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# IGNITING FUTURES, TOGETHER

Launching September 2022...



# Welcome from the CEO

## Welcome to the last edition of our Trust newsletter for 2021-2022, with just a few days left of the summer term.

I can't believe we've arrived at the end of the academic year and for me it's almost a year since I started. When people ask me how I'm getting on or if I am enjoying it, I have wholeheartedly been able to say, 'I love it and feel incredibly lucky to do what I do' and work with a wonderful team (1200 strong!) of hard working and committed individuals.

In the last half-term, I have enjoyed end of year shows and sports day events. The celebratory feel and inclusive approach ensured all learners gained a sense of achievement. It was great to see so many parents/carers at the events which I know hasn't been possible for some time now. Their support and advocacy, fostered by the positive relationships we build with them, is integral to learner progress and success. The responses our learners have provided to the question 'What has been your greatest achievement

this year?' are wonderfully diverse and is a reminder that all achievements, regardless of what they are, should be celebrated.

Well done to all our learners who sat exams this term and thank you to all of you who supported them to get that far.

Our values – **aspiration, respect, integrity** and **responsibility** – are seen throughout this newsletter, through the reflections made and the wonderful activities our learners are involved in. I am sure that, as you read this newsletter, you will agree that all our schools are special places to be.

Last September, I shared our six strategic priorities and underpinning this was the desire to create a 'one organisation' culture. As one organisation, we are a collection of schools and central service departments all working to shape positive futures. I have seen a great deal of teamwork and collaborative projects across the Trust and I'm keen we continue to work together to shift the narrative to us, we and our.

Thank you to our school and central teams for working together to navigate several challenges and opportunities this year – without

open channels of communication, a mutual respect and trust, it wouldn't have been possible.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you this year, and I look forward to September but in the meantime, have a well-deserved break – stay cool, keep hydrated and have a great time.

Kind regards  
**Lizann**



## Shaping a Positive Summer

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# Message from The Chair of the Trust

**As we approach the end of a successful year, and a sweltering week, I would like to thank you all, as ever, for your hard work.**

Although the year has continued to present challenges along the way, we have much to celebrate. Recent Ofsted reports have confirmed what we know, that we are providing the children and young people in our

schools great teaching and learning on a day-to-day basis, as well as fantastic enrichment and extracurricular opportunities. The breadth of our organisation can be seen with the exciting developments at each end of the educational spectrum, with the new nursery provision at Croyby and the rebranding of our post-16 provision.

By working together as one, with the sole purpose of supporting children and young people to achieve their ambitions, we are shaping positive futures.



**Ian Furlong,**  
Chair of the Trust

On behalf of the Trust Board, I would like to thank everyone across the organisation for your commitment and hope you all have a wonderful summer.





# Team Highlights



## Creative and Inspiring Workshops

**Year 9 learners at Cottingham have been lucky enough to take part in two street art workshops in the summer term.**

They have been experimenting with new skills: working in an outdoor space and creating large scale outcomes.

These workshops have been held by Steve Dixon AKA SD Art, a local street artist. He is passionate about inspiring others and introducing them to alternative creative processes. Steve is also the creative force behind the beautiful portrait of Marlowe that now sits in pride of place at Cottingham, providing a constant reminder of the continued impact Marlowe has on both learners and staff alike. - **Cottingham**

## Celebrating Achievements

**Croxby are celebrating the achievements of two members of staff who have recently completed their degrees and are progressing professionally within the school.**



Michelle Skerrett, Art Lead, has completed her degree in Education Studies with the Open University and QTS at Hull University. Catherine Oldale will return in September as a class teacher after achieving First Class Honours.

Catherine said "It is a fantastic feeling to have finally graduated. The Croxby team have been a great support during the course and through both my placements. Both Jade Rehman and Ally Hickey were very supportive mentors and deserve recognition." Michelle Skerrett explained she is "eager to continue our fantastic work and to take the curriculum even further. I intend to pick up on my previous work with metacognition, and I would also like to build my coaching skills with the intention of eventually being part of the curriculum, teaching and learning team." - **Croxby**



# Stunning Murals at Holderness

Throughout the term, ex-student Emily Dodgeson has been returning to Holderness to produce a range of stunning murals in the hallways and classrooms with Dream BIG Studios.

Emily joined Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College in 2000 and was a student from Year 7 to Year 13.



