



25 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Open Week, RP6th Year 12 Engagement Evening, Year 11 intervention, Year 7 Staying Safe Day, North Hykeham Skatepark Survey, Year 11 Prom and Wider Building Update

Welcome to my end of week update letter. I am sure you will all be pleased to see that it is a little shorter this week.

Firstly, congratulations to the girls in Year 7 and 8 who took on Toot Hill, Bingham in the national cup this week and came away 1-0 victors at football. Traditionally, TH is a big school with a reputation for always putting out a strong side so this is a really good outcome. Well done!

Open Week

It has been a real pleasure to see so many visitors to the Academy this week and even more encouraging to see our youngsters represent us so well showing everyone around. Particular thanks must go to the sixth form for their tireless support since Monday. I am very proud of them.

RP6th Year 12 Engagement Evening

Letters have already been sent out so this is just a last reminder that we will look forward to hosting Year 12 parents and carers next Tuesday evening where the RP6th staff team will share details of support available to our youngsters during their sixth form studies.

Year 11 intervention

The Year 11 intervention timetable is now available on the academy website. Students have received a personalised intervention letter, and parents/carers have been sent further information. Please take a few minutes to review the intervention timetable with your child and encourage them to attend the sessions recommended for them, as well as any additional sessions that may support their learning and preparation for upcoming examinations.

Year 7 Staying Safe Day

As part of our Personal Development curriculum, all Year 7 students will take part in a Staying Safe Day on Tuesday 29 September. Students will participate in a range of workshops designed to develop their understanding of personal safety, wellbeing and informed decision-making, helping them to stay safe both in and out of school. Workshops will cover Road Safety, Online Safety, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, Gang Recruitment, and Healthy Relationships, Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control. These sessions will provide students with important knowledge and practical strategies to support their safety and wellbeing and will all be led by external experts, supported by their regular teachers.

North Hykeham Skatepark Survey

North Hykeham Town Council are exploring options for the former skatepark site and are looking for suggestions from the community. Please find attached a survey form if you wish to have your say.

Year 11 Prom and Wider Building Update

This week, we have received some enquiries with regard to prom and when we intend to hold it. At the moment, I can't be sure. As visitors to the academy this week will attest, we have some areas without ceilings and piping/cabling/heaters/radiators in a state of incompleteness. This work is not due to complete until well into 2027 and will be continuing concurrent to a new fire compartmentation and safety project which will begin at October half term. The current and future challenge is to remain safely open during the academy day and this takes absolute priority. Each evening and night, the work continues until at least 3:30am and we reopen the next day and work around any challenges our 1953 building has thrown up. As a result, evening events are having to work around the building and project work and not the other way round for this academic year. Parents' evenings will continue as planned with contractors working around us on those calendared days, awards evenings will likely become afternoon events for this academic year and everything else is up for debate until the end of next July. In short, I am not making any promises at the moment until the path becomes clear, but I promise to keep you all posted as soon as I can. We all want to ensure that our students continue to get the best deal possible but it has to be safe and achievable. Watch this space, I'm on it.

When time allows, I like to devote some time to coaching our most senior students in leadership skills and preparation for UCAS/the world of work. This week, I spent a session with one of our Deputy Head Girls, coaching her in public speaking skills to prepare her for her dream destination of a degree apprenticeship. Public speaking, as anyone who does it regularly will tell you, is both a deeply personal and cultured skill to develop and is not always easily achieved. For those setting out on their journey, it can be daunting, but also affirming, as you manage to overcome some of the nerves and obstacles involved. So, especially for the wonderful students of my RP6th cohort, without whom each day would be far more bland and boring, remember the wonderful words of Oscar Wilde whenever someone doubts you or you doubt yourself: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Enough said. Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy
Headmaster





NORTH HYKEHAM TOWN COUNCIL



SKATE PARK AND WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY SURVEY

North Hykeham Town Council is exploring options for the future of the former skate park site, where the old wooden skate park was removed after becoming unsafe. We want to understand whether residents would support a new skate park, a pump track, a combined wheeled sports facility or another option for this space.

Your views will help North Hykeham Town Council decide what would best serve the local community and may also support future funding applications for the project.

Please take part in the survey and share your views and ideas, and have your voice heard.



HAVE YOUR SAY, SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Scan the QR code opposite or visit our website at www.northhykehamtowncouncil.gov.uk to take part.

We want to hear your views and ideas on how best to make use of the space available, and to ensure we understand the needs of the community.