

12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the **examination season** continues, it has been encouraging to see the return of weather that is far more conducive to studying and sitting exams after the lovely sunshine we enjoyed during the half-term break. We could not be prouder of the conduct, resilience and determination shown by our students throughout this important period.

During the holiday, a range of **revision workshops and wellbeing sessions** took place, providing students with valuable support as they prepared for their examinations. It was fantastic to see so many students making the most of these opportunities.

We also joined the rest of Hull in celebrating the success of **Hull City**, but with even greater pride as we watched former Holderness Academy student Lewie Coyle captain the team to victory. It is always inspiring to see our alumni achieving success and serving as positive role models for our current students.

We are also delighted to celebrate the achievements of **Lily Y10**, who has enjoyed an outstanding football season. Lily helped the East Riding School Girls team retain the Champions Cup, scoring twice and providing two assists in the 4–0 final victory over York Schools at Leeds United's Thorp Arch training ground. She also finished as leading scorer for Doncaster Belles with an impressive 21 goals and numerous Player of the Match awards. Having shown tremendous resilience to return from injury, Lily has capped off a remarkable season with an invitation to trial for Hull City Academy this June. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and wish her every success as she continues her football journey.

It has been another fantastic period for **school sport**. The Year 8 boys' rugby team retained the East Riding Cup following a thrilling final against Wolfreton, while the Year 10 boys' rugby team successfully defended their title with an outstanding 56–6 victory over Hessle High School. Our Year 7 girls represented the academy brilliantly at an inclusive Tag Rugby Union competition at Pocklington Rugby Club, with many experiencing competitive rugby for the first time. We were also delighted to host the Quad Kids Athletics Event, welcoming schools from across the East Riding and showcasing the excellent leadership of our Junior Sports Leaders, organised by Mrs McCubbin. Finally, congratulations to all students who competed in the Humberside Athletics Championships at Costello Stadium, whose commitment and effort were a credit to themselves and the academy

On Tuesday, our Year 10 Philosophy and Ethics students spent the day at **Hull Vineyard Church**, learning about how faith can be put into action through community support. Students discovered the inspiring work of initiatives such as Growbaby, The Table and local food parcel projects, while also having the opportunity to ask thoughtful and challenging questions to Senior Pastor John and Associate Pastor Josh. The visit provided valuable insight into service, compassion and community, and we are grateful to everyone at Hull Vineyard Church for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Back at school, **Mrs Duck** introduced us to her **new offspring**, who have also seemed to enjoy the return of the wetter weather! They have certainly brought plenty of smiles to students and staff alike.

Our library has once again hosted the annual **Scholastic Book Fair**, with book sales, competitions and activities creating a real buzz around reading. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a success. Together, we have raised £235.78 for our school library to spend on new books.

As the examination season moves towards its conclusion, the **Class of 2026 photograph**, taken when we gathered together in April, has now taken its place on our ever-growing Wall of Fame at the back of the hall. The addition of another year group to this display is always a special moment, as it celebrates students becoming part of the rich history of Holderness Academy. Looking at the wall serves as a reminder of the many cohorts who have passed through our school and gone on to achieve great things.

The video of this occasion helped us reach an exciting milestone of over **1,000 followers on Instagram**. This is a fantastic achievement since launching our account in October, and we would like to thank you all for your continued support. If you have not yet joined our growing online community, please scan the QR code below and give us a follow to keep up to date with the many successes, events and opportunities taking place at Holderness Academy.

In response to the recent tragic events reported locally and nationally, we have included information on **water safety** shared with us by Humber Fire and Rescue Service. As we approach the summer months, we encourage all families to take the opportunity to discuss the importance of staying safe around open water with their children and watch the following video: [HFRS Water safety Video](#).

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) have shared with us their exciting range of **funded holiday activities** available throughout the Summer. Please see their information attached to this communication.

As a reminder, you will also see the information attached sent by **Hull FC** who have kindly offered **discounted tickets** to all students and families of the school for their upcoming home fixture against Huddersfield Giants on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Finally, as we approach the end of the academic year, we would be grateful for any donations of **unwanted school uniform**. Items in good condition can make a real difference in supporting other families within our school community. Students from all year groups can donate uniform by giving it to their Pastoral Manager. There will also be a collection basket available following the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly for any students who wish to leave items of uniform at that time. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Key Dates	
Year 7 Parents' evening	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Awards Evening	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Transitions days	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Sports Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Awards Evening	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Holderness Academy. As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, we look forward to celebrating many more successes with our students and families.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher