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Dear parents and carers,

Again, we have had a good start to a new half term, picking up from where we left off. One sign of a school that has changed its culture is what we see and experience each day: typicality. Our “normal” is now calm and purposeful.

Our new students from Holy Family joined us on Wednesday and seemed to have settled in fairly well, especially given the challenging situation they and their families have been through. It was good example of schools working together to support a community that is experiencing some difficulty.

It is good to see our new Facebook page getting attention from the community. There is so much to celebrate at Howden so hopefully you are now getting more of a picture of all the good work that goes on day to day. In relation to good news, I have been thanking the students for their conduct during social times, especially in relation to litter. The school environment is now considerably better for it.

On Wednesday, we had our first Senior Students’ meeting. It was a good discussion, with plenty of food provided, where we agreed the areas we will look to develop over the coming year. From the next meeting onwards, Harry and Lucy (Head students) will be chairing the meetings.

The year 11 English, maths, and science exams have gone well. It would seem that year 11 have taken them very seriously which is excellent as it means we can get a decent indication as to where they are with plenty of time to provide additional support where needed.

My thanks to parents who were free and able to help with one of the buses not turning up on Friday. Over 50 of our students were left waiting but we were able to get them into school with the support of yourselves and staff (a number of whom jumped into their cars to collect them). We are in contact the Local Authority to express our concern that we were given no advance notice and to get reassurance that it such an event will not be repeated. We were only made aware through the kindness of our parents; it was a great team effort.

Finally, just a reminder that there is an SLT surgery every Wednesday at 3.30 should you have any concerns that you feel have not been addressed through other channels.

Football success

Year 11 won 3 – 2 in the National Cup on Wednesday this week against Asquith High school.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 11	96.48%
Tuesday	Year 10	92.55%
Wednesday	Year 11	95.29%
Thursday	Year 9	95.65%
Friday	Year 10	94.03%

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