Emily explained that Holderness was the place where she first developed aspirations towards a career as an artist, especially in Sixth Form. She created a calming and relaxing sunrise scene for the Well-being Room as it is representative of new beginnings, fresh starts and hope. The beach and ocean evokes calming thoughts of waves washing over the beach, gentle breezes in the grasses and soft sand. - **Holderness**

## True Determination!



On Wednesday 13 July, Howden School held a charity event in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust in honour of Luke Stevens, a Howden learner who recently lost his battle with cancer.

The "A Shining Light" event raised £6847.00 with more than 200 people in attendance. The event was kindly sponsored by Wren Kitchens and The Luke Stevens Award for Inspiration was presented to the Howden learner showing the most determination to succeed.

- **Howden**

# Penshurst Positivity

**The first week of July was Well-being Week at Penshurst.**

Head of School, Jo Spencer said *"It has been a pleasure to see all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 being taught by different teachers and using the outside area to its full potential. Nursery yoga was a highlight! There have been a number of different activities throughout the week which the children have accessed on a rotation to ensure they participate in all events."* - **Penshurst**



**Keyingham Primary School pupils thoroughly enjoyed a lunchtime of fruitful fun with our caterers, ABM and their Smoothie Bike!**



## A Smoothie Bike Ride!

A selection of pupils were invited to take their pick of healthy treats to make a smoothie and were tasked with blending the mixture with the power of peddling!

Children from all year groups got involved to learn about the importance of healthy eating and staying active.  
- **Keyingham**

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## A New Home at Hessele

**June saw the arrival of Hessele High School and Sixth Form College's first two Ukrainian learners.**

New Year 8 learners, Mira and Miroslava were joined by their parents at the school gates. They looked immaculate in their school uniforms and delighted to be able to resume their schooling after a terrible period in their lives.



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Headteacher, Vince Groak said *"A great deal of work has already gone into preparing for their arrival - thankfully, we have members of staff in school that can speak Ukrainian, Russian and Polish and these language skills have been invaluable in helping us to understand the needs of the children and their families so that we can get them settled into school."* - **Hessele**





## A Fabulous Farewell

**Winifred Holtby Academy said farewell to their Year 11 leavers on 24 June with a spectacular Prom held at the MKM Stadium.**

The grand evening was organised by Matt Anderson, Claire Smithson, Gemma Coulson and Anita Hoy who chose an "I'm a Celebrity – Get Me Out of Here" theme, complete with palm trees and neon lights. The night was an all-round success and it was fantastic to see how much learners loved every minute of it after all of their hard work over the last five years. - **Winifred Holtby**

## Tomorrow's Global Leaders

**Year 10 learners from Wolfreton got a taste of the working world as part of a visit by staff from Donaldson, who are global leaders in their industry and are also Wolfreton's Enterprise Advisors.**



Learners were set a task to move a production cell from Poland to Hull and then produce a job advert for one of the roles needed to run the cell. They had to consider what factors were needed for the successful transfer such as a Project Plan, Budget/Costs, Health & Safety, Location/Transport and Staffing /Training. They then presented their plan to a board of judges. In the Autumn term the learners will visit the Donaldson's site for a tour of the premises and see how their project fitted into a real working environment. - **Wolfreton**



We asked our learners...

# “What has been your greatest achievement this year?”



## EYFS

*“Learning how to read books on my own! My favourite was called The Jungle.”*



## Year 1

*“My knowledge of the world. I can name the countries of the UK, the continents and I know where the equator is.”*



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## Year 2

*“I learnt my 2, 3 and 5 times tables off by heart.”*







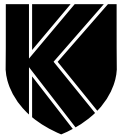
### Year 3

*"My greatest achievement this year was qualifying to take part in the inter schools Cross Country Competition. I came 6th in my age group!"*



### Year 4

*"The postcards that were sent home to my parents for my good behaviour."*



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### Year 5

*"I achieved a gold graduate award badge!"*



### Year 6

*"My greatest achievement this year has been doing so well in my Reading SAT paper – I worked hard all year to improve and it was a success! Also, completing the zipliner on my residential!"*



We asked our learners...

