



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. Please see below an update from this week and some key messages:

PE update

Year 7 Lancashire Cup Final

The Year 7 Lancashire Cup Final will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 12th May at AFC Darwen (The Anchor Ground, Anchor Road, Darwen BB3 0BB). The boys will face Montgomery Academy, Bowland High, and Broughton High in what promises to be an exciting evening of football. We'd love to see as many supporters as possible cheering the team on. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 for schoolchildren, with programmes available for £1. **Please note that this event will be cash only.**

Language Choice for Year 8 Students

Just a reminder that if you have not done so, please select which language your child feels most confident in, by **Thursday 14th May at 9am** via the Microsoft Form on the email. Families of students in **X4 or Y4** will not have received the email, as those students study only German and will automatically continue with it next year. Any questions can be directed to the student's MFL teacher.

Year 10

Mock exams

The students completed their mock exams at the end of last week and we were extremely impressed with the organisation and hard work of the students during this time. We will hold a mock results assembly for them in due course where they will have the opportunity to discuss their grades and plans moving forward.

Work Experience 2026 – the week is here!

Our Year 10 cohort are going out on Work Experience next week from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May. Students should work up to 8 hours per day and be entitled to a break every 4.5 hours of work. We are all so proud and so incredibly excited for them to gain valuable skills and insight to the real world of work. Please encourage students to take photos (employer permitting) and share them with us so we can show them off! Good luck, Year 10! If there are any issues or concerns throughout the week, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Scott on email: l.scott@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk



Year 11

May half term

If your child has not yet signed up for May half term sessions, please do so by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bYCjLMgaZ5>

GCSE exams support

We have had the Construction, Enterprise, German Listening and Sports Studies this week. Students have attended after school revision sessions and had warm up sessions before their exams to ensure that they feel prepared to do the best that they can, and we are very proud of them all.

From next week the full cohort GCSE exams start, with English Literature Paper 1 on Monday morning. Please see below, a breakdown of all the after school and in-school sessions for each of the exams for next week. Please encourage your child to attend the after-school sessions, the day before their exam, to support them. I appreciate that for some students, this time can be overwhelming, and we want to strike a balance between overwhelming them and not encouraging them. We will provide students with details about what is on offer and when and we ask that you do the same.

Support is always available for any students who need it, especially at this time, so do not hesitate to contact their form tutors if you feel this is needed. As we say to them all the time in school, Year 11 We Believe in You and I hope that they do believe in themselves.

Please see below the final revision and warm up sessions that will take place for Year 11 students next week.

Monday 11th May

Exam: English Literature@ 09:30 start

Warm up session: Monday 11th May from 08:10 to 09:10

Exam: Business Studies @ 13:15 start

Warm up session: Monday 11th May from 11:10 to 12:10

Tuesday 12th May

Exam: Religious Studies @09:30 start

Final revision: Monday 11th May from 14:05 to 15:05

Warm up session: Tuesday 12th May from 08:10 – 09:10.

Exam: Biology @13:00 start

Final revision: Monday 11th May from 15:05 to 15:35

Warm up session: Tuesday 12th May from 11:10 to 12:10

Wednesday 13th May

Exam: Geography @ 09:30 start

Final revision: Tuesday 12th May from 15:05 to 15:35

Warm up session: Wednesday 13th May from 08:10 – 09:10

Exam: Computer Science @13:00 start

Final revision: Tuesday 12th May from 15:05 to 15:35

Warm up session: Wednesday 13th May from 11:10 to 12:10

Thursday 14th May

Exam: Mathematics @ 09:30 start

Final revision: Wednesday 13th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Thursday 14th May from 08:10 – 09:10

Exam: German @13:00 start

Final revision: Wednesday 13th May from 15:35

Warm up session: Thursday 14th May from 11:10 – 12:10

Friday 15th May

Exam: History @09:30 start

Final revision: Thursday 14th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Friday 15th May from 08:00 to 09:10

EduLink

Login details for EduLink have been sent to inboxes this evening. If you have not done so, please take time to read the how to guide that accompanies the headteacher's update this week so you are ready when the login details arrive. You can also access more information about EduLink [here](#). The app will be fully up and running at the start of half term 6 and this is when you will start to see homework being set and start to receive notifications through EduLink of student's achievement and behaviour throughout the day.

Hodgson Ski Trip 2027

We will be running the ski trip to The Zistelberghof Hotel, Werfenweng, Austria in the next academic year. The trip has been highly recommended and oversubscribed by students in the past, due to the diverse range of activities on offer and the opportunity to try something completely new. The trip will take place during February half term 2027, departing school on Saturday 13th February before returning on Friday 19th February. An email has been sent out by Mr Branker with details of the trip and if you are interested in your child attending, please fill out the form. If you have any questions, please email Mr Branker at j.branker@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk <https://forms.office.com/e/sHtPbYgM9u>

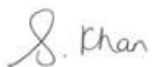
SEND newsletter

Lancashire County Council's Spring SEND newsletter is available [here](#) for parents of children with SEND and contains helpful information about support available across the county.

Student safety and wellbeing update

As part of our ongoing work to educate and safeguard students, Mr Farmer delivered assemblies this week focusing on the dangers of vaping, the risks of unknown substances, and how students can make safe and informed choices. Mr Farmer has spoken to the students about our plan to introduce the use of non-invasive handheld scanners ("wands") as part of our safeguarding procedures from next half term. This follows discussions with a range of stakeholders, including staff and parents, and ensures the highest standards of safety and behaviour across the school. Further details regarding their use, implementation and rationale will follow in due course. We appreciate your ongoing support in helping us safeguard all students.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher