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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year Update

As I reflect on my first year in post as Principal of South Axholme Academy, I feel incredibly proud of what we have achieved together as a school community. It has been a privilege getting to know our students, staff, families and wider community, and building on the strong foundations that make South Axholme such a special place.

Throughout the year, our students have continued to demonstrate what it means to Expect Excellence, showing themselves to embody our academy values of being Ready, Resilient and Respectful. I have been incredibly proud to see students challenge themselves, support others and make a positive contribution to our Academy community.

There has been much to celebrate this term, including our end-of-year Awards Celebrations, Sports Day, the completion of Year 11 examinations followed by the Leavers' Assembly and Prom. We have also enjoyed another successful programme of enrichment trips and activities as part of our final SAX Mindset Day. I have also been delighted to see our Year 9 students complete their options process, with choices now confirmed as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we say goodbye to several members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities. We would like to thank Mrs Smith for her many years of dedicated service to South Axholme. She has been a valued part of our Academy community, supporting students and helping numerous sports teams succeed over the years. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness for the future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Clark, who leaves us having been an invaluable source of support for so many students in the Hub during her time at South Axholme Academy. Through her kindness, patience and dedication, she has made a lasting difference to the lives of countless young people. We thank her for her commitment to our students and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

We also say goodbye to Miss Haigh from Compass and Mr Sarvesvaran, who have both supported the Academy through cover and are moving on to train to become Maths teachers. We wish them every success as they begin this exciting next chapter. We also wish Miss Cuff well as she relocates after several years of supporting the Academy through cover.

We thank Mr Cathrine (Computing) and Mr Mather (Business Studies), who are both moving into promoted roles, and wish them continued success. We also wish Miss Power, Ms Modaher, Mrs

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Reardon-Brown and Mrs Dumitrache well as they move on to new chapters and thank them for their commitment and support completing cover for maternity posts this year. We also wish Miss Neal (English) all the very best as she leaves to spend more time with her family.

We are also delighted to welcome new colleagues and colleagues returning from maternity leave in September. We welcome back full-time Miss Fons (Subject Leader of Spanish) and Miss Plowright (Science).

Our new staff joining us are:

- **Mr Bills** – Teacher of Maths
- **Mr Gildersleve** – Teacher of Computing
- **Mr Hartley** – Teacher of Spanish
- **Mr Leggott** – Assistant Teacher Support
- **Miss Livingstone** – SEND Inclusion Manager and Teacher of Science
- **Mr Moore** – Teacher of Science (Physics)
- **Miss Proctor** – Assistant Teacher Coordinator
- **Miss Wallace** – Teacher of English
- **Mr Williams** – Teacher of Geography (maternity leave)

We are confident that they will strengthen our team and continue to provide our students with the high-quality teaching and support they deserve.

As many parents have asked about changes to our uniform, I would also like to clarify the updates for September. In line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on reducing the cost of school uniform, we have reduced our compulsory branded items to just four: the academy blazer, tie, PE top and the approved academy skirt. Families are, of course, still very welcome to purchase other branded items, such as the academy jumper or additional PE clothing, but these are no longer compulsory. All other aspects of our uniform policy remain unchanged.

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would also ask for your support in ensuring that students return to school fully meeting our uniform and appearance expectations. This includes having false nails and false eyelashes removed, ensuring hair is a natural colour, and removing all piercings to comply with our published uniform policy. A copy of the updated uniform policy is available [here](#).

I would like to thank all staff for their dedication, professionalism and care, and thank parents and carers for your continued support and partnership.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back for Results Day on Thursday 20 August 2026 from 9.00am, our new Year 7 and Year 11 cohorts on Wednesday 2 September, and the rest of the Academy on Thursday 3 September.

Over the summer break, please keep safe and look after one another. As part of our safeguarding work this term, we have continued to reinforce the importance of water safety with students, and I have included, once again, a leaflet [HERE \(WATER SAFETY\)](#) a reminder for families to continue these conversations.

Safeguarding remains our highest priority. If you have any concerns during the holidays, please contact:

- **North Lincolnshire Children's Single Point of Contact (SPOC):** 01724 296500
- **Adult Support Team:** 01724 297000
- **Children's Out-of-Hours Service:** 01724 296555
- **Police non-emergency:** 101

If you need to contact the Academy during the break, please email admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk. Please note, however, the normal 48 hours reply policy will not stand over the holiday with the email checked only periodically during this period. We will respond to any non - safeguarding concerns on our return in September.

Thank you once again for your support throughout my first year. While there is always more work to do, I want to assure you that we will continue to listen, learn, and build on the many strengths that already make our school such a positive place to be. It is a privilege to be part of South Axholme Academy, and I look forward with enthusiasm to the year ahead.

Finally, please see the link to the Summer Newsletter 2026
<https://www.southaxholmeacademy.co.uk/parentportal/newsletter/?id=50>

I wish all students, families and staff a restful, enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely



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