# “What has been your greatest achievement this year?”



## Year 7

*“I have made new friends and now socialise. I am getting support with my dyslexia and I am now enjoying my education a lot more than I ever have.”*



## Year 8

*“This has felt like my first full academic year of high school due to lockdowns and remote learning the previous year. I have established a strong friendship group and I have been able to take full advantage of what the academy can offer.”*



## Year 9

*“Having the freedom to choose specific GCSE Options subjects to progress in my aspirations of becoming an Engineer.”*







## Year 10

*"I came second in a Japanese competition that was held across the country."*



## Year 11

*"I finished my exams, even though I found it challenging my teachers helped me through it and gave me the tools I needed to do my best."*



## Year 12

*"Making the leap to A level and starting completely new subjects like Criminology."*



## Year 13

*"Getting through my exams with the support of my teachers."*



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# In the know...

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## Croxby new nursery provision

We are delighted to announce that Croxby Primary have received approval to open a Nursery in September as part of their Early Years provision.

Headteacher Kerry Mason said 'The opening of the Nursery is an exciting time for us at Croxby and will enable us to provide the best possible start for children and allow them to become part of our Croxby community.'

## Cottingham Ofsted

Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College were visited by Ofsted Inspectors on the 8-9 June 2022 who conducted a Section 8 Inspection. Unfortunately, the report is not yet published although has been sent to the leadership team for checking. Whilst the outcome cannot be shared at this stage, the report is a delight to read. The school's values, positive relationships and

inclusive approach come through strongly.

The 'What is it like to attend this school?' section is a wonderful advert for prospective learners, parents /carers... and for existing learners and staff, it's a reason to feel proud and to be cheerful! Well done Team Cottingham!



## Headteacher – Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College

Neal Holder, who is currently the Headteacher at Farringdon Community School and has been for 4.5 years, has been appointed. We are delighted to secure this important appointment for the Academy.



Whilst Neal cannot start until January 2023, he is keen to visit during Term 1 so there may be an

opportunity for you to meet him before he starts. Gary Cannon will continue in his role as Interim Head and likewise, Paul Harris will at Howden. This will provide both schools with consistency and the stability needed.

**Thank you to Team Holderness and Team Howden for embracing the changes in Term 3. Each school's leadership team have done a brilliant job at providing learners and staff with a continuity of experience and support. I know, at times, it hasn't been easy – your professionalism, commitment, and support for each other is very much appreciated.**

## Learner Conference 2022

In December 2022, a conference will take place for our learners. Julia Lovel, one of our Lead Practitioners at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College, has taken a lead to kick start this wonderful initiative. Thanks to all those working alongside Julia to create this opportunity for our learners. There will be more information to come regarding venue, application process, conference theme etc.. so watch this space!

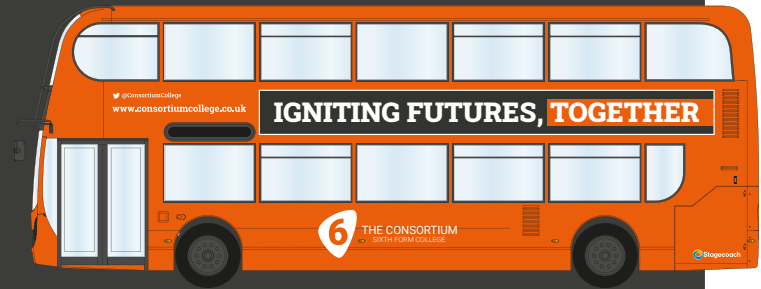


## Sixth Form developments

As you are aware, over the last few months the Post-16 Steering Group and the Marketing Team have been working on the rebranding of our sixth form provision: The Consortium Sixth Form College. Work will continue over the summer holidays and include a new bespoke website, refurbished sixth form areas in each of the four campuses and newly branded buses ready for our return in September.



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## Yipiyap

Yipiyap have provided tutors to schools for over 10 years and are unique in employing mainly gap year learners as their tutors. They have a long-standing relationship working with Winifred Holtby delivering tutoring and, in recent years, with several of our other schools.

We are delighted to announce that, from September, all our schools will welcome Yipiyap tutors. The tutors will provide nearly 50 days of tutoring each week or, in other words, approximately 9000 hours of 1:1 or small group tutoring to our learners throughout the year.

