



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Y11 Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers for attending our Year 11 Parents' Evening. Your support and engagement play a vital role in helping our students achieve their best, and we truly appreciate the time you took to meet with teachers and discuss progress. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and commitment to working together as we guide students through this important stage of their education.

Equipment Standards Reminder

As we reach the final week of another half term, it has been noticed that there has been a decrease in the number of students arriving to school with full equipment. If students do not have a full set of equipment, this means that they are unprepared to learn. When many students in a class do not have equipment, this has a significant impact on learning time.

Please can all parents check their child has the following equipment for school each day: 2 x black pens, 1 x pencil, 1 x purple pen, 1 x 30cm ruler, 1 x rubber, 1 x scientific calculator, 1 x protractor, 1 x highlighter pen (can be any colour), a pencil case and a school bag.

Students who arrive to school without a full set of equipment will receive a C2 and a detention. Students can buy this equipment from school using their house points.

Water bottles

From the New Year, all students will be expected to bring their own water bottles and refill them during unstructured time using the canteen dispensers. We have seen an increase in students leaving lessons to get drinks, and this is causing them to miss valuable learning time. To protect the quality of learning, students will not be able to leave lessons to fill bottles or use the cups provided, except in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain strong learning habits for all students.

Bebras Challenge Results

We were delighted to receive the Bebras Challenge results for all students who took part, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. An impressive 29 pupils placed within the top 10% nationally. Our group winners were Henry G. in Year 7, Kaitlyn P. in Year 8 representing the combined Year 8 and 9 group, and Lydia W. in Year 11 for the Year 10 and 11 group. We are extremely proud of all of our students and certificates will be awarded as soon as they are available.



Sport

U14 Girls Football

A huge well done to our U14 Girls Football team who beat Ripley St Thomas in the Lancashire Cup on Wednesday Afternoon. The girls played some excellent football in spells and were rewarded with a 3-1 win. Goals coming from Matilda, Ava and Lauren. Player of the Match – Lyla.

Year 8 Wyre and Fylde Cup final

Our Year 8 Badminton team won the Wyre and Fylde Cup:

- **Match 1:** Our team faced Cardinal Allen and delivered an outstanding performance, winning **18–6**.
- **Match 2:** We continued our winning streak against St Bedes with a score of **16–8**.

Well done everyone involved. The players demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and skill throughout both matches. It was a fantastic display of effort and sportsmanship from everyone involved.

Year 7 Elf Run and Pantomime.

Our Year 7 students took part in the Elf Run this week to raise money for Brain House Children's Hospice. The students did us proud and we are staying open for donations and will share the amount raised next week. The enthusiasm of Mr Webb during the Elf Run certainly helped to motivate the students.

Year 7 visited the Grand Theatre on Tuesday to watch Beauty and the Beast and they were all so well behaved and had an amazing time. Oh yes, they were! Thank you to the English department for organising this for them. Some of our students also joined in with the performance and they were fantastic.

MFL Transition Morning

On Wednesday, 10th December, a group of our Year 10 students represented us brilliantly at the MFL transition morning at Carleton St. Hilda's. They prepared a range of German Christmas-themed activities for 30 Year 5 pupils and did an amazing job!

The staff at St. Hilda's were full of praise, commenting on how engaged our students were and how their enthusiasm inspired the younger pupils.

Music performances next week

Next week, will see all our musical Christmas Festivities.

On Tuesday 16th December, some of our singers and the Academy Band are visiting the Alexandra Nursing Home and Primrose Bank Nursing Home to entertain the residents.

On Wednesday 17th December, all our musicians will be performing in school for our annual Senior Citizens' Party.

On Thursday 18th December at 6pm, St Chads Church will host our Carol Service which will get you in the Christmassy mood for sure, featuring Carols and Christmas songs provided by the Choir, Academy Band, Rock Band and Sixth Form ensembles.

We hope to see you there to join in with the festivities.

Carol Service

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert will be held at St. Chad's church in Poulton on **Thursday 18th December**. The service will begin at 18:00 and I would like to warmly invite everyone to come and enjoy some Christmas carols and music performed by candlelight by our very talented musicians and also joining us this year, will be the talented musicians from Blackpool 6th form. **Greyhound Coffee on Ball Street** opposite St. Chad's has kindly agreed to stay open late on that Thursday for anyone who would like to buy a hot drink and a snack before the concert begins.

Work Experience 2026

A gentle reminder that we will have only **2 school weeks** 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 9th January 2026**. The actual placement will take place from Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026. The deadline is earlier so we can ensure all safety measures are in place for all 225 placements. Please utilise some time 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>

Year 11 guided revision

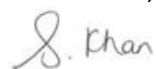
There are now 15 school weeks until the GCSE exams begin. To help with revision, we have created a suggested weekly revision schedule, where each day students can complete two, twenty-minute revision tasks in addition to their homework. All resources for the revision can be found on the links on the document attached. All revision resources are also on our website.

Final Day: Friday 19th December

On Friday, it is our annual Christmas jumper non-uniform day. Parents need to pay £1 via ParentPay.

I'd also like to remind you that we finish at 13:15 on Friday afternoon.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher