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Dear Parents and Carers,

The vast majority of the new Curriculum Overview documents are now on the website for you to look at and use as parents. My thanks to you for your patience with this initiative as it has been a major undertaking since it began in January and these documents will be updated on a regular basis. They will give you a good synopsis of the year ahead so you can see what your child will be covering in lessons.

We had a Fire drill on Wednesday afternoon, and it went well. Students came out of their lessons calmly and lined up quietly so the registers could be taken as quickly as possible. From the bell being activated to all registers being taken – staff, students, and visitors – everyone was accounted for in 10 minutes. I was particularly pleased with how it went as we have moved some tutor groups so that Key Stage 4 are all together as now are KS3. It made managing the year groups so much easier. What has helped is that students are now used to lining up, so it just comes naturally.

Linked to the above is our Lockdown procedures. We thought it timely to remind students to update our procedures so that everyone is acquainted with them. We will be doing a “walk through” before the end of term and I will be giving advance notice so that there isn’t any undue concern.

The change to the use of the field is having a very positive impact with year 9 and 10 thoroughly enjoying the main field to play football. It has freed up the field around the Humanities block for students to socialise and it is working well so far. It also helps when we have good weather.

Year 10 have been absolutely fantastic in their mock exams this week. When we all gather in the KS3 dining hall before the exam, they have been talking about the subject and going over their revision notes. In the exam itself invigilators have reported how well behaved they have been both yesterday and today. I told them how proud we are of them all.

My congratulations to the girls’ team that won, for the second year running, the East Riding Interschool Rounders Tournament held at Cottingham High School Wednesday evening. Twelve schools competed and we won all our matches in league beating South Hunsley, South Holderness and Bridlington before qualifying as finalist against Cottingham High School. The final score three and half rounders (6 outs) to Howden and three rounders (2 outs) to Cottingham. It was a very close and exciting final which our brilliant girls won. I am pleased to say that this achievement can be added to an excellent track record of sporting success this academic year.

In attendance this week, the top year groups are:

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| Monday | Year 9 | 93.6% |
| Tuesday | Year 7 | 93.7% |

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| Wednesday | Year 8 | 94.3% |
| Thursday | Year 10 | 93.8% |
| Friday | Year 10 | 93.2% |

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Up and coming events.

- Year 10 mocks continue
- 26 June - London Trip
- 4 July - Prom
- 5 July - Sports Day