Excellence for all

17 October 2018

RE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carer





We are almost at the end of our first half term. It is fair to recognise that staff and students have hit the ground running at the beginning of the academic year on the back of some excellent examination results. Our class of 2018 achieved the highest attainment we have ever recorded with 82% of students celebrating grade 4-9 in English and Maths, this is a 12% increase on the previous year.

It has been positive watching our Year 7 students' successful transition into secondary school life. They have learnt quickly how to follow our high standards and are a credit to their families.

There has also been new responsibilities for our older students with 20 students from Y8-11 being recognised as Joe Catley Memorial Ambassadors and a further 24 Year 11 students being appointed Prefects. I am sure you agree that these opportunities are excellent to develop responsibility and leadership as well as allowing our school's community and ethos to thrive.

All students have recently taken their Assessment Point 1 (AP1) and we are now in the process of creating your child's report. These will be linked to their aspirational targets. Please note that from this academic year onwards, we will only be sending these electronically via the MyEd application. Please ensure you have downloaded this method of communication as this is our preferred provision, moving forward.

This term we have also implemented a new rewards system for our students. Your child should always be in possession of a 'star card', which is used by staff to recognise positive behaviour. House points will be accumulated throughout the academic year with individual and house awards available. Please encourage your child to accrue as many house points as possible.

We have also launched our new Humberston Academy Facebook page. Whist we have an active official twitter feed at @HumberstonA, we also recognise that many of our parents favour Facebook as their preferred social networking site and therefore have created this platform for you to access all events, information and celebrations at Humberston Academy.

This letter also gives me the chance to remind all parents and carers of our uniform expectations. Please ensure your child is coming to school meeting our high standards. We continue to challenge on short skirts, more than one pair of stud earrings or non-tailored or tightly fitted trousers. We require your support to ensure that we do not waste time challenging these obstacles as learning should be our core focus.













After half term, we have many exciting upcoming events; UK Parliament Week will take place mid- November, Year 9 Parents' Evening is on 22 November and of course we will also be participating in 'Rowember' as part of a whole Trust competition (the PE Department will release further information).

In order to work in partnership with our families, I have also enclosed two helpful information sheets; 'Child Employment and Work Permits' (supplied by N E Lincolnshire Council) for any student interested in a part time job and a 'Parents' Guide to Online Safety'. I hope you find both informative and useful.

Finally, the Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will be taking place for all Year 11 students at the beginning of November. It is expected that all Year 11 students are revising in preparation for these examinations. Please ensure your child is into this routine sooner rather than later as we wish to continue academic excellence at Humberston Academy and need your support.

As always, thank you for your commitment and partnership to Humberston Academy and your child's education.

Wishing you a lovely October half term. We return to school at normal time on Monday 29 October 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Shoubridge Acting Principal







