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Dear Parents and Carers,

On the staff CPD session Monday evening we looked at three new policies for marking, presentation and assessment. It was very useful to have Lisa Tester join us (our new Deputy Headteacher in September) as she will be leading on this. Of the three we need to address, I think that our approach to assessment needs very careful consideration so that everyone understands how we are going to assess progress, ensuring a tight connection to our curriculum. The marking and presentation policies will be completed over the next few weeks ready for September, however once we have developed our Key Stage 3 assessment approach in lessons, I think it is important that do some consultation with you as parents as to how our reporting system could look. There may not be a consensus in everything however it will give us a steer as to what you would like to see. As a result, I see this taking place in the Autumn term so that what we end up with can last for a considerable period of time. More information will come out early in September.

We held a Year 10 Assembly yesterday morning during ACE period and it was a great start for our new senior students. As was said to them, we are now seeing them very much as student leaders, giving them responsibility and also the opportunity to develop and grow as individuals. We will be introducing a number of new and helpful strategies to support them, the first of which is the "Summer Challenge." If your child is in year 10 they will be able to explain it to you.

On Thursday Evening, I had the pleasure of announcing the TCAT staff awards for Integrity. There were also awards for Responsibility, Aspiration and Respect. It was a fantastic evening, held at Hull University and my congratulations to Mrs Burton (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Adams (Head of science), Mrs Heap (Exams and Cover Officer) and Mr Taylor (Facilities Manager) who received their awards. It is an excellent event to attend and although it is not needed, a timely reminder of what a privilege is it to be part of Howden school and The Consortium Academy Trust.

This week our 12 Bite Back Food Champions have successfully ran their own campaign against the quality of school canteen food in the UK. The students have been working with Mr Gardiner since November, and this week saw them finally achieve the goals they had set themselves. The campaign spanned three days including votes for a new queuing system in the KS3 canteen, new tables and chairs and lastly a chance for students to sample some potential new menu items. The group prepared over 500 samples in one hour for their final campaign day, serving some very happy customers at lunchtime as they introduced them to their new healthy drinks, snacks and meals. We are incredibly proud of the work they have carried out over the academic year.

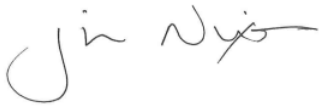
In attendance this week, the top year groups are:

Monday	Year 8	97.9%
Tuesday	Year 10	94.2%
Wednesday	Year 10	94.2%
Thursday	Year 8	94.7%
Friday	Year 9	92.5%

Finally, I have requested in previous Newsletters that unwanted uniform be donated to support families in this cost-of-living crisis. Attached with this letter is more information regarding our uniform recycling scheme, which is being supported by Dove House in Howden.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Up and coming events.

- W/C 17 June – Year 10 mocks commence
- 17 June TCAT Marketing photos
- 26 June London Trip