

17th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed a restful and joyful start to 2025. We are delighted to welcome everyone back to what promises to be another exciting and successful year at Holderness Academy.

We have had a fantastic start to the term, highlighted by a truly inspirational visit from Holderness Alumni Michael Humphreys. Michael shared his incredible journey of completing 30 marathons in 30 days across 30 different countries to raise awareness for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Throughout the day, he met with all our learners, demonstrating the values of aspiration, resilience, respect, and kindness. We are proud to support him as he prepares for his next challenge: cycling a Chopper from Hedon Centre to Europe's highest ski resort, Val Thorens. Michael's commitment to inspiring our learners extends even further, as he has invited them to propose one of his future challenges. We remain immensely proud of his achievements and are committed to supporting his efforts to raise awareness and funds for MND.

On the theme of giving, we were heartened to read in the Gazette that our Christmas donations to the Hedon Community Food Bank played a significant role in preventing its closure. This vital resource is essential to our community, and we are committed to continuing our support throughout the year.

As always, we are incredibly proud of our learners' resilience and outstanding attendance. Our attendance figures remain significantly above the national average, reflecting the dedication of our learners, staff, and families. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that attendance remains a top priority.

This term, our Steps to Success programme for Year 11 is in full swing, providing vital support as they work towards achieving their full potential. Selected learners will visit the University of Hull over the next two weeks, collaborating with peers across the Trust to inspire and prepare them for their future pathways.

Meanwhile, Year 9 learners are beginning their journey towards choosing their options, an exciting milestone that will shape their future studies. We are committed to providing them with the guidance and support they need to make informed and confident decisions.

Year 9 DTP/Meningitis vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 26th February. Consent should be sent directly to Vaccination UK via the link that was sent out to Year 9 parents on Thursday 16th January.

Finally, we are thrilled to share some exciting news about a unique cultural event coming to our region. This year marks the Year of the Rat in Hull and East Riding, featuring 50 decorated rat sculptures that

will create a “Pied Piper ripple of excitement” across the community. We are proud to announce that Holderness Academy has been successful in a bid to decorate a rat sculpture, which will be showcased on the trail in Hedon. We will keep you updated on this exciting project as it progresses through the spring term.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to make 2025 another exceptional year for our Academy and community.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates for Spring Term	
Y8 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 23 rd January
Y7 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 6 th February
Y11 CAEs	5 th February – 4 th March
Y9 DTP/Meningitis Vaccinations	Wednesday 26 th February
Y9 Parents’ Evening / Options Evening	Thursday 6 th March

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher