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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to offer my congratulations to our new Heads of House: Mr Nassau who is leading Turing and Mr Holliday who is leading Wilberforce. This year, we are raising the profile of the House system, so I am pleased to see two strong members of staff join the excellent team of Mr Gardiner, Mrs Davies and Mr Marshall.

For the very few parents and carers whose child gets the Hooper bus to Goole, just to inform you that that they are not allowed to leave school early and should catch the bus at 3.11pm from Howden Memorial.

Following a meeting with Caterlink, the Key Stage 3 canteen now has a new system to improve the flow of students through at both break and lunchtime. Now, both the serving sides have exactly the same food so students can join either queue. Bottles of water are also available for students to pick up with their food to speed up the process. In addition, we are being strict with students in not allowing them to join the queue after 11.15 at break time and 12.45 at lunchtime. This has gone much better this week, and the students have been brilliant. I have to say that I rarely if ever eat lunch when working but looking at the choice and food available now, I am sorely tempted.

Attached is the calendar for Term 2026-27 and you may notice that the summer term is longer than in previous years. Students will start on Wednesday 9th September 2026 and finish 22nd July 2027. I know it is a long way away, but it will come around very quickly.

Year 11 revision planning session in hall on Wednesday was attended by over 80 students which is fantastic. My thanks to all the parents and carers who encouraged their child to attend. All the comments I heard from the students was really positive.

We practiced lockdown during ACE period this morning and I am pleased to say that it went very smoothly. The students were very well behaved and silent, so much so that in the science corridor where I was checking, it looked as if the rooms were empty.

Parents of Year 7 students were sent communication on Wednesday regarding the Meet the Team event next Thursday. We are really looking forward to the event to showcase how hard students have been working since they joined us in September. If you haven't already responded, please can you confirm your attendance to the event by updating in Arbor.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 11	95.1%
Tuesday	Year 7	95.3%
Wednesday	Year 7	97.3%
Thursday	Year 10	97.1%
Friday	Year 10	97.2%

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

Thursday 2 October – Year 7 Meet the Team evening

Wednesday 8 October – Careers Fayre

Thursday 9 October – Open Evening