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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Update

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school community. It has been a very busy and productive term, and it has been fantastic to see students across all year groups engaging positively with their learning and the many opportunities available to them.

This term has also been particularly busy with a number of important events for families. We have held several Parents' Evenings, providing valuable opportunities for staff and families to discuss students' progress and next steps in learning. We were also pleased to welcome many of you to our Year 9 Options Evening, where students and parents explored the subjects available for Key Stage 4 and began making important decisions about the next stage of their education. In addition, our Year 11 Revision Information Evening offered helpful guidance and strategies to support students and families as they prepare for the upcoming GCSE examinations.

A particular focus at this time of year is, of course, our Year 11 students as they prepare for their GCSE examinations, which begin shortly after the Easter break. This is an important stage in their education, and we continue to support them with revision guidance, intervention sessions and additional resources. During the Easter holidays, we will be offering several revision sessions in school to help students prepare effectively, and information about these has already been shared. We strongly encourage students to attend both the online and in-person sessions where possible and make the most of the support available. A reminder that a wide range of revision materials are also available on the school website - it is never too late to start.

We also remain committed to strengthening our engagement with parents and carers. I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to respond to our Parents' Evening questionnaires, complete the mobile phone survey, attend parents' surgeries, or speak with me during our various events this term. Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps us reflect on what we do well and where we can continue to improve. I am also pleased to share that the school has recently received the Parent Kind Award in recognition of our work in developing strong partnerships with families. Over the summer term, we will be working to action recommendations from this process as we continue to improve how we communicate and engage with our community.

Following the recent parental survey regarding mobile phone use, feedback was almost evenly split. Around half of respondents supported strengthening the current policy through the use of phone pouches, while the other half preferred to retain our existing approach. On reflection and taking into account the significant financial implications of introducing such systems, we have decided to continue with our current policy and monitor its effectiveness. Thank you for your support in

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reinforcing clear boundaries around mobile phone use. We will continue to educate students about the addictive nature of mobile phones and the issues associated with their overuse. We trust that the vast majority of our students are sensible and understand the importance of keeping mobile phones out of sight and stored safely in bags during the school day.

In terms of staffing updates, we are delighted to welcome our experienced physicist and STEM Lead, Miss Taylor, to the team straight after the break. She joins us with a wealth of experience as we continue to strengthen our science department and ensure all students receive high-quality teaching and support.

At the same time, we say goodbye to three valued members of staff. Mr Watson, our DT technician, will be leaving us after several years of superb support to the Design and Technology team and our students, as he takes up a new position. We also wish Miss Kershaw the very best as she leaves her role as an Assistant Teacher to take up a more senior position at a local primary school. We are grateful for the fantastic work she has done with many of our students. Finally, we thank Mrs Lindsey for her support in English since September and wish her well for the future.

I would also like to thank families and students for their generosity in supporting today's Easter collection for the local foodbank as part of our non-uniform day. The response from our community has been incredibly positive, and the donations will help support local families. It is always encouraging to see our students demonstrating kindness and a strong sense of social responsibility.

There have been many highlights across the term. Our students have represented the school brilliantly in a wide range of sporting fixtures and enrichment activities. Participation in clubs and extra-curricular opportunities continues to grow, and it is wonderful to see so many students getting involved in sport, music, performing arts and leadership activities. Please do take the time to look through our end-of-term newsletter to see some of the excellent work and achievements from this term.

We are also looking forward to some exciting international opportunities. Students travelling on the football trip to Milan and the cultural visit to Sicily will experience new places, develop independence and create lasting memories. Educational visits such as these are incredibly valuable, and we wish all students and staff involved a safe and enjoyable trip.

As always, our staff remain committed to ensuring that students feel supported, safe and motivated to achieve their best. We continue to maintain high expectations around attendance, behaviour and engagement with learning, as these are key factors in student success.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope students take the opportunity to rest and spend time with family and friends. For those with upcoming examinations or coursework deadlines, we encourage a healthy balance between revision and relaxation so that they return refreshed and ready for the summer term. 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.

The summer term is always an important and exciting one, with examinations, trips, sports events and many opportunities to celebrate student achievements.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday and continuing to build on the positive momentum of this term.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Please see the link to the Newsletter [HERE](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hamilton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S Hamilton
Principal