

Youngsters given first taste of secondary school life

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YEAR five pupils from 11 primary schools have been given an early taste of secondary school life during a new transition week at Holderness Academy.

The academy welcomed children from its feeder schools over five days, giving them the chance to follow a secondary-style timetable and take part in lessons including design technology, PE and science.

The pupils also explored the school site, met staff and used the dining facilities as part of the initiative, which was designed to help them become more familiar with the routines and expectations of secondary education.

They were also introduced to Holderness Academy's core values of aspiration, respect, resilience and kindness, as well as the wider opportunities available at the school.

Current students, including members of the Student Council and those completing work experience placements, supported staff throughout the week.

They helped the younger pupils settle in, answered questions and spoke to them about life at the academy.

Pupils left each day with goody bags, items they had made during activities and a clearer idea of what to expect when they make the move to secondary school.

Staff said they had been pleased with the enthusiasm, confidence and conduct shown by the visiting pupils throughout the week.

Deputy head teacher Tom Briggs said: "We have been incredibly impressed by the conduct, enthusiasm and positivity shown by all the year five pupils during our Transition Week. It has been a pleasure to welcome them into our school community and begin building those important relationships early.

"The week has provided students with an exciting insight into secondary school life and allowed them to experience first-hand the opportunities available at Holderness Academy. We are proud to share what makes our school such a special place, and we look forward to supporting these young learners as they begin to consider their transition to secondary education.

"I would also like to thank our own students, particularly those from the Student Council and those supporting on work experience, who represented the academy brilliantly and played such an important role in helping the year five pupils feel welcome and confident throughout the week."



'EXCITING INSIGHT': Holderness Academy welcomed children from feeder schools including Keyingham and Burton Pidsea below, during a week of activities

Lacey Meek, currently pastoral lead for year 10 and who will become the pupils' year seven pastoral lead when they join the academy, said: "It has been a wonderful week meeting so many of our future learners.

"I have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to get involved in every activity.

"The students have already shown so many of the qualities we value at Holderness Academy, and I am really looking forward to supporting them as they begin their secondary school journey with us."

The academy said the initiative was part of its work to help future pupils feel confident and prepared for the move to secondary school.



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