Howden School
Derwent Road
Howden
DN14 7AL
Tel 01430 430448

office@howdenschool.net

www.howdenschool.net

22 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, there is plenty to celebrate. A huge well done to our U13 girls' football team following an incredible 11–1 victory in the National Cup. What a fantastic result! A number of our students also proudly represented the school at the East Riding Cross Country Championships on Tuesday. It is always great to see so many of our students representing Howden beyond the classroom.

We are really pleased to see the return of Breakfast Club every day in the KS3 canteen. Students are now able to come into school, have something to eat and enjoy a calm and positive start to the day before lessons begin. We know that mornings can sometimes be a rush, so Breakfast Club provides another opportunity for students to be in school, settled and ready for the day ahead. We would encourage students to make good use of it.

For our Year 11 students, mock examinations will continue after half term. The break is an important opportunity to rest and recharge after a busy first half term, but Year 11 should also be setting aside some time for purposeful revision. A little and often is far more effective than trying to do everything at the last minute, so we would encourage students to find a sensible balance between enjoying the break and preparing well for the examinations ahead.

A reminder too about behaviour on school buses. Although the buses are operated by the Local Authority, students travelling to and from Howden are still representing our school and we expect the same standards of courtesy, respect and behaviour that we expect throughout the school day. This includes following instructions, treating other passengers and drivers respectfully, looking after the buses and making sensible choices. We ask parents to reinforce these expectations at home so that journeys remain safe and pleasant for everyone.

Finally, uniform will continue to be a priority after half term. A reminder that facial piercings are not permitted and clear retainers must be used instead. During this half term, we have supported students by providing retainers where necessary; however, this will not continue after the break. Students will need to provide their own clear retainer and, if they do not have one, they will be asked to remove the piercing completely. Thank you to parents for continuing to support us in maintaining our high standards.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned half-term break. Thank you, as always, to our students, staff and families for your support throughout the half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back rested, refreshed and ready for another positive and successful half term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Tester
Headteacher