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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week, with much more going on than usual. On Monday we did a review of our SEND provision looking at student work, lessons and speaking with some students. We review all departments in the school and, as is often the case, invite senior colleagues from other schools to come and take part so we can obtain an external perspective. It was a coincidence that a few days later, the Local Authority carried out a review of our Enhanced Resource Provision (ERP), a process they go through with all schools that have an ERP. Both events went well and had been planned in the diary for some time.

Thursday lunchtime I had the pleasure of meeting the Senior Senate. We went through the areas we want to improve, some of which have already been addressed. They are incredibly astute and the conversations and debate is always at a high level.

We are now underway with the Year 11 mocks. A couple of students proudly showed me some of their Artwork yesterday – and it was good – and they all seem well prepared for English today. This set of mocks will give us a strong steer on predicted outcomes in August. Good luck to all year 11 in their exams next week starting with maths Monday morning.

Open Evening was extremely busy and there was a real buzz, a palpable sense of excitement. In my walk around, the school looked great and the various activities our departments put on were well thought out and very clever. Congratulations also to all the students who helped; they were simply amazing. The speeches by Will and Lucy were superb, so eloquent and confident. On reflection afterwards, I decided that it was the best Open Evening I have ever experienced so my thanks to all the parents, carers and students who attended. The theme of “Crack the code” went down really well,

Last week we rolled out a brand-new tool for all students called Peerscroller. It’s an app for both students and parents, modelled on social media platforms such as TikTok and Instagram, but is a hub of videos for hundreds of topics including mental health, sex education, financial information and much more. The app is completely free, and users can access it at any time – it’s especially valuable for those questions students don’t always want to ask whether at school or at home, but now they can get fully verified and fact-checked information at the push of a button. How to sign up is detailed in our new Sway document which you can access here - <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/LKqpp0bw1MxlfOZn?ref=Link&loc=play>

The Young Artist Open Exhibition opens at Ferens Art Gallery Hull this weekend, it is on until January 2026. We had 18 students submit their artwork this year and all works are on display, including 1 prize winner - Thomas in Y10, who won 2nd prize out of 550+ entries across Hull and East Yorkshire! Please go and have a look next time you are in Hull City Centre.

Can I please remind you that the rear entrance to the school is only for the use of buses, to ensure the safety of our students. If you need to visit the school, please use the entrance at the front of school via Derwent Road.

On a personal note, it has been an emotional week as well given how much progress we have made as a school over a short period of time and so the time is right to step down and appoint a new Headteacher. I will say more nearer the time, but I will be continuing to be involved with trust over the next couple of years.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 7	98%
Tuesday	Year 7	96.6%
Wednesday	Year 8	97.6%
Thursday	Year 7	97.3%
Friday	Year 10	95.7%

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future Events

Next two weeks – Year 11 mock exams
Thursday 23 October – Break up for half term