



November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all enjoyed the new longer half term break. I would like to thank the students who represented the academy so well on the half term visits to Berlin and Harry Potter World. I would also like to thank all the students for their support with the "Wear Sports Gear for James Day". We collected over £1200 on the day and the money has paid for a memorial sports trophy cabinet which will be housed in the entrance area to the PE department.

If you visit the academy you will see our new secure system where access from the main entrance to other parts of the academy is only permitted with an electromagnetic badge system. The site is now as safe and secure as it has ever been. The only access to the academy after 8.45am is via the front entrance or via the late gate in the Express Diner for the students (until 9am).

On another note, as you will be aware Hodgson Academy is one of two principal sponsors of The Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT), the other being Blackpool Sixth Form College. As such, at Hodgson, we fully embrace the responsibilities that this role brings. We work closely with all our partners in FCAT to ensure students in all our schools get the best possible start in life. Our ambition is to see all our academies, primary and secondary, judged at least good, with an increasingly high proportion considered outstanding.

Since its creation FCAT has grown considerably and has been very ably led by Felicity Greeves as CEO, with Mr Nicholson as Deputy CEO. Recently, following the announcement of Ms Greeves' retirement, Mr Nicholson has been appointed CEO of FCAT on a three day per week basis. Mr Nicholson will take up this post in January 2017 and has written the following for your information.

"Dear parent, I wish to reassure you of my continued commitment and role at Hodgson Academy. I will remain as Executive Principal of Hodgson Academy on a two days per week basis. I will therefore have two employers with two separate employment contracts. I believe this arrangement will offer good value for Hodgson and allows me to bring all my experience and skills to the continued benefit of this school to which we are all so passionately committed. I will work closely with Mr Yarwood and the Senior Leadership Team and can assure you all of my drive and determination to oversee the continued improvement of our already exceptional school."

Looking ahead to Christmas, the academy will finish at 1.15pm on Wednesday 21st December. Buses will be arranged to arrive at this time.

May I wish you and your family all the best for the rest of 2016 and thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Yarwood
Acting Principal



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