



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

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Football Team on finishing **third place** in the Lancashire Cup Finals Day on Tuesday Evening. This is an outstanding achievement in a competition that began back in September with **over 55 schools** entering. The boys have played exceptionally well throughout and should be incredibly proud of how far they've come. On the Finals Day, they opened with a hard-fought 0–0 draw against Bowland High, followed by a determined 1–1 draw with Broughton High, before narrowly losing to Montgomery Academy in an exciting end-to-end match. Their effort, teamwork, and resilience have been brilliant from start to finish. A huge thank you also goes to all the parents and staff who generously gave up their time to support the boys.

Year 10

Work Experience 2026 – the week is complete!

This week has been truly exceptional for our Year 10 students as they embarked on their work experience placements. We have been absolutely delighted by the wealth of positive feedback received—from enthusiastic emails and phone calls to wonderful photographs showcasing the rich and varied experiences our students have enjoyed. It has been inspiring to see them represent the school with such maturity, professionalism, and excellent conduct throughout. Our sincere thanks go to the many local businesses who generously supported this initiative and provided such valuable opportunities, as well as to parents for their ongoing encouragement and assistance. We extend a huge congratulations to our students for embracing the week with such positivity. A special thank you must also go to Miss Scott and her team, whose tremendous effort and careful organisation made this experience possible. We hope this has been both meaningful and inspiring for our students as they return to school on Monday, ready to build on all they have learned.

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>



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



GCSE exams support

A busy week with the start of the full cohort exams and once again the vast majority of students have been excellent. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our expectations on arriving for the exams with all the necessary equipment that the students need. This ensures a stress free and smooth start to their exam.

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 18th May

Exam: Chemistry @09:30 start

Warm up session: Monday 18th May from 08:10 – 09:10

Tuesday 19th May

Exam: English Literature @09:30 start

Final revision: Monday 18th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Tuesday 19th May from 08:10 to 09:10

Exam: Computer Science @13:00 start

Final revision: Monday 18th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Tuesday 19th May from 11:10 to 12:10

Wednesday 20th May

Exam: Religious studies @13:00 start

Final revision: Tuesday 19th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Wednesday 20th May from 11:10 to 12:10

Thursday 21st May

Exam: English Language @09:30 am

Final revision: Wednesday 20th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Thursday 21st May from 08:10 to 09:10

Exam: Business Studies @13:30 start

Final revision: Wednesday 20th May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Thursday 21st May from 11:10 to 12:10

Friday 22nd May

Exam: Physical Education (GCSE PE) @09:30 start

Final revision: Thursday 21st May from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Friday 22nd May from 08:10 to 09:10

EduLink

A big thank you to the more than 500 parents and carers who have already logged in to EduLink – it's fantastic to see such a strong start in engaging with the platform. For those who have not yet accessed their account, please note that your original login link will now have expired. A new email with updated login details has been sent out again today, so please keep an eye on your inbox and follow the instructions provided. We would also like to remind all users that the EduLink app offers a much smoother and more reliable experience than accessing the system through a web browser. We strongly encourage you to download and use the app where possible. Over the coming weeks, you will also begin to receive push notifications through the app, helping you stay up to date with important information about your child and the school.

Please note that the bookings for the upcoming Year 7 parents' evening will be completed through the EduLink app, and these appointment slots will open after half term.

Year 8 parents' evening

Bookings for the Year 8 Parents' Evening will open on Monday via Arbor. Parents and carers will be able to log in to their Arbor accounts to select appointment times with subject teachers. We encourage families to book early to secure their preferred slots, and we look forward to discussing each student's progress and achievements with you.

Fidget toys

We would like to make parents aware of an increasing issue we are seeing in school regarding fidget toys. While we recognise that some students benefit from agreed support tools, we are finding that many of the current items being brought in—particularly gel or squishy types—are becoming a significant distraction in lessons. Unfortunately, these items have also burst on several occasions, creating mess in classrooms and on other students' uniforms, and placing additional strain on our cleaning staff who have found them difficult to remove. As a result, these types of fidget toys are not permitted in school. Any fidget or support resources that are appropriate will be carefully agreed by staff and will not include items that can leak or cause disruption. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home and ask that if you see your child with such an item, you remind them not to bring it into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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>

Service users of 607

Students have been told this week about a change in service. From Thursday 14th May, the 607 service will operate with a single deck bus only. Students with valid passes will be prioritised for seating. If the service is busy, walk-on passengers may be required to stand.

This change has been introduced due to ongoing safety concerns relating to behaviour, conduct, and damage to vehicles. Please be aware that CCTV is actively monitored, and any students failing to follow school or operator policies will be subject to sanctions, potential bus ban.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping ensure the service remains safe and respectful for all passengers.

Food Bank Drive 2026

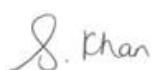
We are proud to be supporting our local community through our Food Bank Drive once again this year. Students will attend an assembly next week to learn more about the importance of helping others in our community, and donations will be collected after we return from the May half term holiday. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items. Please ensure that all items donated have at least one month remaining before their expiry date.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned meat or fish
- Rice or pasta
- Tinned vegetables or fruit
- Pasta sauce
- UHT milk
- Cereal
- Instant mash

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We know that times can be difficult for many families, and every donation, no matter how small, will make a real difference to people in our local community.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher