



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

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On Thursdays after-school we have the opportunity of Fleetwood Town coming to deliver football sessions to girls across all year groups. All they need to bring is their PE kit, shin pads and trainers and meet in the changing rooms after-school. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a co-curricular club to start or continue their love for football.

Sporting success

Jacob S in Year 8 competed at the WKC Nationals for Karate over the half term. Jacob went on to win the event and is now the National Champion for his age and weight class. He has now qualified to fight for Team England in Sport in October and is looking to become World No1. Well done to Jacob and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for him.

Oliver M in Year 9 has been selected to play for the U18s PDL league with Fleetwood Town. At the weekend he played at full 90 minutes against Wigan which was an intense game. He has been training regularly with this age group, and we are very proud of his continued hard work. We can't wait to see how he progresses.

Parent Survey – Your Voice Matters

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to complete our recent surveys. The level of engagement and the quality of feedback we receive is consistently excellent and genuinely valued. Parent voice plays an important role in shaping our decisions, and where changes can be made, we will always seek to follow up with clear actions. Where this is not possible, we are committed to sharing the rationale behind our systems and any improvements being made.

All feedback is valuable and helps us reflect, refine, and improve. This latest survey does not focus on one specific theme; instead, it invites parents to share their views on a number of important areas of school life. We would strongly encourage all parents to take part by completing the survey using the link below.

Please note: the survey closes on Thursday 6th March at 4.00pm.

[HT4 Survey Link](#)



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Year 11 Period 6

This week Period 6 has started and will run on a **two-week timetable as shown 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 are taking 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 Period 6 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.

Year 10 Mock Kick Start

We have now officially kickstarted the Year 10 mock preparation period. This week, students attended an assembly outlining the purpose of the mocks, what to expect, and how they can begin preparing effectively. Form tutors have helped the students to create personalised revision timetables and have introduced a range of revision techniques that they can use at home. This is designed to give every student a structured and confident start to their preparation.

As we approach the Year 10 mock examination period, we want to ensure that all students feel prepared, supported, and confident. To help you guide your child through this important stage, we have shared the full mock exam timetable via email.

Please take some time to review the schedule with your child so that they can plan their revision effectively and arrive fully equipped for each exam. Encouraging a consistent study routine, good sleep, and regular breaks can make a real difference to their wellbeing and performance.

If your child has any questions or feels unsure about any subject, our teachers are available to offer guidance and additional support.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

We are pleased to let you know that bookings for the Year 10 Parents' Evening on **Thursday 12th March from 16:00-19:00**. are now open on the Arbor parent portal. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their subject teachers. We encourage all parents and carers to make an appointment as soon as possible to secure preferred times. Further details and the booking link can be found in the email from Mrs Shaw.

Year 9 Options

Our options process has officially started this week with the Year 9 Options Assembly on Thursday, and the options booklet has been sent out on email to all Year 9 Parents and Carers, and to our Year 9 students too. The mock option selection process is on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March as per Miss Buckley's email. Please ensure that you and your child/children read through the options booklet ahead of the mock options process and start to think seriously about which options your child/children would like to select.

Our **Options Evening is on Thursday 19th March from 4:30pm – 7pm**. The main talk in the hall will be at 4:30pm and will be repeated at 5pm and 5:30pm. It is advised that all parents and students attend one of these talks and leave plenty of time to walk around the option subjects – we have 20 different option subjects to choose from this year. Miss Buckley will send more information next week on email regarding this evening.

Y9 Boys Bike Project

On Wednesday some of our Y9 boys attended a meeting at Wyre Council to talk about a project close to their hearts. The boys are very passionate about bringing a Pump Track to the area, giving teenagers a space to channel their energy. A huge thank you to Wyre Council for allowing the boys the opportunity to have their voices heard in their community. They are super keen to make the next steps towards this project!

United Youth Alliance

This week some of our students took part in the United Youth Alliance workshops on emotional boundaries, how to keep yourself safe online and emotional intelligence. Our students conducted themselves wonderfully and really engaged in the sessions. We'd like to thank UYA for coming in and working with our students on such important topics.

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 can you work with the school in ensuring that your child does not arrive to school wearing fake tan.

Ingredients for Food & Nutrition Practical Lessons

We have recently seen an increase in the number of students arriving at Food & Nutrition practical lessons without the required ingredients. These practical lessons are a vital part of the curriculum, and being prepared allows students to fully participate and make the most of their learning time.

To support organisation, students are given their ingredients list during a theory lesson at least two weeks in advance and are asked to record this in their planners. The ingredients list is also uploaded to Arbor so families can access the information well ahead of the practical lesson.

In line with school policy, a sanction is applied when ingredients are forgotten. This approach is intended to support the development of organisation and responsibility, and to ensure learning time is not lost during practical lessons. We recognise that there may occasionally be genuine difficulties in sourcing ingredients. If this is the case, parents are encouraged to contact their child's Food teacher in advance. Alternatively, families may email **Mrs Smith, Head of Department** (e.smith@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk), and we will work together to provide appropriate support.

We appreciate parents' ongoing support in helping students arrive organised, prepared, and ready to learn.

Police Safety Warning – Important Information for Parents

We have been informed by the Police that adult males have been attempting to persuade young people to attend illegal parties taking place in warehouses across Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde. At these events, drugs have reportedly been offered to children as "freebies" to encourage them to attend and to invite their friends. The substances involved pose serious health risks, and the behaviour being used to lure young people to these gatherings is considered a form of exploitation and grooming.

We are sharing this information so that all parents and carers can remain vigilant. Please speak with your child about where they are going, who they are with, and any invitations they may receive to unsupervised or unfamiliar locations. Working together, we can help ensure that all our young people remain safe.

If you have any concerns or become aware of any information that may support safeguarding efforts, please contact the school or the Police immediately.

Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson Academy

Sleep Hygiene Session – Wednesday 25th March (4:00–5:00pm)

We are pleased to invite parents, guardians and students to a Sleep Hygiene session delivered by the **SHINE Team** on Wednesday 25th March from 4:00–5:00pm.

This session will focus on the importance of healthy sleep routines, the impact of sleep on wellbeing and learning, and practical strategies to support young people in developing positive sleep habits. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and gather helpful resources. We strongly encourage families to attend together, as good sleep habits are most effective when supported both at home and at school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PTFA Fundraising

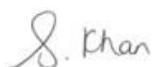
By signing up to **Easyfundraising** and selecting **Hodgson PTFA** as your chosen cause, you can help raise money for our school at *no extra cost to you*. Every time you shop online with participating retailers, a small percentage is donated directly to the PTFA. It doesn't change the price you pay — 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 our cause please follow this link. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hodgson-ptfa/>

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher