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Dear Parents and Carers,

May Update

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half-term, I would once again like to thank you for your continued support of the academy and our students.

There has been much to celebrate across the academy in recent weeks, with students continuing to demonstrate resilience, commitment, and pride in all aspects of academy life. From sporting successes and enrichment opportunities to achievements within the classroom, our students continue to represent the academy exceptionally well. We are always proud to celebrate these successes through our Monday virtual assemblies and encourage parents and carers to continue sharing photographs and achievements so that we can celebrate them across our wider community.

We are particularly proud of the many students who have participated in our extensive extra-curricular programme this half-term. Congratulations to our Year 8 and Year 9 boys' football teams on winning their respective County Cup competitions, and well done to all students who represented the academy so positively on our Easter visits to Sicily and Milan. I have also received several letters and emails from members of the public and external organisations following out SAX Mindset days praising our students for their impeccable behaviour, maturity, and conduct. They are a real credit to both their families and the academy.

A particular mention must go to our Year 11 students, who have approached the start of the examination season with maturity and determination. It has been extremely encouraging to see students revising diligently and attending morning intervention sessions and subject masterclasses to secure those important final gains. As we move into the May half-term break, it is important that students balance revision with rest before examinations resume. We also look forward to celebrating the end of their journey with us through our Leavers' Assembly and Prom.

As Year 11 begin to complete their time with us, our Year 10 students are preparing to enter their final year at the academy. We are looking forward to welcoming students and parents to a revision preparation session led by cognitive scientist Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel on 3 June, which will mark the launch of our Year 10 revision programme. More will follow with regards to this event via a letter

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from Mr Chancellor, Assistant Principal. Congratulations also to all students who gained prefect badges this half-term, and especially to Joey, Poppy, Evie, and Xanthia, who were appointed as Senior Student Leaders following a rigorous selection process. They represented themselves exceptionally well throughout.

Well done also to our Year 9 students, who approached the options process with maturity and thoughtfulness. We were delighted to see 97% attendance at our recent Options Evening. Miss Jacklin and I are currently finalising the option blocks and aim to confirm choices with students by the end of June. In rare instances where courses are oversubscribed or unable to run, students are being supported individually through the process.

I always look forward to the final weeks of the summer term, which are some of the highlights of the school year. There is much to look forward to, including Sports Day, Awards Evening, enrichment activities, including the final Mindset Day, and induction events for our new Year 6 cohort. I am also pleased to share that we have received the highest number of applications for places at the academy for several years. Primary transition visits will begin shortly after half-term, with our SENDCo, Mrs Sheppard, already undertaking additional visits to support students with SEND and their families. Our Open Evening for our September 2027 intake is now confirmed for 24 September 2026.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support, feedback, and engagement with the academy. We greatly value the strong partnership we have with parents and carers and remain committed to working together to provide the very best opportunities for all students.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready to continue their success. 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 refreshed and ready to learn for the final few weeks of the academic year!

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Hamilton
Principal