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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of Spring Term 1, I'd like to share with you some of the success stories and events that have taken place over the past half term, plus some key information and updates for our return.

Year 9 Pathways (options) evening

Thank you to all parents/carers and students who attended our Year 9 Pathways evening on Thursday 8th February. Despite the awful weather, a fantastic 75% of parents/carers attended! I hope that you found this event helpful, and that you and your child have gained further knowledge from each of our faculties to help to support the choices they wish to make. Each student will now be invited to a 1:1 meeting with Mr Wobbaka to discuss their option choices further.

School Events

Today, two fantastic trips have departed the Academy, to New York and Austria. Safe travels to all and I hope you enjoy every second. These trips will be some of the most memorable moments of your school life and I am grateful to all staff members who have dedicated their time and effort to organising this. I cannot wait to hear all about your experiences on your return.

On Wednesday 24th January, four of our Year 10 students attended the Science Triathlon at Hymers College. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school during the event and embraced the spirit of the competition whole-heartedly. At the subsequent presentation evening, our students won bronze and silver awards, with Maia E also winning the Wood Independent Award for Energy Storage and Security. Congratulations to Maia, Megan, Alfie and Lucas on receiving these awards.

The 2nd February saw a visit from the Roadshow team to our Year 7 and 8 students. Both year groups had an interactive talk on energy and electricity, from how it is generated to circuits and electrical safety. There was also a hair-raising experience for four students who demonstrated the static effect of the Van Der Graff Generator. Staff were also asked to pedal power the electric exercise bike to see how much electrical energy they could generate.

Sporting Fixtures

A spirited performance ended in defeat this week from the Year 8 boys rugby team who went down 26-18 against a strong Malet Lambert side in the Yorkshire Cup Semi-Final. The boys played well and will now progress to the National Cup.

There was cup heartache for the Year 10 girls football team with a 3-1 loss against Wolfreton in the Humberside Cup. The girls played some great football in an end-to-end classic, with both teams having plenty of chances, Caitlyn A with the Holderness goal.

Well done to the Year 8 boys football team who won 2-0 in a war of attrition away at Bridlington School in the Humberside Cup. The boys played the conditions well passing the ball forward early to create chances. Luke D got both goals as the boys' progress to the semi-finals.

I would like to congratulate all students involved in our events and sporting fixtures this half term, your dedication and hard work is aspirational and does not go unnoticed.

Year 11 Centre Assessed Examinations (CAEs) - continuing from Monday 19th February

The first week of our Year 11 CAE's have now concluded, with all students displaying resilience and a positive attitude towards these exams. These exams will resume on Monday 19th February until Monday 26th February. Timetables for exams can be found on your Arbor parent portal.

Uniform

Rawcliffes now stock a 'stitch on' Holderness Academy badge for a cost of £5 to support parents/carers with the cost of living. Parents/carers can purchase a black school blazer from a range of providers and sew on the badge.

Staffing

Our Year 10 Pastoral Manager, Mrs Weidemann, begins her maternity leave today. We wish Mrs Weidemann and her family all the best in anticipation of their new addition.

Northern Gas Maintenance

From Monday 19th February, a road closure is scheduled for Station Lane in Hedon. This will affect traffic leaving the site south-bound, towards Hedon. It is anticipated this closure will be in place for three weeks, before moving further down the road to Baxtergate until the end of this term. Due to these closures, the buses that travel through Hedon (1S, 2SA, 2SB & 3S) will instead use Staithes Road and the A1033 to access Paull or Thorngumbald (whichever is on the bus route) when departing the academy. Though this closure may not directly affect your child's route to school, please do bear in mind that traffic may be heavier at Preston lights, and you may therefore incur additional delays.

Whilst the ongoing maintenance continues around Hedon, please can I request that you remind your child of the importance of adhering to any signage, or diversions, in place, to ensure they remain safe at all times.

We will continue to monitor the work being completed by Northern Gas and will communicate any changes as and when required. If you have any immediate queries, please contact Northern Gas direct on 0800 040 7766.

Finally, please see below some key dates for the next half term:

Key Dates for Spring Term 2	
All students return to school	Monday 19th February 2024
Year 9 Vaccinations	Monday 19th February 2024
SENDCo Surgery	Monday 26th February 2024
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 29th February 2024
Headteacher Surgery	Wednesday 6th March 2024
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14th March 2024
End of Spring Term	3pm, Friday 22nd March 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024
All students return to school	8.30am, Monday 8th April 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents/carers and students a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming all students back to the academy on Monday 19th February at 8.30am.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher