

14th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a wonderfully busy return following the half term break, with so much happening across our Academy community.

We are incredibly proud to share that Holderness Academy has been recognised as being in the top 25% of secondary schools in England for attendance during the 2024/25 academic year. This is a fantastic reflection of our students' commitment to their learning and the partnership between home and Academy in supporting excellent attendance — thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

'Plant A Daffodil' Whole School Fundraising Event

Throughout November, all students and staff are taking part in a special project to plant daffodil bulbs in support of Marie Curie, raising awareness of the incredible work they do. This initiative also reflects our shared sense of community and hope, as we look forward to seeing these flowers bloom together in the spring.

Remembrance Day

We are immensely proud of our students who represented the Academy in our local Remembrance commemorations — at the Hedon parade, service, and wreath-laying on Sunday 9th November, and again at All-Saints Parish Church service in Preston on the 11th. Their respect and maturity were exemplary, and they represented Holderness with pride.

Holderness Has Talent

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to host our first ever **Holderness Has Talent** — an incredible celebration of creativity, courage, and community. Sixteen acts took to the stage, showcasing music, drama, and dance. The hall was filled with warmth, excitement, and cheers from students, staff, and families alike. It most certainly confirmed Holderness Has Talent

We were thrilled to announce our 2025 winners:

1st Place: Alice Freer

2nd Place: Elsie Jenkins

3rd Place: Jimmy Ellis

A special mention must go to our first ever winner, whose unforgettable performance of *The Wizard and I* from *Wicked* captivated the entire audience. Beginning the song while walking amongst the audience, Alice created a magical sense of connection before finishing on stage to rapturous applause from an amazed audience. It was a moment that truly reflected the spirit of Holderness Academy — confidence, talent, and joy shared with others.

Children in Need

Today, our Academy has been alive with colour and energy as we recognise Children in Need through a non-uniform day and a range of student-led fundraising activities. It's always inspiring to see our learners demonstrating such generosity and kindness in support of others. The option to make a donation is still available via your Arbor Parent Portal, under the 'School Shop' section. This will close at **9am, Friday 21st November 2025**.

Scholastic Book Fair

I would like to thank all parents/carers and students for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair last week. It was wonderful to see so many students excited about choosing new books. In total, we sold £656.35 worth of books and stationery, which has earned us £262.54 to spend on new books for our school library. Thank you once again for your enthusiasm and support!

Student Academy Council

Our student Academy Council has also begun its work with great enthusiasm. This week, members delivered a large collection of unclaimed winter coats to the Red Cross shop in Hedon, ensuring they reach those in need this winter. This has also helped re-establish our link with the Red Cross' Unicycle project, which is currently low on uniform stock. If you have any pre-loved uniform items that you would be willing to donate, these can be delivered directly to the Red Cross shop in Hedon or dropped off between the hours of 8am-8.30am and 3.15pm-3.45pm at the Academy's main reception.

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust – Behaviour Workshop

Finally, I would like to share an opportunity for parents and carers: The Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust is inviting our Academy community to a face-to-face workshop titled "Behaviour as a Form of Communication". This insightful session will explore how children's behaviour can reflect underlying needs, emotions, and communication styles, supporting families to respond with understanding and empathy.

Date: Thursday 4th December

Time: 4.30 - 6.30pm

Location: Withernsea High School, HLC Building

Booking: To book, please click [here](#).

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates

Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 20 th November
Y7 Tinsel tree Trot	Thursday 4 th December
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 11 th December
Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 18 th December
Last day of Term – All students will depart at 1.30pm	Friday 19 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January
Academy closed to all students	Monday 5 th January
Academy reopens to all students	Tuesday 6 th January

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to see our students embodying our Academy values of Aspiration, Respect, Resilience, and Kindness in so many ways across the community

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher