

24 October 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Re: End of Half Term Update**

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredibly warm welcome I have received since joining South Axholme Academy. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you already at events, during local community meetings and through conversations across the school. I have also had the chance to meet all our staff and key local stakeholders, including Mr Pitcher, MP for our region, to discuss how we can strengthen education provision locally and share how the government needs to continue doing more to support schools in delivering the very best for every child. Most importantly, I have already begun working closely with our students and have been genuinely impressed by their attitude, achievements and the pride they show in being part of this school community. Our Year 7 students in particular have made a very positive start, demonstrating exemplary behaviour, settling in well and quickly adopting the SAX Mindset of being ready, resilient and respectful.

After the break, a Microsoft Form will be shared to allow you to book appointments for my new Principal's Surgeries. These will be an opportunity for you to raise ideas, ask questions or simply share your thoughts about the school. The first sessions will take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at 9:00 am to 10:30 am**
- **Wednesday, 26 November 2025 at 1:45 pm to 4:15 pm**
- **Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

Whilst there is always lots to celebrate, I am very much looking forward to hearing your views and working together on how we can continue to improve the school. We will not always get everything right, but I am committed to listening, learning and making positive changes that benefit everyone where needed.

Our Year 11 students have also made a strong start to their GCSE studies, with intervention sessions and catch-up opportunities already underway. A blank revision timetable has been sent home to help them plan their time over the half term in preparation for the upcoming mock exams. Electronic learning resources are now available on our website, and we will expand our intervention offer further as the year progresses. Parents' Evening will take place on **6 November 2025**, offering a valuable opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss how we can best support each student to achieve their potential.

We are also very proud to share that the recently released DfE regional performance tables show South Axholme Academy as the highest performing secondary school in North Lincolnshire last year, with results significantly above both local and national averages. These excellent outcomes are mirrored in our attendance, which is also the highest in the region and significantly above national

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figures, reflecting how much our students value being in school. We have also seen a notable reduction in behaviour incidents and improved attendance compared to the same point last year which is very encouraging.

It has been fantastic to see so many students involved in sports, trips and extracurricular clubs, something that makes South Axholme Academy truly unique. Thank you to all the staff who give so generously of their time to support this wide-ranging personal development offer and to you as parents/carers for supporting and cheering your children on at these events. It really is one of our academy's greatest strengths.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families to our recent Open Evening and Open Mornings. Over 400 visitors came through our doors and spoke very highly of the confidence, politeness and articulacy of our students, qualities that we work hard to nurture and are proud to promote.

I wish everyone a relaxing and safe half term. If you need to contact us during this period, please email [admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk](mailto:admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk), which will be checked at the end of the week during half term. For any safeguarding concerns outside of school hours, and where you have any safeguarding concerns, please refer to North Lincolnshire Council's website and their Keeping Children Safe page <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/keeping-children-safe-in-north-lincolnshire/> or, please call North Lincolnshire Council during office hours (9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (until 4.30pm) 01724 296500 or the out-of-hours number 01724 296555 for immediate concerns.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the weeks and months ahead.

**With kind regards,**



Mrs S Hamilton  
Principal