



Dear Parent/Carer,

Hope you have had a lovely week. Please see below key messages and news from this week:

Open Evening

Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 25th of September from 16:00-19:00**. This is a very important event for us as we showcase our school to prospective parents. School will finish early on this day for students, and they will be dismissed at 12:30. Alternative buses will run at the earlier time and all students will be given access to the canteen to get food before they leave. Many of your children will be asked to help during the event as they are the very best advert for the school. If this is the case, you will receive a letter from the teacher/department with a form for you to fill in so that we can monitor which students are here during the evening.

Bus bay and Moorland Road parking

We have had several concerning reports from the local community and the bus companies with regards to the start and end of our school day. The issues we have been facing are:

- the vast amount of illegally parked cars along Moorland Road, which are forcing pedestrians to walk in the road;
- cars parked in the designated bus drop off area;
- students exiting the vehicles walking behind buses and vehicles, preventing buses from having enough space to safely manoeuvre in the allocated bays.

It is vital that the transport services are able to do their job safely without any hindrance.

Please can I take this opportunity to reiterate that the bus bay is not for parents to park and collect or drop off their children. We ask our families to follow the Highway Code at all times.

This keeps everyone safe - children, parents, staff and the local community.

PE update

This week, our U16s won against Kirkham Grammar School 58-35 which takes them onto the next round of the SistersNSport netball competition. Well done to all the students who played and we wish them all the best for the next round.

Music Peripatetic Lessons

Parents will have received a letter before the Summer regarding a change to paid Music lessons. There have been further updates since, and a new letter has gone to all parents this week. At Hodgson Academy, we now offer music peripatetic lessons through the Parental Direct Payment Scheme (PDP) via Lancashire Music Hub. This scheme allows parents to pay the Music Service directly for instrumental and vocal tuition. The lessons are delivered in school.





Costs are as follows:

Group (max 4 students) £10.00

20 min individual £15.00 (per student per lesson)

30 min individual £17.00 (per student per lesson)

If your child would like to start lessons, please follow the link below.

<https://www.lancshiremusichub.co.uk/site/parent-direct-payment-pdp-scheme/>

After School Arrangements

Our co-curricular provision is now up and running and there are a wide range of clubs and activities for your child to join in with. If your child is attending a club this half term, please encourage them to go there promptly after the final bell. Otherwise, we ask that students leave the site swiftly at the end of the day unless they have an appointment with a member of staff or a detention.

Catering

We are working with our new caterers to resolve the mismatch in ParentPay and the till system. Please continue to top up in ParentPay as you would normally, ignoring the current balance in ParentPay, this money will still transfer to the till system. Once the issue is resolved, ParentPay will reflect the correct balance.

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the Year 7 Parent Information Evening yesterday. The feedback has been very positive, and we hope you found it informative for yourself and your child as they embark on their high school journey.

PTFA event

We would like to invite you to the AGM for Hodgson PTFA. This is taking place on Tuesday 16th September at 4pm in the school library. Please come and join us if you would like to be a part of our PTFA.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher

