



September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### Steps to Success

Your child is now one year into their Key Stage 4 courses and on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of September we are holding our annual Key Stage 4 "Steps to Success" evening. This important event is for all Year 10 students and their parents. The evening begins with a presentation in the Hall at 6.00pm.

The aim of the evening is to inform students and parents of the key requirements for success in their new curriculum as well as the changes brought about by the new specifications and linear examinations for most of the Key Stage 4 subjects. Some subjects have Controlled Assessed Units as part of the overall grade and, where relevant, these will be explained on the evening. Linear courses mean that almost all GCSE examinations are taken at the end of year 11. All the Lead Teachers will be present to answer questions and give advice regarding the "Steps to Success" needed for each subject.

As an academy we are all very proud of our examination results and look forward to sharing our formula for success with you on the evening. You will be aware of the massive importance of the GCSE and BTEC results. Hence, members of the Leadership team will give a talk to the whole audience in the Hall as part of the initial presentation. I will also address you all, giving detail and assurances of the strategies and support that will be available to ensure success for your child.

After the presentation you will be able to visit all the subject areas that your child is studying. A guidance sheet will be available on the evening explaining where the subject areas will be based. The evening should end at approximately 8.30pm. As this is a formal occasion, we ask all students to wear full uniform.

You will be able to park at the rear of the academy, accessed through the road connecting the front car park with the rear of the academy or directly from Moorland Road. If you are parking within the local area may I respectfully ask that this is done with due consideration to local residents.

Hodgson Academy is always interested in receiving parental feedback. Therefore, we kindly ask you to complete a short questionnaire about the evening's proceedings and an email will follow with further instructions.

Please confirm your attendance at this event by completing the reply slip below and returning it to your child's Progress Tutor by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. I look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

Yours sincerely

**Mr D Yarwood**  
**Acting Principal**



### HODGSON ACADEMY

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Student's Name ..... Form .....

I will/will not be attending the "Steps to Success" evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Parent/Carer's Signature ..... Date .....

**Please return reply slip to your child's Progress Tutor**

