

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the first week of the new school year, I wanted to share an update with you. September is always an exciting time of year as we welcome our new intake and look forward to meeting and getting to know our new Holderness learners at the beginning of their journey with us.

In August, we were delighted to share in the success of our older students as they received their exam results, allowing them to go on to a broad range of positive destinations. We celebrated much improved GCSE results with our Year 11s, and just some of the particular success stories from our sixth form include Katie who has progressed to study Chemistry at the University of Hull, Maddie studying Bioveterinary Science at Bishop Burton and Jack who is starting an apprenticeship with Cranswick.

Our site team have been busy over the holiday, creating a positive learning environment for our students. Developments include the relocation of our core subjects of English, Maths and Science to the same area which will only add to continued improvements in outcomes. Students have responded well to their new school environment and it's great to see their positive mindset as they return after the summer. In fact, over 11,000 positive behaviour points have been awarded this week already which is a fantastic start to the year and shows our students are fully committed to their learning.

You may recall that back in June I wrote explaining a change to our uniform policy. I'd like to thank parents for supporting the academy to embed these changes. Our students are a credit to the academy, parents/carers and the wider community. Whilst we have had a small number of issues these are being addressed and resolved and we thank you for your continued support. As a reminder, we operate an extensive pre-loved uniform scheme at which items can be swapped like for like with no charge, or purchased for a small charitable donation. Any parents or carers with ongoing queries about the uniform requirements, or with any difficulty affording or acquiring any item of uniform, are invited to contact their child's pastoral leader who will provide assistance.

Finally, I am looking forward to starting my first full academic year at Holderness and building on the positive relationships that have already been established. I will be sharing regular updates with you about the successes of our Holderness Learners and any other exciting developments. I welcome the opportunity to see you this year as we continue to work together.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder  
Headteacher