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Dear parents and carers,

On Monday, Harry and Lucy (our new Head students) met Lizann Lowson (CEO of the Trust) to talk about the school and their own ambitions. I wasn't present, but when I spoke to Harry and Lucy afterwards, they thoroughly enjoyed it. Lizann came away very impressed by how articulate they both were and their understanding of the school including the impact of the changes that have taken place over the past few terms. She was particularly impressed by the questions they asked her including how she influenced the schools as a CEO. In fact, the meeting went so well that Lizann has now asked other schools in our trust do the same when she visits their school.

Last Friday, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Tester attended a community event at the Minster that was focused on anti-social behaviour in the area. It was a positive event with the community clearly understanding the crucial role that parents play in ensuring their children's behaviour is appropriate but also the role of the school in educating our students as well.

It has come to my attention that some students are bringing aerosols into school. As well as health and safety reasons, aerosols are very damaging to the environment. Should your child wish to bring deodorant to school to use after a PE lesson, can you please make sure they bring a roll-on instead. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We have had a lot on in school this week. Wednesday was "Restart a Heart" enrichment for year 8 students which was followed that evening by the Careers Fair. This is an annual Careers Fair event and we had 180 students and their families through the door circulating around the different stands. There were 19 different exhibitors each with a stand providing invaluable information regarding post 16 pathways to our young people.

On Thursday night, we held our first "Meet the Team" event for our new year 7 students and their parents. Again, like all events recently, it was very well attended, there was a talk to students and parents which included a video of life at Howden and also the 'future me' photos of current year 7's. Parents were then guided by students to various subject areas, where they could speak to curriculum leaders and also see their child's exercise book to see how hard they have been working. There was also an opportunity to speak to their child's tutor to find out how they have settled in. My thanks to the students who helped out on Thursday evening, they received a lot of praise from the parents who attended and rightly so, we are very proud of them. This was then followed by a Comedy Night in aid of A shining Light Charity, organised by Mr Gardiner. It was great to see so many of the school community supporting this event and over £2500 was raised on the night.

Football results:

Monday: at home vs Wolfreton

Y7: 0-9 loss

Y8: 5-0 win

Wednesday: away at Beverley Longcroft

Y7: 2-2 draw

Y8: 3-0 win

Attendance winners this week:

Monday	Year 9	96.74%
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Tuesday	Year 9	96.74%
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Wednesday	Year 9	97.83%
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Thursday	Year 9	98.19%
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Friday	Year 9	94.38%
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I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon  
Headteacher

Future events:

- W/C 21 October – Food Exams
- 24 October – Active Travel Day for Year 7
- 24 October – Students break up for half term
- 04 November – School reopens