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Dear parents and carers,

We have our first Open Morning on Wednesday and we felt it was a very positive event. Parents who attended had a briefing in our Professional Development room then did a tour of the school so they could see us in action. These events, and there is another one this coming Wednesday, are a great opportunity to feel the atmosphere as you walk around and see students in lessons. We are constantly looking to improve, that will never change, however we are also proud of the progress we have made over the past four terms. We have had an excellent start to the year now we are at the end of our fifth week. Information has been shared with Primary schools on book a place next Wednesday.

As the Open Morning was taking place, I had the honour of interviewing for our Head students for this academic year. I was extremely impressed, not only by all their letters but the ideas they have and their analysis of our school. They are incredibly astute. After a long period of reflection, I decided at 10.30 on Wednesday night, that Lucy Carlill and Harry Lee would be our Head students and that because of the depth of talent, that we would appoint 5 Deputy Head students and 3 student Ambassadors. It was one of those mornings which was very time consuming, yet I wished I had been able to spend more time with them. They will be a real credit to the school. Our Senior Senate is as follows:

Head Students:

Harry Lee and Lucy Carlill

Deputy Head Students:

Emma Davies, Kaytlin Hallewell, Riley Dykes, Maya Wojcik and Melissa Waddingham

Senior Ambassadors:

Jayden Berry, Reece Gencer and Nathaniel Horner

We held our Open Evening on Thursday night, the theme of which was Around the World the Howden Way and if you are on twitter, you will have seen how packed the hall was, it was even a bit of struggle to get some standing room. The evening was very different to previous evenings at Howden and really captured the imagination and attention of parents and prospective students. We had a constant stream of parents and students arrive throughout the evening where they were greeted by myself and Alice and Sam who were playing some classical pieces on the piano. The speeches by our Head Students, Harry, Lucy, and our year 7 students Joey & Liliana were talked about by the parents after the event, as was the various activities that took place around the school. One science experiment in particular captured a lot of attention.

Next Thursday, 10 October we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day, a letter regarding this event has been sent with my newsletter.

Attendance winners this week are:

Monday	Year 7	96.75%
Tuesday	Year 7	97.54%

Wednesday	Year 7	95.12%
Thursday	Year 7	97.15%
Friday	Year 11	96.88%

I hope you have a good weekend

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- 7 October – The first SEN parents evening
- 9 October – Morning tour for prospective parents
- 16 October – Restart a heart (Y8) and Careers Fayre
- 17 October – Y7 Meet the Team event
- W/C 21 October – Food Exam
- 24 October – Students break up for half term