

12th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a wonderful start to the new term at Holderness Academy. Over the summer we had the privilege of celebrating the incredible achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 students with improved outcomes in 71% of subjects. Their results and the destinations they now move on to are a testament to their aspiration, resilience, and hard work. We are immensely proud of them and excited to see the next stages of their journeys unfold.

On Wednesday 3rd September, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students as they begin their secondary school journey with us, full of ambition and potential, alongside our Year 11 cohort who now embark on the final and most important stage of their Holderness journey. On Thursday 4th September, the full school community returned, and it was a joy to see the site alive with learning once again. Students were quick to comment positively on the extensive improvements made over the summer, including new furniture, carpets, dropped ceilings, and redesigned social areas. These changes create a positive environment for the year ahead with more to come as we focus on the science laboratories for our next refurbishment. These developments are part of our ongoing investment in ensuring that Holderness Academy is a vibrant, welcoming environment where students can thrive.

This week we invited all Year 11 students and their parents into school to launch our Steps to Success initiative. It was fantastic to see an impressive 86% attendance. Students received their Centre Assessed Examination (CAE) results, a revision pack full of resources and materials, and heard about the additional support planned to help them prepare for success at GCSE.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our future Year 5 and 6 students to Holderness Academy when we host our annual open evening. They will explore our site, try out science experiments, sample our catering offer, and even join in African drumming. These experiences give younger learners a real sense of our school community and the opportunities that lie ahead.

The year has already begun with some amazing successes. We are delighted to celebrate two of our students being selected for the Hull City Ladies Youth Development Pathway for the 2025/26 season – an outstanding achievement that recognises their talent, commitment and hard work. We look forward to tracking their success this year. We also congratulate the ‘Burstwick Besties’, whose fundraising over the summer raised £1343.67 for Go Kids Go, the UK’s leading provider of free wheelchair skills training. Their kindness and community spirit are an inspiration.

We are also thrilled to report “Amazing Amy” can be seen alongside her other rat colleagues on exhibition this week at Princes Quay, and we are delighted to report that she will be returning to Hedon, thanks to a residency secured by The Consortium Academy Trust. The proceeds from the purchase of the sculpture will go to the Daisy Appeal, supporting healthcare in the region. This wonderful work is a brilliant example of our students’ creativity, collaboration, and generosity — and a true reflection of Holderness Academy values in action.

WiME (Women into Manufacturing and Engineering) Wednesday 8th October 3.30pm to 6.00pm at The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder St., Hull HU1 2AA.

WiME is a Humber based initiative to encourage more women/girls to consider a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) based career. They are running an early evening event on 9th October. 30 employers from the renewable, energy, digital, manufacturing and engineering sectors will be in attendance including Siemens Gamesa, Ideal Heating, Smith and Nephew, KCOM, Orsted and Centrica. You will meet women already working in these amazing companies and they will be available to answer any career questions you have. **The event is designed for Year 9 and above.** You will need to register to attend.

Please see the following direct link to make a booking for this event: [Women into Manufacturing and Engineering \(WiME\) Careers Event 2025 Tickets, Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

For more information about WiME, please see there Facebook page - [WiME Facebook Page](#)

Understanding Anxiety Parent/Carer Workshop

The East Riding Mental Health Support Team would like to inform all parents/carers that they will be hosting an 'Understanding Anxiety' Parent/Carer workshop on Tuesday 30th September at Rosedale Community Unit. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Extra-Curricular Activities

To view our extra-curricular activities available for the Autumn term, please visit our website using the following link: [Extra-Curricular Activities - Holderness Academy.](#)

Lost Property

Finally, a practical reminder: we currently have a large amount of unclaimed lost property that has been collated over the summer break. To prevent this in future, please ensure all items are clearly named. We will run stalls in both Lower and Upper School for students to check through items at break and lunchtime. Students will be informed of the timings of these stalls during their tutor period in the coming weeks. Any unclaimed clothing will then be donated to our local Red Cross in Hedon, continuing our positive community partnership.

Some key dates detailed below:

Key Dates	
Year 5 & 6 Open Evening	Thursday 18 th September
Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Evening	Thursday 9 th October
Year 11 CAEs	Monday 13 th October – Thursday 23 rd October
Academy closed to all learners	Friday 24 th October
October Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 3 rd November

At Holderness Academy, our values of Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Kindness remain at the heart of all we do. With such a strong start, exciting opportunities ahead, and a community committed to success, we are confident that this will be a truly exceptional year for our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we will ensure that every young person at Holderness Academy is inspired to be their very best self.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher