



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely week, despite the weather being so turbulent. Please see below an update from this week and some key messages:

Sound of Spring

Thank you to those of you who attended the Spring Concert last night – it was a phenomenal evening showcasing some of the amazing talent we have in our school. The comperes for the evening, Matthew Foley and Adam Rogerson, were the best duet I have ever seen and entertained all of us with their jokes and humour. A huge thank you to Miss Mackay, Miss Eccles, Mrs Moyle and Mr Branker for supporting our students and for arranging this wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing you all at our Summer Production of We Will Rock You.

U14 Girls Football Team

Well done to our U14 Girls football team who beat Clitheroe Royal Grammar School 3-1 on Tuesday to reach the Quarter Finals of the Lancashire Cup. The girls played in some awful conditions but showed great determination to come from 1-0 down to qualify. The goals came from Matilda and Lauren x2. Player of the Match – Matilda.

Late to School Procedures and Consequences

Further to the letter received yesterday, please be mindful of the adjustments to our late to school processes and consequences. From 13th April, students arriving after 8:50am (once form time has ended) will receive a C1 late to school log, resulting in 20 minutes of detention time. This will accumulate across the week, alongside any additional standards logs such as lateness to lessons or uniform, which each add a further 10 minutes.

All accumulated time will be completed in the weekly Wednesday Standards Detention, which is separate from behaviour detentions and may total up to two hours, finishing at 5:00pm. Please note that all detentions will appear on Arbor as two hours; however, the individual log will provide the specific details regarding the actual length of the detention in each case. These sessions are designed to be supportive and educational, helping students to improve punctuality, meet expectations and develop positive habits.

Mobile Phone Expectations

In line with the latest Department for Education guidance, schools are expected to maintain a mobile phone-free environment throughout the school day. As a result, students should not be using mobile phones at any point during the school day. This includes when students arrive on site and are waiting for the movement bell at 8:30am.

This expectation helps to ensure a calm and purposeful start to the day, reduces distractions and supports a safe, focused learning environment for all students.



Students will be reminded of these expectations by staff. Where a student refuses to follow instructions or continues to use their phone, this will be challenged and may result in consequences in line with the school's behaviour and standards systems.

Y7 and Y8 Parent's Evening

I would like to remind all parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 8 of the dates for Parents' Evening:

Year 8 – Thursday 4th June

Year 7 – Thursday 18th June

These important events provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and explore any areas where further support may be needed. We strongly encourage you to attend and engage with our teaching staff to ensure we continue working together in supporting your child's learning journey. Mrs Shaw will be in touch nearer the time to let you know when appointments are available to book. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Assessments during the Summer term

Please be aware of the upcoming assessments listed below. If you require any support or further information, please contact your child's form tutor.

Dates	Assessment
Week beginning 13 th April	Y7 and Y8 Test week: Core subjects in the hall
Week beginning 13 th April and 20 th April	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Week beginning 20 th April	GCSE Art Exam
21/04/2026 to 01/05/2026	Y10 Mock Exams
05/05/2026 to 15/06/2026	GCSE Exams
Week beginning 8 th June	Y9 Test week: Core subjects in the hall
Week beginning 29 th June	Y7, Y8 and Y9 reading assessments
Week beginning 6 th July	Y10 reading assessments

Year 10 Work Experience

Next half term, our Year 10 cohort will all be going out on Work Experience from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May to experience the real world of work and gain valuable Skills for Life. Please encourage students to get in touch with their employers via phone, in person or by email before the placement to touch base and receive any final details they may need. Great communication ahead of placement fosters the best work experience week and smooth running of this amazing opportunity. During placement, they will be completing a short diary to summarise and capture their experiences for reflection. The booklet will be given in PSHE on Tuesday 5th May and then it will be reviewed on Wednesday 20th May during their PSHE lesson. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with Miss Scott as soon as possible:

l.scott@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Year 9 Options

Log-ins to the options website have been sent on Wednesday 25th March to all Year 9 parents/carers' email addresses and also to all our Year 9 students' email addresses. The email has been sent from Miss Buckley.

The deadline for completing the options form is **Friday 17th April at 9am.**

Students must consider their option choices carefully **before** filling in the form. There is plenty of time to do this and just to remind everyone that options will not be allocated on a first done, first served basis. If students still need to ask questions about option subjects, they have the remainder the first week back after Easter to do so.

Year 11 Period 6

Period 6 is embedded into our students' routine. This will continue to run on a **two-week timetable as shown below**.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	Science	Maths	English	Art, Business, Creative Media, 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.

Back to school

We would just like to remind you that we are back at school on Monday 13th April and the school day starts at the normal time for all students. We look forward to welcoming our students back after they have had a restful break. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that staff are also on a well-deserved rest during the time and will respond to emails when we return. If you feel the matter is urgent and cannot wait until we return, please contact admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

I hope you and your families have a peaceful, refreshing and resting Easter break.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher