



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Sports updates

Netball finals

This week, the U13 and U16 netball teams travelled to Loughborough University to compete in the National Finals, representing the school.

The U16 team produced an excellent performance throughout the competition and finished an impressive 4th in the country. Their semi-final match was particularly dramatic, facing a strong school from the South in a fiercely competitive contest that eventually went to golden goal. Despite narrowly missing out on a place in the final, the squad demonstrated incredible resilience and composure under pressure. Finishing in the top four nationally is a remarkable achievement, and the U16 players should be extremely proud of their efforts and the commitment they showed throughout the tournament.

Meanwhile, the **U13 team** delivered an unforgettable performance and **were crowned National Champions** after a superb run through the competition. In the semi-final they faced Royal Russell, producing a confident display to secure a 27–20 victory and book their place in the final.

The final against All Hallows proved to be a thrilling encounter. The match was incredibly close, with play going end-to-end and neither team willing to give ground. Heading into the fourth quarter the scores were tight, but the U13 team showed tremendous determination, working tirelessly across the court. Their hard work paid off as they edged ahead in the final moments to secure a fantastic 19–17 victory and the national title. Player of the tournament given by Sisters n Sport to Ava Duffy.

It was a remarkable day for both teams. To have one squad finish in the top four nationally and another crowned champion is an outstanding accomplishment. I would like to personally thank Miss Sanderson and Mrs Hutchinson, without them sacrificing their own time and offering support to the students, this opportunity would not have been possible for our girls.

Year 8 Wyre and Fylde Rugby First Round

Well done to our U13 Rugby team who played in the first round of the Wyre and Fylde Competition tonight.

In the boys opening game, they came up against a strong Garstang team in what was a close encounter. The boys battled exceptionally hard and were unfortunate to lose 20-15. The boys then came up against Fleetwood High in their second game of the afternoon, winning 15-0. In our final game, the boys played some excellent rugby against Cardinal Allen to win 15-5 after being 5-0 down in the first few minutes.

The boys have now qualified for the Wyre and Fylde finals night. Players of the tournament: Isaac M and Jamie A 🏆 Tackle of the tournament: Lio M 🏆



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Year 7 Athletics Team Wyre and Fylde Indoor Competition

Our Year 7 athletics teams recently represented the school at the Wyre and Fylde Schools Indoor Athletics Competition, competing against a number of local schools in a range of track and field events. Both teams showed excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The boys' team delivered a fantastic performance, finishing in 4th place overall, while the girls' team also competed strongly to secure 5th place. Every student involved represented the school brilliantly and should be proud of their efforts.

A special mention must go to Joe Deaville and Brooke Cadwallader, who both produced outstanding performances on the day and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Well done to all the students who took part for their commitment, effort and positive attitude. We look forward to seeing their continued success in future athletics events.

International Women's Day @Blackpool Sixth Form

This week a number of Year 10 girls took part in Blackpool Sixth Form's International Women's Day celebrations. This year's theme was GivetoGain and the girls held valuable conversations in helping support women in all avenues of life as well as giving them the tools to help them succeed no matter what they choose in the future. We are very proud of our girls and how they represented themselves and the Academy.

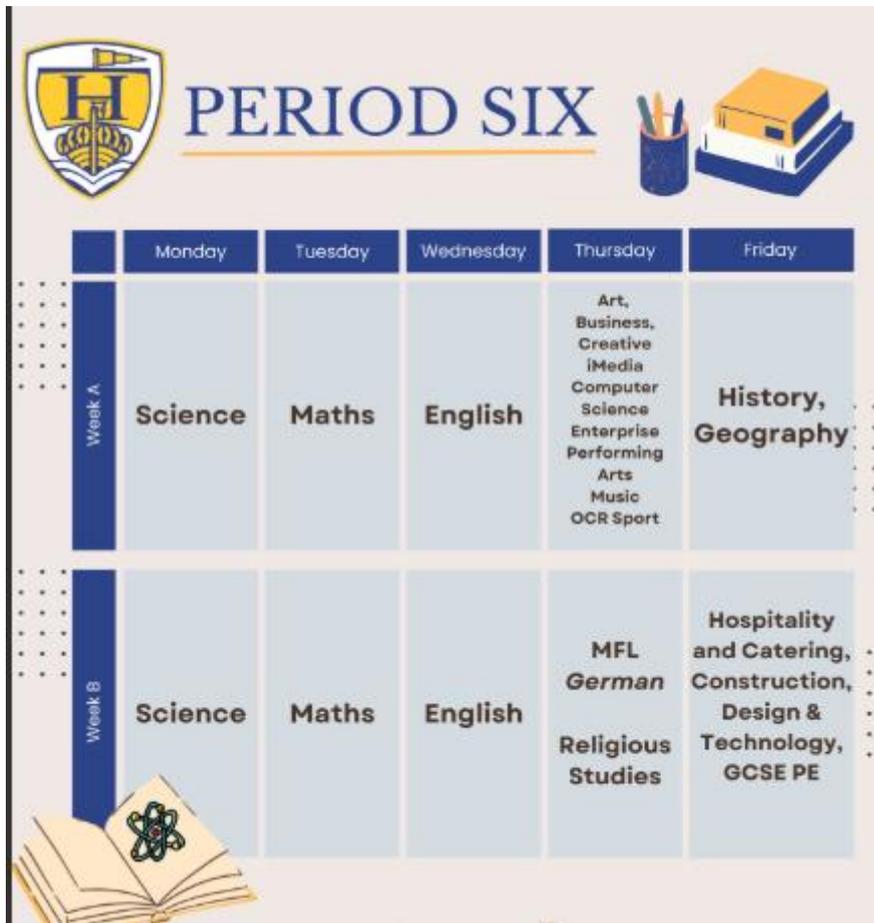
Sound of Spring

Tickets for the Spring Show, Sound of Spring, can be purchased via Parent Pay. Adults cost £5 and Children/Senior Citizens, £3. Please come and join us for this fantastic evening that showcases the talent of our students.



Year 11 Period 6

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



The timetable is titled 'PERIOD SIX' and features a school crest on the left and icons of a pencil holder and books on the right. It is organized into two rows, 'Week A' and 'Week B', and five columns representing the days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The subjects are listed in a grid format.

	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

Year 9 Options

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 9 students and their parents and carers to Options Evening next week on **Thursday 19th March at 4:30pm till 7pm**. Miss Buckley has sent out an email this morning (just before 8am for those searching for it) to all Year 9 parents and carers with information on where to find our KS4 Subject Videos and the room plan for the evening. Most of the year group have now responded to inform us whether or not you can attend, but if you still haven't then please do so before 9am on Monday 16th March. The form for this is also on Miss Buckley's email.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th March. It was a well-attended evening allowing parents, students and teachers to look at ways in which to support our students to leave with the best outcomes that they can, come their GCSEs.

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.

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

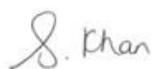
percentage is donated directly to the PTFA. It doesn't change the price you pay — but it makes a real difference to our children.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Khan'.

Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher