September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 6 Students,

I am writing to warmly invite you to **Hodgson Academy's Open Evening** on Thursday 30th September (4pm-8:30pm) and to provide you with some further details on how the evening will work. This is an excellent opportunity to view all that is on offer at this academy, from our innovative teaching, state-of-the-art facilities to our core curriculum as well as our co-curricular offer.

There will be four presentations on the evening, within the Assembly Hall, at 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 6:15pm and 7:15pm. You are invited to any of these, and then for a guided tour of the academy.

I do understand that there is still some concern regarding Covid-19 in the community. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, I am unable to be with you on Open Evening this year. Miss Bate, Deputy Headteacher, will be leading the presentations in the Assembly Hall in my absence. With respect to concerns around the pandemic, I would ask you to be mindful of the following:

- We have extended the length of Open Evening to hopefully 'thin out' the number of people on the site at any one time. We hope that the earlier start time will allow some families to perhaps visit us straight from school.
- We have requested that some activities in departments be a little less 'hands on' than usual.
- We request that, as far as possible, this event is attended by students in Year 6 and their families.
- Whilst we are not insisting on face coverings, visitors are welcome to wear one if they so wish.
- The capacity of each of the talks in the Assembly Hall will be strictly limited. We are running more talks than usual to compensate for this.

Despite our efforts to reduce the number of people on the site at any one time, I ask you to recognise that Open Evening is always a very busy event, and this year will be very similar in that respect. Due to the nature of the event and of the site, social distancing will be minimal, although we will do our best to avoid overly crowding spaces within the academy. If you are concerned about the prospect of attending Open Evening then we have made available another option for you to visit – see the information regarding Open Weeks below.

Due to limited parking on the academy's grounds and surrounding streets, a free park and ride scheme will operate from Wyre Civic Centre's car park on Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde. This free bus shuttle service will run from 5.30pm-9pm. If parking on the local roads, may we kindly request that you are considerate to residents.

The academy is also staging **Open Weeks** (Monday 4th October - Friday 15th October). Parents are welcome to book a visit any time during these two weeks to view the full Hodgson Experience. You will have the opportunity to tour the academy and see academy lessons and extra-curricular events in action. Please call 01253 882815 in advance to arrange a visit. This year, we do ask that these visits are kept to pupils in Year 6 and families.

Come and find out why Hodgson Academy is the right choice for your child. We look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening and during our Open Weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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