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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Parents' Evening, Santa Run – Wednesday 17 December 2025, Year 10 Staying Safe Day – Tuesday 9 December 2025, NHTC Christmas Fayre, Year 7 Disco,

Welcome to my end of week update letter. We held a very successful second Personal Development Day of the year on Wednesday where all year groups were engaged in valuable activities. This is backed up by our Staying Safe Days which Year 10 will experience next week and Year 7 have already received. In addition, Year 7 seemed to really enjoy their disco held last night.

This week has also brought its challenges – our latest site work has seen further sets of external fire doors updated. The sports hall is almost complete and science, music and drama are well underway. This has meant some changes to entry and exit to certain labs and classrooms which our youngsters have supported well. However, the delivery we received did not go entirely to plan as the delivery driver, who had completed the hard part and managed to deliver the doors to site, completely wiped out our ornate 1953 gates to the bike sheds on his exit. This letter is not a suitable place for emojis but, if it were, I am sure you can guess a couple I would have included....

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Bookings are live for next Wednesday's event and will remain open until late next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you there.

French Film Night – Monday 15 December 2025

On Monday 15 December 2025, our MFL department will be hosting a French film night for our Year 7 and Year 8 French students. We are excited to host a family favourite, as the chosen film is Despicable Me.

An email will be sent at the start of next week with further details on how to book a place.

Santa Run - Wednesday 17 December 2025

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Santa Run Competition which serves as the Champion of Champions event for the Community Fun Run earlier this year. This exciting event is part of the 13NA Changemaker Project. We have invited a small selection of students to compete from each R2L group who were most successful in recording the most laps in the Community Fun Run to compete. We hope the rest of their form get behind them to see if they can achieve more laps this time around and achieve more House Points for their House.

The event will take place on Wednesday 17 December 2025.

To help support our chosen charity, we kindly ask for any donations via ParentPay, and to spread the Christmas cheer, the two students invited in each R2L group will receive a Santa hat and a cup of hot chocolate to keep warm and get into the festive spirit.

Year 10 Staying Safe Day - Tuesday 9 December 2025

On Tuesday 9 December, our Year 10 students will be participating in our annual Staying Safe Day, delivered by Lincolnshire County Council.

Students will remain in their R2L groups for the day, receiving several bespoke sessions from expert speakers from the council, police and social care. Students will learn about harmful behaviours in relationships, fire safety, online safety, drug awareness and how emotions can lead into violence. Students will not need their PE kits for the day.

NHTC Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 29 November 2025, our Art and Design Technology Subject Champions attended the North Hykeham Town Council's Christmas Fayre together with Mr Hamzeh to sell their Christmas tea lights to raise money in aid of this year's chosen charity, Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. They raised a total of £105. Keep an eye out for our tea lights which will be available to purchase at Year 11 Parents' Evening next Wednesday.

As we have entered the month of December, I find the dark the cold and the wet a bit of a hard slog, especially with another fortnight until the Christmas break and with several evening events ahead of us. I find solace in words, particularly those found in the works of authors of repute. To remind me to find some positivity at this time of year, I sign off this week with the words of the excellent French-Algerian author and playwright, Albert Camus, who said "In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

I hope in the coming weeks you manage to find your invincible summer too.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy Headmaster

























