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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Below are some recent academy highlights and news along with details of upcoming events.

Farewell

The end of this half term sees the retirement of our much-treasured receptionist, Joy Harrison. After 18 years loyal service she leaves to enjoy spending more time with family and friends. A mark of how valued Joy is in our community has been evident by the numerous well wishes and cards from staff, students and their families these past few weeks. We wish Joy a long and happy retirement.

Tigers Trust Social Action groups

Recently, three Year 9 Holderness Academy students visited Preston Primary to provide active learning activities including a scavenger hunt to the Year 1 students. The Year 1s and their teachers enjoyed this immensely.

A further nine members of the Year 8 Social Action group, visited Magdalen Residential Care Home as the first part of their project. The students aimed to provide company to the residents to increase their wellbeing and enjoyed an hour of circulating, chatting, and playing ball games. This was so well received that student have been invited back for a further visit.

Finally, on Monday, our Year 8 Social Action group, who are led by Tigers Trust, organised a tournament at Hedon Primary to assist with activity to improve Mental Health. They provided refreshments and wrist bands/badges to raise funds for Ruben's Voice.

Bikeability

We have been delighted to see a number of our students take Bikeability training to achieve Levels 1-3, ensuring their knowledge and skills keep them safe when using the roads.

Six of our students have learnt even more about the mechanics of a bike; over the past six weeks they have worked on a project called Build a Bike. Supported by engineers from R-evolution students have built three bikes from scratch. They will now decide what they will do with the finished bikes.

Year 10 Work Experience

This week, 88% of our Year 10 students have been out on work experience with placements spanning more than 90 organisations. Students have experienced life beyond school in professions such as education, catering, property management and more. It has filled us with pride to hear of the positive impressions our learners have made and the initiative they have shown in living our values in the wider world.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our academy library from Tuesday 4th June 2024 to Monday 10th June 2024. We are thrilled to have been provided this amazing opportunity to encourage our students to read for pleasure and to add a new addition to their bookshelves at home. We are also extending this invitation to our parents/carers; if you would like to attend the book fair on Thursday 6th June 2024 from 3.30pm to 5pm, please use the following link and fill in the short form to register your interest: [Registration of Interest - Scholastic Book Fair](#)

Music event

Tuesday 21st May saw our music students showcase their skills for parents/carers and family. This was held in our drama space with stage lighting illuminating violinists, pianists and drummers. This was described as a 'really special and intimate gig' by one of our impressed audience members.

Sporting achievements

We would like to congratulate our students for their sporting achievements over the last half term. Once again, showcasing the hard work and resilience of our Holderness Learners.

- **Athletics** - Students competed in the first athletics meet of the season at Market Weighton School. Every student competed fantastically well.
- **Year 7 Rugby** - The Year 7 boys' rugby team finished runners up at the Hull FC competition. The boys played some fantastic rugby remaining unbeaten all night with two wins and a draw finishing runner-up on points difference. The team is also in the East Riding final after beating South Hunsley 28-4.
- **Year 8 Rugby** - Well done to the Year 8 boys' rugby team who put on a very good display to win their East Riding cup semi-final against Beverley Grammar. We also saw a fantastic effort from the boys in the quarter final of the to the National cup, unfortunately losing 34-26 against Bedford High, Leigh.
- **Year 9 Rugby** - The Year 9 boys' rugby team put on an impressive display to win their Yorkshire plate quarter final 30-14 against Temple Moor, Leeds. Well done! Another great effort from the boys, which unfortunately resulted in a loss, was at the East Riding cup semi-final against a very good Wolfreton team. The boys put on a great first half display before the hosts showed their quality in the second half.
- **Rounders** - Year 7,8, 9 and 10 girls' rounders teams have played their first round of fixtures away at Hornsea and Driffield.
- **Sports Leaders** - Our Sports Leaders have been supporting Mrs McCubbin at the KS2 Quad Kids Athletics, Cricket, and Football tournaments. A huge thank you to our Sports Leaders for their help with these events!

Exams

The Year 11 & Year 13 exams are now well underway, and we continue to be proud of their preparation and conduct. Year 10 CAEs will begin the week commencing 17th June 2024.

Key Dates for Summer Term 2	
Half Term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May 2024
Academy reopens for all students	Monday 3 rd June 2024
SENDCo Surgery (2pm – 4.40pm)	Monday 10 th June 2024
Wellbeing Surgery (3pm – 5pm)	Monday 24 th June 2024
Sports Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
SENDCo Surgery (2pm – 4.40pm)	Monday 8 th July 2024
Academy Awards Evening	Wednesday 10 th July
Academy closes at 1.30pm for all students	Friday 19 th July 2024

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher