

31st January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents who attended last week's Year 8 parents evening. It was a pleasure to see so many of you. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of our Year 7 learners next Thursday, for which the booking window is currently open, closing at 3pm on Wednesday 5th February.

Holderness Academy Sports Report

Our students have once again demonstrated their talent, determination, and resilience on the sports field.

The Holderness Academy Panathlon Team put in a fantastic performance, securing third place in the local championships - an excellent achievement that reflects their perseverance and teamwork.

Our Year 10 girls' football team showcased their skill and determination with a dominant 4-0 victory over Kelvin Hall, setting the tone for what promises to be a strong season.

Despite torrential rain and muddy conditions, a wealth of students took part in the Humberside Cross Country Championships, showing true resilience in challenging conditions. A special mention goes to Demi in Year 8, who finished an impressive third place and has now qualified for the National Championships. We wish her the very best of luck.

Football success continued in the East Riding Cup, with four teams proudly representing Holderness Academy. Year 10 secured a commanding 5-0 win, while Year 7 celebrated their first victory with a 4-1 result. Year 8 delivered an incredible performance, winning 8-0, and Year 9 completed a clean sweep with a 2-0 triumph.

Once again, our learners have set the bar high, demonstrating outstanding aspiration and resilience as they commence 2025 with passion and determination. Well done to all involved!

Extra-Curricular

This term also sees a change in the extracurricular provision as we look to the lighter and warmer evenings returning. To ensure your children access the wide range of activities provided by our staff, please see the updated timetable using the following link: [Extra-Curricular Activities - Holderness Academy](#)

CAEs

Good luck to all our Year 11 learners who will sit their Centre Assessed Examinations (CAEs) over the forthcoming weeks. All learners have been provided with a paper copy of their CAE timetable; this is also accessible via Arbor. A copy of the full timetable can be found on our website [Upcoming Year 11 CAEs - February 2025 - Holderness Academy](#)

Lost property

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of ensuring that learners' belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Items such as coats, PE kits, water bottles, and other personal belongings can easily be misplaced during a busy school day, and labelled items are far more likely to be returned promptly to their owners.

Currently, we have a significant amount of lost property in school, much of which is unmarked and therefore challenging to reunite with its rightful owner. This includes a variety of clothing, footwear, and other personal items.

If your child has misplaced any belongings, please encourage them to visit Student Reception (during opening times) where all lost property is stored.

We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that all belongings are clearly labelled, which helps reduce waste, inconvenience, and the loss of valuable items.

The importance of being prepared

We would also like to emphasise the importance of learners being fully prepared for their school day. This includes planning ahead to ensure they have all the required items such as their planner, pen, calculator, lunch, and any specific equipment needed for lessons such as PE kits or ingredients for cooking. Being organised not only supports students' learning and independence but also helps to avoid the inconvenience of parents and carers having to make additional journeys to school to drop off forgotten items.

We encourage all students to take a few moments each evening to check their timetable and pack their bags for the following day. This small habit can make a big difference in reducing stress and promoting responsibility. Thank you for your continued support in helping students develop these essential skills.

Academy switchboard

As you may be aware, the academy's telephone switchboard provides parents/carers with the choice to select from the following options, and we ask for your support in selecting the option best suited to the nature of your call, to free up our main reception, particularly during the start of the school day which is often a very busy time:

Option 1 - Student matters *then select from the following:*

- Select 0 (zero) to report **student absence**
- Select 1 for **Year 7**
- Select 2 for **Year 8**
- Select 3 for **Year 9**
- Select 4 for **Year 10**
- Select 5 for **Year 11**
- Select 6 for **Sixth Form**

Option 3 - Exams

Option 4 - Main reception

Workshops

Please find attached, with this letter, details of two workshops for parents/carers of students who currently attend Holderness Academy. To register your interest, please email

learningsupport@holderness.academy

Other news...

A reminder to all Year 9 parents that we will be hosting NHS nurses on 26th February who will be in school to administer DTP/Meningitis vaccinations. Please see separate email for the link on how to provide your consent.

The half term ends with the academy proudly marking Apprenticeship Week, working alongside a range of organisations to deliver an exciting programme of events for our learners. Holderness Academy has been recognised as one of just nine flagship schools across the UK for our commitment to promoting and educating learners about local apprenticeship opportunities. The week will conclude with the official opening of our brand-new Careers Hub, which will serve as the base for Mr. Derbyshire, our dedicated Careers Lead. This inspiring facility, located at the heart of our academy, will be the focal point for all careers meetings and a space where all learners can explore future pathways, research opportunities, and receive expert guidance. The Careers Hub is a physical representation of our ongoing investment in ensuring every learner receives high-quality careers education and support throughout their journey at Holderness Academy.

With our two February half term overseas trips fast approaching (to Iceland and Austria), I wish all those attending a safe and enjoyable time. Please keep an eye on our X (Twitter) page for updates from our trip leaders!

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates for Spring Term	
Y7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 6 th February
Apprenticeship week	10 th –14 th February
Y11 CAE's	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
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