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Dear parents and carers,

During this week we have doing our student voice survey in assemblies and during ACE period. Our senior students have been extremely useful helping out and because we did it live on their phones, using a QR code, we were able to get the data instantly. We will be using this information to feed into the various student senates we have to continue our drive in improving our school. Their voice is crucial given they live the Howden experience every day.

On Tuesday we ran our lockdown drill again and it went very smoothly I am pleased to say that everyone took it seriously. It is one of those drills, like the fire drill, that you hope you never have to enact for real however, it is important that everyone is aware of the process in the unlikely event of it happening.

We held our first ever International Men’s Day on Tuesday by holding an all boys assembly, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 separately with a programme on the same theme, but amended, for girls at the same time. The boys listened in silence through the presentation and a large number of them thanked the staff at the end. In the session with the girls, there were a number of good discussions as well. Students were talking about it at break and lunchtime with some suggesting some other ways in which we can recognise the contribution of men in society which we will follow up on.

We have been involved with the National Language Competition this week which finished today and as you’d expect we are really proud of our students. Over 1700 UK teams entered in the competition ran by GCHQ and one of our four teams, ‘Team Elegant Patient Cat’ had reached 96th place on Wednesday breaking into the top 100 for the first time. For information, the competition is linked to Languages, Codes and Problem Solving and I am proud to say that we are the top TCAT team.

My thanks to parents and carers for your support this week. I am looking forward to the celebration evening at the Minster for last year’s leavers. There were a number of fantastic results and many students who worked incredibly hard so it will be good to celebrate their efforts and catch up on what they are doing now.

Sporting success

Y7 boys are through to the finals of the Humberside Tournament after winning 1 and drawing 3 against South Hunsley, Wolfreton, Hessle and Cottingham this week.

Attendance this week

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| Monday | Year 10 | 94.78% |
| Tuesday | Year 8 | 95.03% |
| Wednesday | Year 7 | 94.67% |

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| Thursday | Year 7 | 94.67% |
| Friday | Year 9 | 92.75% |

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- Thursday 28 November 6.30pm – Exam Celebration Evening at Howden Minster
- W/C 2 December – Y11 Food exams
- Thursday 12 December – Y11 Parents' evening