



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

## P.E.

### ***Cross country***

All KS3 students have taken part in cross-country this week and have been absolutely outstanding. They demonstrated a high level of resilience throughout the lessons and showed excellent support for one another. Please accept our apologies for any muddy clothing as a result of these activities.

### ***Sports Leaders***

We are incredibly proud of our Sports Leaders, with 11 students representing the school at the Wyre and Fylde Primary School Indoor Athletics Competition. They led events with confidence, professionalism and enthusiasm, and were a real credit to our school. Their leadership and organisation were so impressive that they have now been invited to lead the Lancashire Finals. A fantastic achievement – well done to all involved!

## Attendance

Attendance has always been a huge priority at Hodgson as we know that there is a direct link between attendance and achievement. The first few weeks in January can be the most challenging in terms of attending school. However, due to the high levels of resilience and commitment, the vast majority of our students have attended school every day so far this term. The attendance of Year 11 has been particularly impressive with 97% of students attending school during the mock exam weeks. Thank you for all the hard work and support parents and carers provide to ensure student attendance is as high as possible.

## Head of House and Head of Year Standards Detentions

Head of House/Year detentions have been put in to address issues with lateness and uniform standards including those relating to jewellery and makeup. These detentions take place on a Wednesday afternoon and the time of the detentions are either, 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 40 minutes, 50 minutes or an hour. There has been some confusion relating to information shared in Arbor relating to the length of the detentions. We are working to rectify this, but all form tutors tell their students the exact length of their detention before it happens.

## Main Reception

We appreciate that it is not always easy to ensure that your child always brings the correct equipment and other necessary items required to successfully participate in school life. If a parent brings a forgotten PE kit or cookery ingredients into reception, we will do our best to ensure that they find the right person. However, we are experiencing increasing numbers of such items being brought to reception during the day and this puts a strain on our staff who have to leave their posts to search for students. During busy periods



we cannot guarantee that the items dropped off will reach the corresponding child. With this in mind, please can I ask you to support your child in planning for the school day and ensure that their bags are packed with everything they need before they set off in the morning.

### **Communication**

If your child becomes unwell during the school day the protocol is for them to alert a member of staff who will then act accordingly to get the student whatever support or first aid they need. We will always attempt to alleviate the issue and enable the student to continue with their day at school. If this is not possible, we will contact you to arrange for your child to be picked up. Please do not contact your child and arrange to pick them up without speaking to a member of staff first. If your child contacts you to say they are unwell please urge them to speak to a member of staff so they can be looked after and monitored appropriately whilst the best course of action is decided.

### **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.

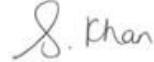
Year 9 Options Evening will take place on ***Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March*** from 4:30pm until 7pm.

**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