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Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday the girls' football team won 14-0 against Healing Academy in the quarter final of the Humberside Development Cup so my congratulations to them for a resounding win, we have held this cup for the last two years with this team.

On Wednesday two thirds of our Year 11 students travelled to Salford to enjoy a performance of An Inspector Calls at the Lowry Theatre. Our students were impeccable and gained a special insight into one of their GCSE English Literature texts. Thursday was one of our annual Success events for targeted year 11 students at Hull University, focused on English and maths. The second event takes place on Monday. These are lectures to students from all of our academies, not only to improve their outcomes but also where appropriate, to raise their aspirations. Writing about core subjects, it was remiss of me last week not publicly welcome Mr Eskrett, our new English teacher. He joins us with considerable experience, and we are really pleased to have him here at Howden.

Our mobile phone policy, "On Site, Out of Sight" is working extremely well so my thanks for your continued support on this. Students chat away in the canteen and engage with each other much more than they ever did before. We are also launching more lunchtime clubs next week. On a few occasions however, we have had instances of students phoning home to parents who then come into school. The policy is that students should go to reception or if need be, their pastoral manager if they have a concern and the member of staff will phone home if it is considered appropriate. Can I ask for your support in this please as it is for everyone's' benefit.

Punctuality is so much better now so my thanks to you for all your support on this. Today we rewarded 550+ students for 100% attendance this week with an early lunch pass, it was great to be able to reward so many students.

As announced in social media, Will Herbet's funeral is being held at 11.30 am next Friday at Howden Minster where there will be representatives from our school. In memory of Will, the school will be holding a minute's silence at 11.45. He was such a lovely vibrant young man with an incredible sense of humour. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all those that knew him and loved him.

Reminder that a SLT surgery for parents and carers is available every Wednesday from 3.30 – 5.30. If you would like to speak to us about a concern that you feel has not been dealt with to your satisfaction, please make an appointment using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/sGjzbEHWCr>

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 11	94.5%
Tuesday	Year 7	94.7%
Wednesday	Year 11	96.48%
Thursday	Year 7	96.7%
Friday	Year 7	95.9%

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- Monday 20 January – Rescheduled Send virtual Parents' Evening
- Monday 20 January – Trust Year 11 success event at Hull University
- Thursday 23 January – Year 8 Parents' Evening