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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, just a reminder in case it's needed that the change of parents' evening means that year 11 is now on Thursday 13th March which means the Parents' Evening for year 10 is now 3rd April. We moved the date from what was originally planned by the Trust so that there was a quicker turn around between mock exams and meeting year 11 parents and carers. We also have Year 9 Guided Choice Parents' evening next Thursday, which will include a presentation and stalls, where you will be able to find out about the courses we offer in further detail, please see communication sent out earlier this week.

Whilst on the subject of year 11, the feedback from their mocks has been very positive, both in their attitude to their exams but also the standard of work they have produced. My thanks to you for your support in ensuring your child was well prepared.

In the last Governors' meeting, it was agreed to look at setting up a Parents' Teacher Association (PTA). There are a wide range of benefits of a PTA including fund raising, qualifying for financial awards and grants, raising funds through social events etc. Crucially I have also found that a PTA helps to further strengthen relationships between stakeholders, encourages parents and carers to get more involved in their child's schooling and the PTA members themselves have enjoyed the teamwork and common purpose that comes with it. I will write more about in the next few weeks.

This week has seen several events taking place, all of which have showcased how brilliant our students are. We're incredibly proud that a small group of Howden students were selected to represent the student voice in the Trust's Tender process for catering services across all schools. Their day included listening to presentations, tasting menu options, and engaging with potential contractors by asking thoughtful questions and giving valuable feedback. Their professionalism and dedication truly shone through, and as always, these students made us proud!

A group of year 10 students have been to Howden Joinery to complete their interviews ready for work experience week in the Summer. Thank you very much to Howden Joinery for this opportunity for our students.

TCAT Learner Conference - a group of year 10 and year 11 students have attended a learner conference at Hull University where they have learnt about developing their life goals and opportunities, higher education routes and financing and budgeting for this.

On Tuesday three of our Year 10 students, George, Elsie and Esmee travelled to London for the Children's Food Awards 2025. All three were nominated in the Young Changemaker of the Year category following their three-day long campaign over the quality of school food last summer. During the event, the students met with MPs, company executives and more as they took part in a number of workshops before the awards ceremony took place. We are delighted to say that despite incredibly strong opposition in their category, our students scooped the top prize! They should be incredibly proud of themselves, and just to top things off, the trio have also been invited back to London later this year to share their views in Parliament when the issue is next raised by MPs.

On Wednesday five of our Year 10 students, Kaiden, Isaac, Oskar, Hamish & Rudy launched their brand-new Young Enterprise company ASLC (A Shining Light Clothing). The boys had to deliver a 2-minute business pitch

at a Dragon's Den Event before fielding questions from a number of business experts. They have designed their own range of clothing, the 'Positivitee,' a collection of t-shirts featuring positive mental health slogans aimed at teenagers and young adults. All designs and logos have been created by the students themselves, and they will also be hand painting each t-shirt themselves. They've pledged 10% of all their profits to our school charity, A Shining Light, and they will be selling to the public for the first time next month when they visit a weekend trading market in Selby.

Our students have been exemplary in all of these activities and a real credit for our school.

We met with one of our former students, Olivia Stocks, earlier this week who is taking part in the World's Toughest Row in December 2026. This is a 3,000-mile journey across the Atlantic from Spain to Antigua. Olivia is also raising money for our school charity, along with two other girls on her team who are also raising money for charities from their local areas respectively. Discussions were very positive and we're looking forward to supporting Olivia on her journey as well hosting some events in school to support her cause. We'll share more details on this incredibly exciting event in future months.

Just a reminder that all students must adhere to the Uniform Policy, and that we check at line-up, ACE Period and as students enter and leave their classrooms. My thanks for your support to the vast majority who do this every day.

If you don't already know, the school play is on next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, tickets are available through Arbor and further information can be found on social media.

Finally, in a previous Newsletter I sent out communication regarding a parental survey organised by the Trust, the deadline for completion is 10 March. If you haven't already done so, can you please complete using the following link: <https://edurio.com/poll/02VDsu>

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 7	96.4%
Tuesday	Year 7	95.2%
Wednesday	Year 11	94.92%
Thursday	Year 9	96.83%
Friday	Year 7	94.81%

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 March - School performance
- Thursday 6 March - Year 9 Guided Choice Parents' Evening
- Thursday 13 March - Year 11 Parents' Evening