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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another good week so thank you again for your support. At our Local Governing Body meeting (LGB) last night, we went through our outcomes and plans for the year ahead. The message was very upbeat given the progress we have made already in the first three weeks of term highlighting the different strategies that are now embedded as well as some new ones that are being introduced. We have excellent support from our Central Services Team with Amanda Welsh, who specialises in vocational education, supporting departments in Key Stage 4.

Our attendance this term is up from the same time last year and it is crucial that this continues. Excellent attendance, as I have mentioned before, is the very bedrock of education and indeed life. In any job you are expected to have excellent attendance and schools are no different so please keep sending your child into school, even if they are feeling a little bit under the weather. So far, we have 474 students who have 100% attendance and 54 who have 95-99%. At present one day makes a big difference in the statistics but is also makes a big difference in work missed.

Can I just bring to your attention that we have had a few instances of students using their mobile phone to contact parents who then come into school to collect them. Our mobile phone policy, which overall is working exceptionally well and is now just part of our culture, applies to all students. I am aware of some individual cases where there is contact for medical reasons however students must go to reception or their pastoral manager if there is an issue that requires contacting home.

A reminder that every Wednesday there is a Senior Leadership surgery for parents who have concerns that may not have been addressed as well as you would have liked. These are from 3.30 to 5.30pm and the process to book an appointment by completing the following link and we will contact you to arrange a suitable time: <https://forms.office.com/e/sGjzbEHWCr>

On Wednesday evening I had the real pleasure of watching our football teams play Market Weighton. I am pleased to say that all 4 teams won with year 7 scoring an incredible 10 goals to one. They put on an impressive display as did all the other teams who won year 8: 6-3, year 9: 5-3, year 10: 3-1: My thanks also to all the parents who were out watching; it was a great evening.

Open evening is on 3 October where we will be welcoming prospective parents and their children to visit the school. We are excited to showcase the changes made, not only to the site but also to our curriculum. There will be lots of new events taking place that evening and a letter will be sent out next week inviting all prospective students.

Attendance winners this week are:

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| Monday | Year 7 | 97.97% |
| Tuesday | Year 7 | 97.15% |
| Wednesday | Year 7 | 97.56% |
| Thursday | Year 7 | 96.75% |
| Friday | Year 7 | 95.93% |

I hope you 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

Future events:

3 October – Open evening 5 – 7pm

7 October – The first SEN parents evening

16 October – Restart a heart (Y8) and Careers Fayre

17 October – Y7 Tutor evening