

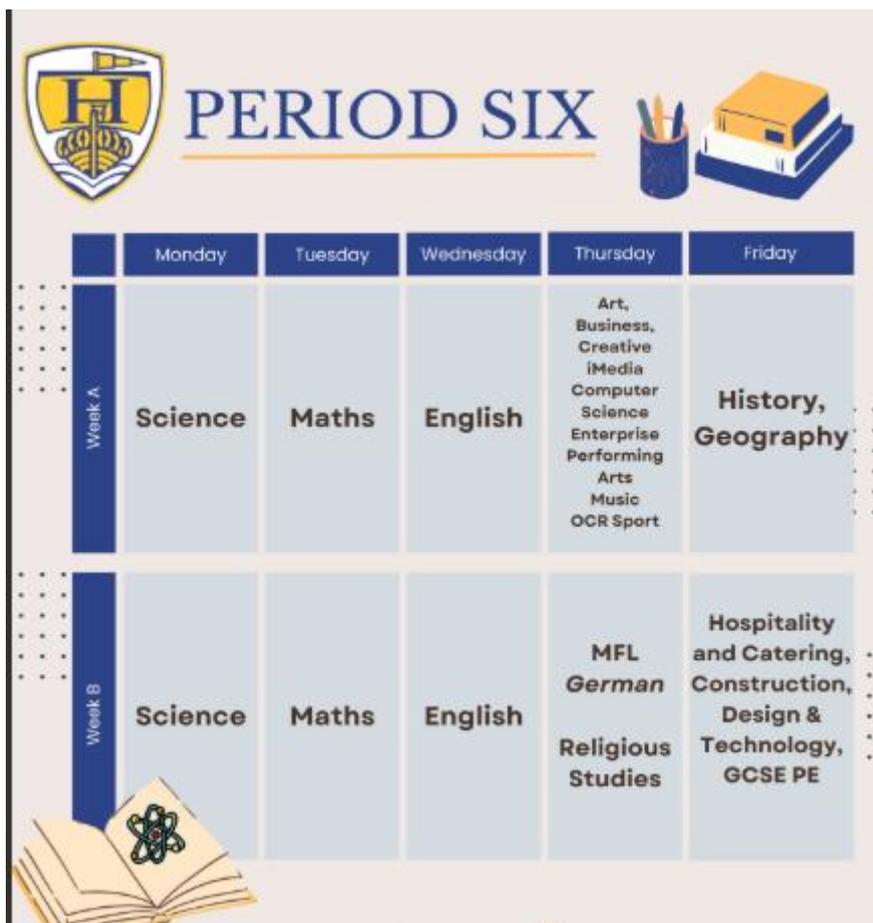


Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Year 11 Period 6

Period 6 has now been running for two weeks and will run on a **two-week timetable as shown below.**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	Science	Maths	English	Art, Business, Creative iMedia Computer Science Enterprise Performing Arts Music OCR Sport	History, Geography
Week B	Science	Maths	English	MFL German Religious Studies	Hospitality and Catering, 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



Y11 GCSE Kick Start Evening

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all Year 11 parents and carers who joined us for the GCSE Kickstart Evening last night. Your support, engagement, and partnership play a vital role in helping our students feel confident and prepared for the months ahead. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to learn more about the journey to GCSE success, and we truly appreciate your commitment to working with us to ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

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: we've extended the deadline so the survey closes on Friday 13th March at 4.00pm.

[HT4 Survey Link](#)

Duke of Edinburgh

Good luck to our students who are exploring Yorkshire this weekend for their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Mrs Wade will be keeping us up to date through Hodgson's Facebook so we can follow their success.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Year 10 Parents' Evening is on **Thursday 12th March from 16:00-19:00**. The bookings forms for meeting have been open on the Arbor parent portal since last week. 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

Thank you for your support already with the mock option process.

All form groups have now completed their mock options selection, so we have more of a sense of what our students are currently thinking, enabling us to give better support now and on the official options evening.

Miss Buckley sent out an email to all Year 9 parents on Thursday just before 6pm detailing the format of Options Evening on Thursday 19th March at 4:30pm till 7pm. There is a form to fill out to tell us whether you are attending or not so that we can ensure those who aren't attending get the appropriate support.

If you are attending, on the evening there are three talks and we would like you to book onto one of them which are outlined on the form. The deadline for completing the form is Monday 16th March at 9am but the earlier you submit it, the better.

Parental communication and meetings

Over recent weeks, we have noticed a significant increase in parents arriving at the school reception requesting to speak with a member of staff immediately. While we fully understand that concerns can arise and that you may wish to resolve these promptly, it is not always possible for staff to leave their duties to meet without prior notice.

To ensure that we can give you the time, attention, and support you deserve—and to keep the school running smoothly—we kindly ask that all non-urgent matters are arranged through a pre-booked appointment. This allows us to ensure the appropriate member of staff is available and prepared to help. As always, if there is an immediate safeguarding concern, please contact the school and we will respond without delay.

Unscheduled visits are placing a considerable strain on staff time and are not sustainable for the school. We therefore ask for your cooperation in using the appropriate communication channels—such as email and telephone—and avoiding turning up at reception without an appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to maintain a calm, safe, and well-organised environment for all our pupils.

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

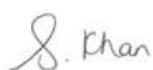
By signing up to **Easyfundraising** and selecting **Hodgson PTFA** as your chosen cause, you can help raise money for our school at *no extra cost to you*. Every time you shop online with participating retailers, a small percentage is donated directly to the PTFA. It doesn't change the price you pay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