



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

## **Christmas Fair**

Please don't forget our Christmas Fair on the 1st December, from 3:10pm to 5.30pm.

We have stalls including novelty gifts, tropics, children's jewellery, Christmas crafts, bags, purses and watches, plants, Christmas decorations, Christmas games, an Avon stall, Tombola (adults and children) a cooking demonstration by Thermomix, books cakes and refreshments!

There will also be the Hodgson choir performing on stage!

It still isn't too late if you would like to have a stall at the fair the cost is £10, if you are interested, please contact [h.bailey@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:h.bailey@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk)

## **Year 11 Mock Interview Day**

Today, Year 11 got the opportunity to practice their interview skills! We held our annual Mock Interview Day where year 11 students came in professional dress to really look the part! They all did AMAZING! We are so proud of the resilience and strength they showed, and all interviewers spoke incredibly highly of our students. Massive thank you to everyone who volunteered to interview, it could not be done without you!

## **Wearing tape on piercings**

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the school will no longer permit students to cover piercings with tape during school hours. This change is being made to ensure consistency and fairness for all students. The two-week period leading up to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December will allow students time to obtain clear retainers from their piercing shops for any piercings that cannot be removed. Please note that the school will not be providing retainers, so arrangements should be made in advance. If students do not comply, then the behaviour policy will be implemented. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us uphold these guidelines for the benefit of our school community.

## **BBC Bitesize Roadshow**

This week Year 7-10 had an engaging assembly on careers in the BBC. We had BBC radio presenter Joel delivering the session and he interviewed some brilliant people in the biz live on our stage - from a sound and lighting technician to BBC research (who happened to be a former Hodgson student too!), and also the Senior Manager of the Co-op Live! All 3 panellists were local to our area once upon a time, so it was great for our 900 students to see that there's a huge world out there and it's theirs for the taking. The children got the opportunity to ask lots of incredible questions and were an absolute credit to the school.

## **F1 Challenge at Blackpool & The Fylde College**

Miss Hamilton has had a busy week! She also took some year 9 students out today to begin an Engineering Schools Competition which will run over the course of the year. Each school will design their own F1 model car, which will be manufactured by B&FC. Teams will then race their cars on the specially built track at a

competition hosted at B&FC. A panel of Engineers and local engineering employers will judge the designs, with the winning team receiving a trophy and an Amazon voucher for their school.

All students who take part will receive a certificate to celebrate their involvement. Today was stage 1, where they completed a technical design and CAD workshop visit! Good luck to those involved! We can't wait to see how you get on.

### **Work Experience 2026**

A gentle reminder that we will have only 5 school weeks after the half term to secure a placement for Work Experience for all Year 10 students. The deadline for all forms to be handed into the library is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The actual placement will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The deadline is earlier so we can ensure all safety measures are in place for all 225 placements. Please utilise some time over the half term break to get in touch with local employers to secure your placement, since lots of places shut down or close over the Christmas period. Good luck, Year 10s! It will be an incredible opportunity to show how brilliant YOU ALL are! All information and documentation are available on the school website at: <https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/careers-education-information-ceaig>

### **Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson**

Parent workshop 26.11.25

Our next session with the SHiNE team is all about Exam Stress. There will be a workshop for students 3:10-3:40 and then a workshop for parents/guardians from 3:45-4:30. During the workshop you will learn about why we experience stress, how to spot the signs and symptoms of stress, and techniques to manage and reduce stress. For parents/guardians we will also look at ways for you to support your child with exam stress. If you and/or your child would like to attend, please RSVP to [a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

### **Bebras Challenge**

Over the last two weeks, our students have been working incredibly hard taking part in the national Bebras Challenge. This competition, held across the country, features 12 engaging logic problems that put students' computational thinking skills to the test. We're excited to see the results in a few weeks and celebrate both the overall achievements and the best in group certificate winners here at Hodgson.

### **Lancashire MEGA day**

Miss Hamilton Lancashire MEGA Day was a success for a group of our Year 7 girls. They spent the morning completing robotics and coding tasks, showing great focus and teamwork. In the afternoon, they competed in a series of challenges against other schools.

Their effort paid off when they won the whole competition! This achievement reflects their hard work and growing confidence in STEM.

### **PE Department:**

#### **Year 7 & 8 Badminton team**

The Yr 7 & 8s came back victorious from St Aidens with a 20-15 win (7) and 19-17 win (8) For both year groups, it went down to the last few mixed doubles games to decide who would progress to Round 2, and the pupils determination and grit paid off as we were crowned the winners.

Some outstanding performances from Jamie Cheung, Bethany Rowe, Elsie Matthews, Ollie Berry, Ela Irmak and Seb Chandler.

### **Year 7 & 8 girls EFL football tournament**

It was the girls first football tournament of the year. We took 2 teams to Poolfoot and they were both teams played extremely well, despite the cold conditions. The A team finished 2nd in the group stages, and the B team finished 3rd in the group stages. There were some outstanding performances from Lyla Heaney, Ruby Cowan, Olivia Maddern and Amy Connor. Well done everyone.

### **Elf Run:**

Another reminder about our 2025 Christmas charity event on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. To sponsor our incredible Year 7 students, please click here [https://www.justgiving.com/page/chloe-richardson-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/chloe-richardson-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL) and visit our fundraising JustGiving page.

### **Performing Arts**

On Monday this week our Dance Team had their first performance of the year, performing at the Winter Gardens in the Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival. Their routine was spectacular, and they represented the school excellently, both through their behaviour and their performance skill. We cannot wait to see what they do next and wish them every success as they head towards their first competition.

Huge shout outs also for Scarlett H and Rex T. Last weekend, Scarlett did a superb job performing at Lytham Christmas Lights Switch On and we are so proud of her dedication and talent! We are also proud of Rex who will be performing in Lowther Pavillion's pantomime 'Peter Pan' this year. It is such a huge achievement and we are sure you will shine on that stage!

### **Catering Service: Facial/Fingerprint Recognition consent**

A big thank you to those who have completed the consent form using the Arbor Parent Portal. We have had a good response from parents. A gentle reminder to complete if you have not already done so.

### **School Uniform Shop**

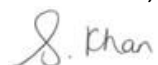
As per email sent on 13th November the School Uniform shop will be closed the week of 24th November, no orders will be processed on this week. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

### **Important Reminder:**

Please note that school will be closed on Friday 28th November for an INSET day as per the school calendar. This means there will be no classes for pupils on this date. We kindly ask parents and carers to make any necessary arrangements in advance.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan  
Headteacher