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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a successful second week, and I'd like to thank you for your support in helping us achieve such a positive start. Year 7 students have settled in incredibly quickly and got into our routines. Crucial to a good start is the first few days and our focus on "The Howden Way" on day one, where we remind students of our values and go over our routines and why we do what we do. This all helps students understand what we are about and refresh what it's like to be at Howden School.

We have extended lunchtimes, and allowed year 7 students in early, on an ad hoc basis so that social time is smoother and students get the chance to eat and be with friends. There has been a significant improvement in both the quality and quantity of food and more students now eating their meals from a plate. In the newly decorated and extended KS4 canteen, we have highlighted that our older students must have the same standard of provision, and I am pleased to say that they are addressing this. I have to say that social time is a pleasure with students chatting in the dining areas and outside. In Autumn 2023, a comment was made to me that the canteens were noisy and that they used to be really quiet. I said, "I know, it's great isn't it, it's because they're not on their phones". Such changes are easily forgotten so although it seems a long time ago when we introduced the "on site, out of site" policy - and I will always be grateful for your support on that initiative -your child is benefiting from it every day.


On Thursday evening, we had the Year 11 Launch Event which was a great success, with incredible levels of attendance from students and their families. It was inspiring to see so many young people fully engaged and committed to making the most of their final year at Howden School. The strong turnout reflects the determination of our Year 11 cohort to work hard, stay focused, and achieve their very best. With this positive start, we are confident that, by working together, this year will be a truly successful one for all our students.

We are aware that students have had some issues accessing Arbor and Seneca. Most students have now successfully accessed Arbor (for any that haven't please see our recent Facebook post with instructions). Year 7 students have a lesson in the next week or so during science on how to use the Seneca platform, any issues accessing Seneca will be resolved at this time and we will inform students not to worry if they are unable to access it now. In the meantime, we have included a help guide to Seneca which I hope you will find useful.

Attendance this week

Monday	Year 10	98.19%
Tuesday	Year 11	97.73%
Wednesday	Year 11	98.1%
Thursday	Year 7	97.3%
Friday	Year 7	95.9%

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