Our learners are not the only ones who benefit from the tutoring as one of our Yipiyap tutors Jess explains:



*"My experience with Yipiyap has been truly life changing. Being able to inspire young people and see them learn and grow is the most important thing. With amazing support from all the staff both at the placement and Yipiyap, I have seen myself grow with confidence and fall in love with teaching."*

Read more about Yipiyap [HERE](#)

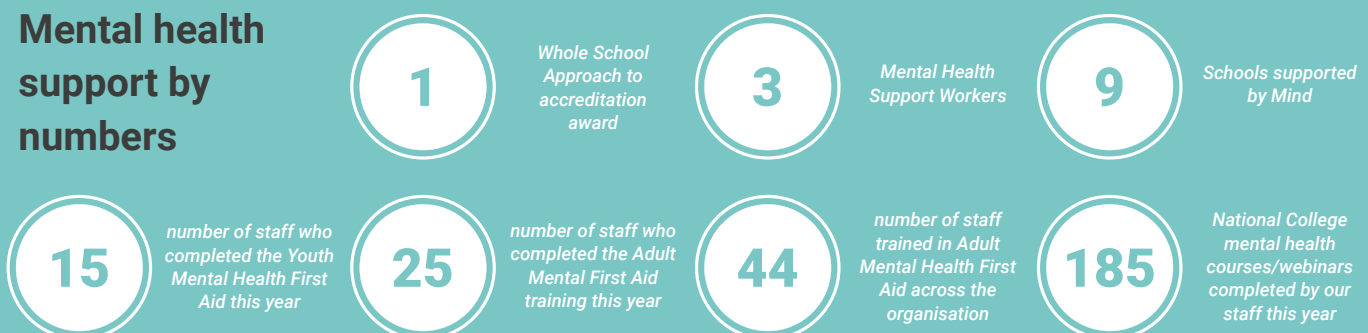
## Mental Health

As part of the central team, we employ three Mental Health Support Workers to work with our learners, staff, and families. In addition, we have provided support from 'Mind' in every school during the academic year. This has been a large commitment as we aim to provide the best support for our learners and staff who need it.

From September, we will be increasing the capacity of our mental health support team, to provide support for more learners and staff as well as continuing to offer Youth and Adult Mental First Aid training.

Congratulations to Holderness Academy who achieved the National College Whole School Approach to Mental Health Accreditation. Well done to everyone involved.

### Mental health support by numbers





# Trust values in action

**On Friday 1 July, bands from schools across the Trust travelled to Bridlington Spa with their musical equipment in tow to compete in the East Riding Schools' Music Service Battle of the Bands 2022.**

Battle of the Bands provides contemporary musicians with the opportunity to compete at the highest level on the famous stage at Bridlington Spa. This year, twelve bands competed, each representing their school and community.

Hessle's Year 10 all girl-band "11:37" took part alongside Howden's musical group "The Soleros" and Holderness's rockers "The High Ground".

They all had the opportunity to practise alongside professional sound engineers in a pre-show soundcheck, before taking the stage to compete against other school bands from across the county.

The Soleros said that it was "nerve wracking but amazing" to perform in front of the expert judges and

sold-out crowd. Amy from 11:37 said her favourite part of the day

was "the sound check in the afternoon, standing on the stage for the first time and hearing our performance in such a big venue was completely different to our small practice room in school and gave us an extra boost of confidence."

All the bands performed with charisma and talent, but it was "The High Ground" from Holderness who won the trophy with renditions of Pretender by the Foo Fighters and Come Together by The Beatles, both of which they put a heavier spin on.

They received glowing remarks from the expert local judges, who commented that the performance was polished and impressive, their vocals were great, the musicians were fabulous and overall, "they owned it!" The High Ground said that winning felt like a "lifetime accomplishment to see our hard work pay off, we are living the dream."

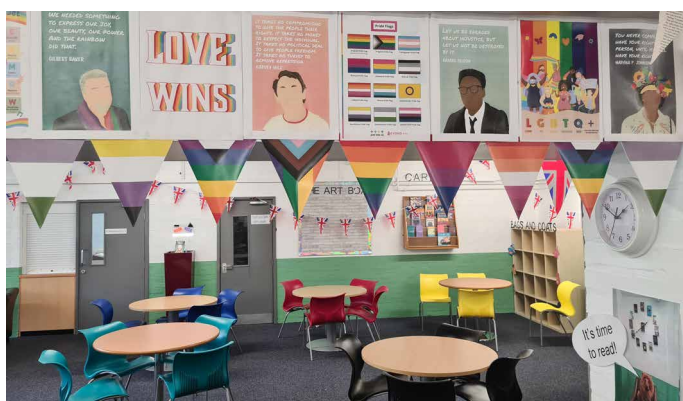
The High Ground were interviewed on BBC Radio Humberside alongside Mr McDonald and Mrs O'Malley, you can listen to the full interview [HERE](#) (Timestamp 2:45:29).

