

10th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy and rewarding two weeks, filled with opportunities for our learners to demonstrate our school values of Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness.

Our Year 7 students have now well and truly settled into life at secondary school. It has been a pleasure to see their growing confidence, enthusiasm and commitment to learning. This week's '**Meet the Tutor**' evening provided an excellent opportunity for families to connect with tutors, share feedback and discuss how best to support our newest learners as they continue their exciting journey with us.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have been focused on preparing for the next stage of their learning journey. Our 'Steps to Success' event highlighted effective revision techniques, independent study habits and strategies to manage workload ahead of the **Centre Assessment Exams (CAEs)**, which begin on Monday. We wish all our Year 11 learners the very best of luck — their determination and resilience are clear to see.

Our Year 11 Geographers also enjoyed a fantastic **fieldwork trip to Bridlington** last week, where they gathered data for their coursework while making the most of the glorious autumn weather. Staff were incredibly proud of the students' maturity and engagement throughout the day, and several members of the public commented on their respectful and considerate conduct — a true credit to Holderness Academy.

It has also been a week of inspiration and opportunity for other year groups. Over 60 Year 9 learners took part in a **STEM Day**, designing and building model aeroplanes in teams — a wonderful example of creativity, problem-solving and collaboration in action. In addition, a group of Year 10 & 11 girls attended the **WiME (Women into Manufacturing and Engineering) event** at Hull's Guildhall, where they met professionals from across the industry and learned more about exciting career pathways in STEM.

Our Year 7 and Year 11 students also had their **school photographs** taken — a lovely reminder of the milestones these important years represent. Your child will receive their order form next week to bring home for you to purchase their photos, should you wish to. Learners from across the school have also been taking part in filming for our new **promotional video**, which will showcase life at Holderness Academy and the values that make our community so special. We look forward to sharing the finished video with you soon.

Our **Lost Property stalls** have now been held, giving students the chance to reclaim any misplaced items. Any remaining uncollected clothing will be donated to the local Red Cross as part of our ongoing Unicycle campaign, promoting sustainability and community support.

It has also been a great fortnight for **sport at Holderness Academy**. Our Year 7 boys kicked off their National Cup campaign in style with a superb 6–0 win over Hornsea. The Year 9 boys' rugby team showed real resilience and determination in a hard-fought 32–18 defeat to Winifred Holtby, while an amazing evening of football saw over 50 boys representing the Academy across four year groups in the East Riding Cup. Congratulations to our Year 8 team, who progress to the next round after a brilliant 2–1 victory!

We would like to draw your attention to a concerning trend currently circulating on social media, which involves the use of small magnets to imitate facial piercings. This poses a serious health risk if magnets are accidentally ingested. Please see the ***attached information*** for further details and consider having a conversation with your child about the dangers of this activity. Your support in reinforcing these safety messages at home is greatly appreciated.

You can also view our Extra-Curricular Timetable on the website ([Extra-Curricular Activities - Holderness Academy](#)) as a reminder of the vast array of activities and clubs available to students. We encourage all learners to take advantage of these opportunities to develop new skills, pursue their interests, and build friendships beyond the classroom.

As the weekend approaches, many of our students and their families will be visiting Hull Fair. We know it is a highlight of the local calendar and a much-loved tradition, and we hope everyone enjoys the experience. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our young people to stay safe; look out for one another.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates	
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

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in helping us nurture a school community built on Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher