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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of week 3 of the new school year and I am pleased to say it has been a very good start. In my walks around school, and the various drop ins that are taking place, we observed numerous examples of good practice and students focused on their learning. Whilst there are challenges ahead, not least the winter months, our culture and ACE values are stronger than ever and the students are responding positively, not only in lesson time but social time as well.

My first meeting with our new Senior Senate was as impressive as their interviews. Often, it takes a couple of meetings for a team to get up to speed but they were confident from the outset. Chaired by Will and Lucy, they decided what they wanted to achieve by the end of their term in office. The list is lengthy and varied from self-study to queues in the canteens. Everyone engaged in the discussions, so much so we ran over time. I am looking forward to the next meeting already as they provide such clear insight but have ideas and solutions as well.

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. It is interesting to look back on this time last year and see how far we have travelled as a school. Our year 7 students have settled in very quickly, I watched them lining up for assembly this morning and they were brilliant. Long may it continue. Other year groups continue to impress, as seen in our much improved behaviour data – which last year was much improved on the previous year as well. If you know anyone who is considering sending their child to Howden next year, then please would you encourage them to attend. The evening is for year 6 students and year 5, which runs from 5pm to 7pm.

Year 11 Mocks start on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, just a few weeks away. They did well in their summer term mocks because of their diligent approach and commitment so we are expecting the same again.

Last night we had our first LGB meeting of the year. We went over our outcomes and provided a brief synopsis of the start of the academic year along with other reports such as safeguarding and SEND. I know I repeat this sentiment regularly when I thank them not only for their commitment to the school, but all the preparation that goes into the meetings, so the challenge is based on detailed knowledge of school.

I hope you have a good weekend.

**Attendance this week**

Monday	Year 11	96.97%
Tuesday	Year 7	97.3%
Wednesday	Year 11	95.45%
Thursday	Year 11	96.21%
Friday	Year 7	95.3%

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'.

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