**Aspiration**



## June marked Pride month where learners and staff have raised awareness for LGBTQ+ issues and uplifted those in our communities who identify under the rainbow flag.

Holderness Academy celebrated Pride through exploring the LGBTQ+ community during Form Periods, as well as through a virtual assembly to explore how celebrating Pride Month is important to both the LGBTQ+ community and society as a whole.



Hessle's *"Thought of the Week"* prompted students to reflect on the six Hessle values in the context of Pride Month and asked them to think about how they can continue to support everyone in the school community and beyond. There are also LGBTQ+ display boards visible throughout the year for all to see detailing well known figures who have come out in the past year to raise visibility.

Cottingham ordered an extra thirty books for the library, all with an LBTQ+ focus. LGBTQ+ literature provides an excellent framework for introducing themes about tolerance, acceptance, and celebration of our differences.



Respect

## Winifred Holtby students experienced a vastly different day at school with a day of workshops delivered by Prison Me! No Way!

The workshops were delivered by current and ex-prison officers, a current inmate serving a life sentence, representatives from the charity and even sniffer dogs. The workshop gave a first-hand insight into the prison environment, and what it would be like to work or, more grimly, to live in prison. The students were thoroughly engaged by the sessions, asking insightful and enlightening questions. Staff commented that it is an event that students remember throughout their time at school.

Students remarked that: *"This is meaningful to me because Prison Me No Way sets an example of how not to make the wrong decisions and cause your life to turn in the wrong direction. When the prisoner was speaking, it made me feel as if he wanted us to be in his shoes to see and understand how his choices have made*

*him and his family feel."* Another said: *"It makes me behave better outside of school and showed me how*

*quickly things can go so wrong and so badly for someone."*

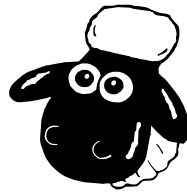


Gail Rule, Head of Faculty for Social Sciences told us: *"Our annual PMNW day provides students with an opportunity to meet – and learn from - people whose lives have been negatively impacted by the consequences of their choices in a setting outside of the formal curriculum and this makes the topics that bit more 'real' for our students. Another benefit for our students is gaining an understanding of some of the many varied career pathways within the criminal justice system and emergency services. Over the years, this continues to be one of the events that students remember; we even have ex-students, whose own children now attend Winifred Holtby Academy, recalling their PMNW experience."*

Integrity

**Penshurst pupils took part in a whole school march along with thousands of other children across the country to support Brake, the road safety charity.**

The march, which takes place every year, inspires and encourages children to be mindful about the dangers they face and raise awareness among parents and the wider community about the need to protect children on roads.



Junior Travel Ambassadors were even

interviewed about the march by the BBC for the Radio Humberside Breakfast show. The interviewer was so impressed by the pupils' broadcasting abilities and Penshurst's allotment that she also interviewed them about their new upcycled white phone box turned greenhouse!

You can listen to the full piece [HERE](#)

## Responsibility

# Shaping positive futures



**Students from all four of our Trust Sixth Forms spent an informative two days at the University of Hull learning about their post-18 options and soaking up a taste of university life.**

Year 12 students attended the Humberside UCAS Exhibition with 78 universities present at Hull University for students to speak to. UCAS Exhibitions are a crucial part of students' post-16 journey as they help students explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities and discover a future that's right for them.

On the second day, Year 12 returned for the 'This Is Hull' schools event. Students had the opportunity to meet with staff and students from their chosen fields ranging from the Faculties of Business, Law and Politics to Hull York Medical School and attend lectures. After sessions, they

had the opportunity to explore the campus where exciting activities were going on, such as accommodation tours, societies fair and street food stalls.

In addition to this, students could drop into a range of workshops in state-of-the-art facilities such as trading on a real-time Bloomberg trading floor or learning about the Forest School Approach with the School of Education.

Students said that they really appreciated the opportunity to speak to different universities that they may not have considered before at the UCAS convention and to experience university level teaching in the taster session.

Phoebe Bastani, President of the Hull University Students Union said *"It's been great to be part of the 'This Is Hull' week where we've welcomed thousands of Sixth Form College students onto our beautiful, vibrant, and welcoming campus. They certainly brought the weather with them too!"*