

13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy but productive half-term, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

There is much to celebrate, with both individual and team successes across a wide range of sports and disciplines. It has been wonderful to see our students achieving so highly and representing the academy with such pride. Student success is also celebrated each week as part of Mr Barnes' (Vice Principal) virtual assembly, and we could not be prouder of everyone who represents the academy across such a broad range of activities. Please do continue to share photographs and stories of your child/ren's achievements so that we can celebrate them across our whole community.

To further reward student success and help reduce queues at breaktime, we have introduced an early break initiative for the year group demonstrating the most improved attendance, behaviour, and attitudes to learning - essentially those students who best embody the SAX Mindset we are so proud to uphold. We will continue to review the criteria for this initiative and look forward to more year groups receiving this award after half-term.

This half-term has once again seen students taking part in a wide range of activities both on and off site as part of our personal development programme. We have welcomed students from several of our feeder primary schools for History, Science, and PE experience days, giving them a valuable insight into academy life. We have also been fortunate to host a variety of speakers focusing on careers, STEM and health and wellbeing. Extra-curricular activities remain a vital part of academy life and we are proud of the breadth of opportunities available to our students. We hope all Year 8 students attending the ski trip with Mrs Smith and her team have a wonderful time - it is a fantastic experience and another example of the opportunities our staff provide for young people.

The half-term break is an important time for rest and recuperation for all students, while also providing a valuable opportunity for our Year 11 students to revise and prepare for their February mock examinations. Mr Chancellor (Assistant Principal and Year 11 Pastoral Lead) has sent a separate letter outlining the additional support and provision that will be in place after half-term to help every student succeed, and I encourage parents and carers of Year 11 students to look out for this communication.

Alongside our continued focus on maximising outcomes for Year 11, including additional sessions and external speakers to support students in making the most of their final weeks, we are also looking ahead with excitement to the Spring term. This will include our second SAX Mindset Day, the Year 9

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options process, as well as a number of enrichment opportunities, including trips to Milan and Sicily, hopefully accompanied by some improved weather.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Cygan from maternity leave after half-term, restoring our full complement of science specialists, as well as the phased return of Mrs Fons from maternity leave in Spanish to support key groups during the summer examination period.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended my recent Principal Surgeries this term. These sessions have provided valuable opportunities for discussion and feedback. We greatly value the views of parents and carers and will continue to act wherever possible to strengthen our provision. I remain committed to being outward-looking, listening carefully, and taking action wherever I can.

To further support this, I have signed the academy up to the nationally recognised Parent Kind Award, which will create additional opportunities for parents and carers to share feedback and help shape the future of the academy for your child/ren. Further Principal Surgery sessions will take place after half-term, so please look out for details in the academy bulletin.

Key Calendar Dates for Next Half Term

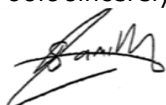
Monday 23 February:	(W/C) Year 10 Scan Shared with Parents and Students Year 11 Assessments Start (ending on Friday 6 March)
Tuesday 24 February:	SAX Mindset Day Italy Football Trip - Parents Meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 26 February:	Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Monday 9 March:	(W/C) Year 9 Scan Shared with Parents and Students
Wednesday 11 March:	Year 9 DTP/MEN Vaccinations
Thursday 12 March:	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 18 March:	Year 9 Options' Evening, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 March:	Year 11 Preparation for GCSEs, Parents and Students
Monday 30 March:	Year 11 Scan 3 Shared with Students and Parents
Wednesday 1 April:	Performing Arts Showcase, 6.00pm
Thursday 2 April:	Last Day Before Half Term

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable half-term break. If you need to contact us during this period, please email admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk, which will be checked periodically.

For any safeguarding concerns, you can contact the North Lincolnshire Children's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) on 01724 296500 or the Adult Support Team on 01724 297000 during office hours. Outside of office hours, an out-of-hours answerphone is available for the children's team on 01724 296555, and the police non-emergency number is 101.

We look forward to welcoming students back, on Monday 23 February 2026 refreshed and ready to learn.

Yours sincerely,



Principal
Mrs S Hamilton