



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week. Please see below this week's updates from school.

Open Evening

A final reminder that open evening will take place on **Thursday 25th September from 16:00-19:00**. This is a very important event for us as we showcase our school to prospective parents. School will finish early on this day for students, and they will be dismissed at 12.30pm. Earlier buses will run when the school finishes; all students will be given access to the canteens to get food before they leave. A letter has been sent out with a link to a consent form for students who are going to stay behind and help. Please fill it in if your child is staying so that we know which department they are going to be in.

We understand that some parents may require their children to remain at the academy until **3:05 p.m.** To accommodate this, we have arranged for students to attend our homework club in the library, where they can engage in independent study or reading. If you would like your child to stay until 3:05 p.m., please complete the **Microsoft form** provided via the link below. This will help us ensure we have sufficient staff and resources to support your child during this time.

Evening Homework Club Request.

Sporting Achievements

Netball

The U13 netball team travelled to Yorkshire this week to play Penistone Grammar School in the first round of Sistersnsport netball competition. They won 63-1, they were professional, polite, and outstanding as always. The girls displayed superb attitude and team spirit throughout.

British Gymnastics

We are extremely proud to announce that Niamh McShane in Year 10 has been selected onto the GBR Rhythmic Senior Group Programme, for the remainder of 2025 at British Gymnastics. This is a fantastic achievement for Niamh and we wish her all the best for this.

Sponsorship

Thank you to Becketts Financial Services!

We're delighted to share that Becketts have kindly offered their support towards our new netball dresses. Their generosity is a wonderful boost for the team, and we're incredibly grateful for their contribution. It's fantastic to see local businesses backing our players—thank you for being part of our journey!

Photographs

Year 9 and Year 11 individual photos will take place on **Thursday 26th September**.

Parental Feedback Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing commitment to improvement, we are also seeking parent feedback through our first academy questionnaire of the academic year. Whilst academic outcomes remain central to a child's education, we are currently reviewing the values, characteristics, and soft skills that we want our young people to develop during their time with us. In particular, we would like to know what you feel are the



most important qualities for your children to leave the academy with as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

We believe that listening to the views of all stakeholders is essential in shaping this work, and we would therefore be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire linked below. Your feedback will play an important role in helping us ensure that our academy continues to nurture both academic excellence and the wider personal qualities that prepare our students for future success. The questionnaire will close on Friday 19th September at 16.00.

[Parent Questionnaire Link](#)

607 School Bus

The safety and behaviour of our students in the community and on transport links to and from school is of the utmost importance to us. Regrettably, we have recently received concerns regarding the behaviour of a small number of students on the **607-school bus**, which serves Elswick, Great Ecclestone, and the surrounding areas.

Please be assured that unsafe or unkind behaviour will not be tolerated. The academy works closely with Lancashire County Council to ensure that any student who fails to meet our expectations is dealt with swiftly. This may include school-based sanctions and, where deemed necessary, short-term or permanent travel bans. We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure all students remain safe, respectful, and happy during their journeys to and from school.

Home school agreement

I have attached to the Headteacher's update email, the home school agreement for your reference. Whilst a vast majority of the contact we have with parents and carers is positive and supportive, where we work together to ensure the best for their child, there are times when the school has been unnecessarily subjected to disagreements and at times verbally abused when parents have not agreed with the decisions made, despite being given clear rationale on how we have done this. It is vital that we work together, as one team, to ensure that our young people leave with the right qualifications, but also as the best version of themselves and that can only be achieved when we work together.

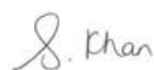
Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson

Mrs King would like to invite all of our new parents and carers to a workshop on **Monday 6th October, 15:30 - 16:30**, with the SHiNE team. We are offering a parent-focused workshop to raise awareness of the emotional challenges young people face when transitioning to high school, or to a new school, and provide practical strategies for supporting your children at home. During this workshop you will hopefully gain a better understanding of identifying little signs of struggling mental health. Simple but effective tools to help young people manage their worries, build independence and resilience. As well as tips on encouraging open communication and creating a supportive home environment". If you are interested in attending please RSVP to a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

Mental Health Champions 2025/26: A polite reminder all applications need to be handed in to Mrs King by **3pm Monday 22nd September**.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher