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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have gone incredibly quickly. You may notice I did not use the usual phrase "summer half term" mainly because it has not felt like summer so far.

A letter has gone out to year 11 parents giving more detail about Thursday 6th June and the leavers' assembly. Students will be going straight to the sports hall after their English Language paper 2 exam where they can sign shirts. Parents have been told that their child needs to bring in an extra shirt for this. Afterwards, they will be escorted to the hall for the assembly and will then be dismissed out the front gate around lunchtime. They have been working very hard and the feedback from the large exams has been positive so far. A reminder to year 11 parents that the maths calculator exams is Monday morning straight after half term, so they need to do lots of revision over the break. Those involved will know about the additional sessions that are taking place over half-term to support students.

Our focus on rewards continues and I am really pleased to say that the following rewards took place today:

- Above and Beyond Headteacher reward - A chocolate bar (we checked our nut/vegan/dairy free students would be able to have these rewards). 263 students received this reward which is excellent news.
- Attendance Streaks (35 days) Headteacher Reward – An Ice Cream Reward pass. 292 students received this reward.

Seeing so many students get rewards for all their hard work and commitment is a great way to end this half-term.

Previously I have mentioned about all the work that has been going on behind the scenes with the curriculum. It is a large task and one of these things that when it is finished you are only just starting, if that makes sense, as they will be developed and improved over time. We prioritised subjects starting with the core, and I am pleased to say that now we have Curriculum Overview documents for eleven subjects which will go onto the website soon after half term. This will mean parents can see what will be taught and how it is sequenced. For those subjects not yet available, it is only because the work with Jamie O'Brien has only recently started, and they will be available later in the term. We will then be using the plans to revisit our assessment process at Key Stage 3, further information will follow as this too develops.

Positive feedback was received after Maths was visited on Monday this week by Sarah Warnes (Chair of Governors) and Alexia Bahadur (Governor), this included them visiting lessons and talking to the students during the afternoon as well as meeting staff and meeting Mr Issatt, Head of Department. The purpose of such visits is to confirm information they have received from senior leaders by getting staff and students perspective.

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who won the Humberside Cup Final. They beat Baysgarth 5-2 at St Mary's - Clayton scored four goals and one for George too. This means that the school has won 3 cup finals and were runners up in one: A superb achievement. There is going to be a celebratory lunch for the four teams and the PE staff after half-term.

In attendance this week, the top year groups are:

Monday	Year 11	95.7%
Tuesday	Year 7	93.4%
Wednesday	Year 11	92.9%
Thursday	Year 11	95.7%
Friday	Year 8	88.0%

Can I please remind parents to contact the school to notify us of any student absence as soon as possible. This can be done by telephone on 01430 430448 and leaving a voicemail, by email via attendance@howdenschool.net or using the Arbor in-app message function.

Have a great half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

GCSEs continue

03 June – School reopens

06 and 07 June – Geography field trips