any unclaimed clothing will then be donated to our local Red Cross in Hedon, continuing our positive community partnership.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates	
Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Evening	Thursday 9 th October
Year 11 CAEs	Monday 13 th October – Thursday 23 rd October
Academy closed to all learners	Friday 24 th October
October Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 3 rd November

As we move further into the term, I am filled with pride at the commitment, enthusiasm and achievements of our students across so many areas of school life. From academic progress and creative talent to sporting spirit and community engagement, Holderness Academy continues to thrive. These successes are a true reflection of our school values of **Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness**, which is evident in everything our learners do. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us provide the very best opportunities for every student.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
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