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Dear Parents and Carers

On Tuesday, Sarah Warnes (Chair of Governors) was in school walking round the site chatting with the behaviour senate and came back with plenty of feedback. There were a lot of positive comments which was pleasing, and the issues students raised are ones that we are aware of and working hard to address. The LGB met Wednesday evening and again, my public thanks to all the governors for their time and commitment to Howden School. They play a crucial role in school improvement and give a significant amount of time to the role. It is a real privilege to have such a wide range of experience and expertise present in meetings at school and doing school visits too.

Senior students met with Mark Paxton (ABM Operations Manager) on Wednesday to talk through some questions that have been raised by students, regarding the provision in the canteen. It was a very good meeting, and I was impressed by how they conducted themselves and the issues they raised. It also gave them an insight into how ABM operates and the legislation they have to follow. They are going to come back with their response to the questions they raised.

On Wednesday I visited Easttrington Primary School and was impressed with what I saw. There was a lovely calm atmosphere with students on task, doing group work and other some phonics. The Headteacher already knew quite a bit about the school so it was good to update her on the work we have done and the plans we have for the future.

My thanks to Mr Issatt and the maths team for such a fantastic Enrichment Day on Tuesday. I had heard about Prison Me No Way and it lived up to expectations. In particular the session in the library where the two prisoners were talking about their experiences, what got them into prison and life inside, is something I will never forget. What really hit home was how one split second decision can have such an impact on so many people and for a number of years. In the session I observed, the students were really listening and eventually, got the confidence to ask some questions.

The English and maths success event at Hull University on Monday for targeted year 11 students was a very productive day and well worth the time and effort for planning. There has now been two of these days, both great successes so I am confident they will now be an annual event.

Attendance has been better the past few weeks so thank you for your support in this. Please continue to send your child to school, even if they are a little bit under the weather as sometimes just being busy helps to overcome minor illness.

I hope you have a great weekend

Yours faithfully

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

29 January - Y11 Mock exams commence
1 February - DofE parents meeting at 5pm
6 and 7 February - Shrek the Musical performance
8 February - Primary partnership event
9 February - Break up for half term
19 February - School reopens