



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

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U13s and U16s make the Netball National finals

Throughout the whole competition, these netball teams have shown incredible teamwork, resilience, leadership and determination. They've dominated every round but stayed so humble about what they've achieved. In March, the teams will be heading to Loughborough University to play in the national finals. Good luck girls and we can't wait to see you shine once again.

Year 7 & 8 Girls handball teams.

The Year 7 and 8 handball teams were crowned Wyre and Fylde champions. Both teams showed excellent skills and teamwork throughout the game where they both beat Carr Hill in the final. Well done everyone.

Level 3 Bikeability

A group of Year 7 students successfully achieved their Bikeability Level 3 award through training delivered by Bikeability, in partnership with Lancashire County Council. As part of the course, students rode on real roads learning how to manage traffic, make safe decisions and cycle with greater confidence and awareness. The instructors praised the group for their excellent behaviour, commenting particularly on how polite and respectful the students were throughout the training.

National Pizza Day Competition 2026

A huge thank you to all our students and staff who took part in this year's National Pizza Day competition. The creativity, effort and enthusiasm shown in every entry made the judging incredibly difficult!

After much deliberation, our student finalists were:

- **Year 7:** Sofia Massey
- **Year 8:** Harry Walkden
- **Year 9:** Sofia Oxley
- **Year 10:** Finley Smith

And our staff finalists were:

- **Runner Up:** Mr Wharrier
- **Winner:** Mrs Chrimes

We are delighted to announce that the overall winner of our National Pizza Day competition and Hodgson Academy's Number One Pizza Chef of 2026 is... **Sofia Massey**



For her entry, Sofia spent the day at a professional restaurant kitchen, where she learned directly from an experienced chef. She dedicated the entire day to refining her skills, including:

- Making fresh pizza dough from scratch
- Selecting her own ingredients and toppings
- Learning how to use a professional pizza oven safely and correctly
- Creating three different styles of pizza: Margherita, Stuffed Crust and Calzone

Congratulations once again to Sofia and well done to all who took part. We are already looking forward to next year’s competition!

Hodgson Alumni

We love to hear how our Hodgson family has progressed after their journey has ended with us. We are delighted to share that one of our own, James Fallon, has continued his studies at Blackpool Sixth Form and as a result, has managed, with determination and hard work, to secure an offer at The University of Oxford. James is wanting to study Classical Archaeology and Ancient History. What an outstanding achievement! We are so proud of you, James.

School trips

We have two trips out this half-term. The Ski trip departed this morning on their way to Austria. Tomorrow morning, the New York trip will be departing. We would like to thank the staff who have given up their time to allow our students such wonderful opportunities of travel around the world. Do remember to follow us on social media to keep up to date with all of our adventures.

Year 11 – study skills

We are writing to inform you that from **Monday 23rd February**, the school will be introducing **Study skills sessions for Year 11**, which will run on a **two-week timetable available below**.

Week/ Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	Science	Mathematics	English	Art, Business, Creative iMedia Computer Science Enterprise Performing Arts Music OCR Sport	History Geography
Week B	Science	Mathematics	English	German Religious Studies	Hospitality, Construction Design Technology GCSE PE

These sessions will take place after the school day and will last for **30 minutes**. **Attendance is expected**, and we ask for your support in ensuring that students attend regularly and arrive promptly. The purpose of study

skills is to **strengthen exam technique**, **address gaps in learning**, and **tackle common misconceptions** that may be limiting students' progress. Sessions will be carefully planned to provide targeted support and help students consolidate their understanding in key subject areas. We believe this additional provision will play an important role in supporting students as they prepare for upcoming assessments and examinations and we appreciate your continued support in reinforcing the importance of full participation.

PTFA Fundraising

By signing up to **Easyfundraising** and selecting **Hodgson PTFA** as your chosen cause, you can help raise money for our school at *no extra cost to you*. Every time you shop online with participating retailers, a small percentage is donated directly to the PTFA. It doesn't change the price you pay — but it makes a real difference to our children.

Those small percentages quickly add up. They help fund:

- Classroom resources
- Enrichment activities
- School trips
- Special events and experiences
- Equipment that enhances learning and wellbeing

In a time when school budgets are stretched, community support matters more than ever. If every family signed up and used Easyfundraising for things like groceries, clothes, holidays, insurance, or even takeaway treats, we could raise hundreds — even thousands — of pounds each year. We are currently looking into the possibility of sponsoring a new minibus, funding new ICT equipment and purchasing new sporting equipment. It takes just a few minutes to register and once you've added the browser extension or app, it works automatically in the background. If you are interested in supporting, please follow this link.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hodgson-ptfa/>

PTFA Tuck Shop

We are very excited to announce that the PTFA will be opening a pop-up tuck shop every Friday after school next half term. On sale will be sweets, chocolate and crisps, all reasonably priced. We will accept cash and card payments, but students will NOT be able to spend any lunch money paid into their parent pay account. All the proceeds will be channelled back into school to fund a variety of different projects.

Students Wearing Fake Tan

There has been an increase in the number of students coming to school wearing fake tan. Our uniform policy states that a small amount of makeup may be worn subtly but this does not include fake tan. Please ensure that your child does not return to school after the half-term break with any fake tan on.

Key dates for this term

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

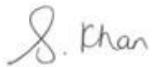
Year 10 parents - please save the date for Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday 12th March. Appointments will be available nearer the time to be made between the times of 4pm and 7pm.

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

All parents: Our Spring Concert will be on Thursday 26th March from 6pm until 8pm.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a lovely half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the students back at normal time on Monday 23rd February.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher