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Dear parents and carers,

Amongst the many stories this week is the fantastic news that we have been awarded the title of Modeshift STARS Local Authority Secondary School of the Year 2024/25. This accomplishment reflects our school's hard work and dedication to promoting sustainable travel choices, such as walking, cycling and wheeling for the journey to school. By achieving Modeshift STARS Accreditation, we had to demonstrate a true commitment to creating a healthier, greener future for our school community. Out of all the schools across the country we are one of only 47 schools selected as Local Authority winners, making our achievement even more special. A huge thanks to Mr Gardiner and all the students involved for their hard work to achieve this fantastic award.

Whilst we are celebrating good news, Hayden Carter (9S) competed in the ICO World Championships in Frankfurt Germany. This was a martial arts competition at international level, and he represented the England Team. Hayden entered 5 categories and medalled in all 5 getting three gold, a silver and a bronze medal. An incredible achievement and we all very proud of him. A number of our students achieve great things outside of school and I am keen that we celebrate this aspect of their lives even more so please let us know so that we can include them in our celebrations.

I am very pleased to announce that on Tuesday we appointed a new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who comes to us with experience of leading safeguarding in a secondary school so she will be a real asset to Howden school. We had a very strong field, unusually taking 4 candidates through to the final interview after an intense morning.

Today we have been meeting with 7 students and their parents who are joining us in year 10 from the Holy Family School. You may have read the sad news that the school is having to close so there has been various meetings this term to discuss how the surrounding education community can support these young people. It is an incredibly difficult time for them, changing school in year 10, choosing GCSEs and getting to know a new school so we will do all we can to help. They will start school during the first week back once timetables have been sorted so if you have a child in year 10, please ask them to help make our new students feel welcome.

Overall, the uniform compliance has been very good this half term however there has been a little bit of a dip very recently so can I please ask that you ensure your child leaves home in the correct uniform when we return on Monday 4th November. Thank you for your support in this.

We are very close to the end of what has been a very successful first half term; we have made a lot of progress in a number of areas and are looking to do the same again when we return. We are looking forward to our whole trust CPD day tomorrow so please remember that school is closed Friday and the following week for half-term.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing your child back on Monday 4th November.

Attendance this week:

Monday	Year 8	97.52%
Tuesday	Year 11	97.64%
Wednesday	Year 11	96.85%
Thursday	Year 7	96.72%

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- 24 October – Students break up for half term
- 04 November – School reopens