



Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a lovely festive break with your loved ones. Please see below this week's updates from school.

## **Year 11**

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their excellent behaviour and positive attitude during the first week of mock exams. They have approached this important stage with maturity and focus, and we are very proud of their efforts. Please encourage your child to keep up with their revision at home and make the most of the support available in school. We wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck for the remainder of their exams.

## **Sport**

### ***Football***

Well done to our Under 13 Girls who beat Ripley St Thomas 2-1 in the first round of the English Schools Development Cup. The girls battled extremely hard and defended excellently to hold on for the win.

Goals: Ellie M and Evie T

POTM: Lyla H

### ***U16s Handball***

The U16 boys' handball team competed in Round 1 of the Wyre and Fylde competition against St Aidan's and Millfield. The boys demonstrated excellent handball skills throughout the fixtures, and their attitude, behaviour, and sportsmanship were exemplary. The team secured a closely fought 7-6 victory against Millfield but were unfortunately defeated 8-3 by a very strong St Aidan's side.

Well done to the Year 11 GCSE PE boys, who also achieved high assessment grades during the fixture. Their effort and commitment were a credit to themselves and the school.

## ***Sports Leaders***

The sports leaders were involved in their indoor athletics officiating training at Millfield on Thursday. The students were extremely motivated and organised within their training. They are now well prepared for their roles as officials in both the Wyre and Fylde Primary and Secondary schools' indoor athletics events over the next coming weeks.



### **School catering payments**

We would like to remind parents and carers that the cash payment machines previously used in school for canteen payments are no longer in operation. All pupil balances should now be topped up using ParentPay. If you experience any difficulties setting up or accessing your ParentPay account, please contact [e.maxwell@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:e.maxwell@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk), who will be happy to support you.

For families who prefer to pay using cash, this option is still available via ParentPay at your local PayPoint. Please contact the email address above and the finance team will be able to provide you with a barcode to enable this service.

### **Water bottles**

From the New Year, all students have been expected to bring their own water bottles and refill them during unstructured time using the canteen dispensers. This week I am pleased to report a significant decrease in the number of students requesting to leave lessons for this. Can I take this as an opportunity to remind parents, if they have not done so already, and their child needs a water bottle, to please purchase that as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain strong learning habits for all students.

### **Key dates for this term**

Please see below the dates and times of events broken down by year group.

**Year 9 parents** - please save the dates in your diary for the following two events:

Year 9 Parents Evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. Appointments will be available nearer the time to be made between the times of 4pm and 7pm.

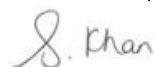
Year 9 Options Evening will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** from 4:30pm until 7pm.

**Year 10 parents** - please save the date for Year 10 Parents Evening on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Appointments will be available nearer the time to be made between the times of 4pm and 7pm.

**Year 11 parents** - please save the date of the Year 11 GCSE Kickstart Evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Further details of the evening will follow shortly.

**All parents:** Our Spring Concert will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** from 6pm until 8pm.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan  
Headteacher