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Dear parents and carers,

Many of our students were at Remembrance Day on Sunday representing different groups and our Head Students, Harry and Lucy wrote a message on the wreath. Mrs Issatt represented the school. I was pleased that students took the 2 minutes silence on Monday very seriously and showed a genuine interest in those historical events that we remember every year. The last post was played during the silence.

Like a number of other trust schools, we have been looking to develop leadership opportunities for our staff that not only supports them in their professional development but also adds to our leadership capacity. On Monday, we interviewed for internal posts, a process that was rigorous and involved Sarah Warnes, our Chair of Governors. It was strong internal field, and I am really pleased to announce that the following members of staff were appointed:

Ryan Gardiner	Behaviour & Attitudes (Recognition and Rewards)
Charlotte Scott	Behaviour & Attitudes (Enrichment and Impact)
Sarah Holiday	Quality of Education (KS3 Assessment & Whole school Literacy)
Luke Marshall	Quality of Education (Self-Study & Raising Attainment)

Next week we are planning to recognise “International Men’s Day” which is on Tuesday 19 November. The theme for this year is “Men’s Health Champions” but we will also be including “male role models” and looking to recognise what men bring to society and families. If you can find the time, I would ask that you discuss with your child about the value of men in society and the crucial contribution they bring. Quite a few years ago, when I first retired, I was interviewed by a newspaper and asked what my greatest achievement was my reply was quick; being a Dad”. For me, it is the most incredible gift to be given and since they were very young, we often discussed about what it meant to be a man and a Dad. Nowadays, children are under so many different influences due to social media that did not exist back then, so the conversations that happen at home are even more important. We will be recognising International Women’s Day on Friday 7 March 2025 (the actual date is Saturday 8 2025).

Congratulations to our Year 8 football team who beat South Hunsley in the East Riding Cup winning the penalty shoot-out after a 3-3 draw following extra time. Some of the team told me, very proudly, about the game the following morning as they went to their lesson. It was great to see the joy on their faces.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 8	95.34%
Tuesday	Year 7	95.08%
Wednesday	Year 11	95.31%

Thursday	Year 10	96.64%
Friday	Year 7	96.7%

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- Friday 22 November – Knit & Stitch trip
- Thursday 28 November – Exam Celebration Evening at Howden Minster