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Dear parents and carers,

Our senior students met with Mark Paxton the regional manager for ABM. I was impressed with the questions they asked and the discussion that followed around many aspects, not least the menu and the quality of the food. At present, the contract is out to tender, and we have already had one other company come into school to talk to students about what they would like. My understanding is that the tender is for the other schools in the trust as well and I am pleased that we have a member of staff on the team that is involved in the process.

On Tuesday we had our safeguarding audit, which occurs every two years, along with all the other schools in the trust. It was carried out by a company who work throughout the country, so they have a good perspective of good practice. I am really pleased to say that the verbal feedback we received was very positive and recognised all the good work that goes on in the school, it is important that we remain vigilant in this key area within our school. My personal thanks to Mrs Doyle, the school's wider safeguarding team, the staff and the governors for all their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to the Year 11 football team who won 4-2 at home against Axholme Academy. Dan scored a hat-trick, but the game became tight at 3-2 however in the end we were worthy victors which means we now through to the 4th round.

It was good to see many of our year 11 from last year at the Minster last night. It is a fantastic building in which to have such an event and I pleased that it was full. The awards were much deserved by those who worked hard, and it was good to see so many proud parents taking family photos with the trophy their child had received, photos that will be cherished for many years to come.

You may have seen on our Facebook page this week that we have been donated a Christmas tree from Scalby Grange. It looks wonderful in the School Hall, and I would like to express my thanks to them.

A reminder that every Wednesday after school we offer a Senior Leadership Team surgery for any parents and carers who have concerns that you do not feel have been addressed successfully. You can request an appointment using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/sGjzbEHWCr>

I hope you have a great weekend.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 8	96.88%
Tuesday	Year 7	96.31%
Wednesday	Year 7	95.90%
Thursday	Year 7	98.77%
Friday	Year 11	94.53%

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:

- W/C 2 December – Y11 Food exams
- Thursday 12 December – Y11 Parents' evening