



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the warm weather that we had. Please see below an update from this week and some key messages:

Hogwarts@Hodgson

Hogwarts returned to Hodgson this week for the Year 7 House Sorting Ceremony.

Mrs Boyle reminded the newest recruits to Phoenix House that high school can be tough, but time and time again Phoenix students will rise from the ashes. Joining Phoenix are 7BKE and 7JSH.

Mr Farmer reminded his newest Dragons that the Dragon is the far more superior mythical creature, and he expects all his Dragons to be superior in every way. Joining Dragon are 7NCO and 7JWA.

Mrs King welcomed her newest recruits to “Pegasus Airlines” where she plans on teaching them to aim high for the next five years. Joining Pegasus are 7LWA and 7AMN.

Mrs Sarginson used not only her own persuasive techniques but also the persuasive techniques of the whole of Griffin House, to convince the newest Year 7’s that Griffin House not only has fun, that they are in the top spot for every competition so far this year. Joining Griffin are 7VCH and 7WHA.

It is one of our favourite days here at Hodgson and if you have not seen the Facebook videos, I would highly recommend that you do.

Eco Club at Blackpool Zoo.

Hodgson’s Eco Club were lucky enough to attend an exciting trip to Blackpool Zoo. Students learnt about the importance of sustainability in local and global communities. It was an amazing opportunity to learn about the conservation work at the zoo and the links in the community. Eco Club also got to feed several animals – the highlight was feeding and learning about the giraffes. It was a great trip and that the students enjoyed themselves immensely.

Celebration Trips

Both the Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Trafford Centre end of year trips, taking place on Tuesday 14th July, are now live on ParentPay, and emails have been sent to parents/carers of students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 with full details. Payment must be completed by Friday 19th June. Please ensure that you check which trip your child has selected and make the appropriate payment via ParentPay. If you believe your child has been allocated to the incorrect trip, you should contact Mr Ingham as soon as possible at r.ingham@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.



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Year 10 Mock Exam Results Day

Year 10 students have now all received their mock examination results through individual meetings with a member of the leadership team. These discussions were conducted in a highly mature and constructive manner, with students demonstrating openness and honesty when reflecting on their performance. The conversations provided valuable opportunities to celebrate successes while also identifying areas for improvement. As we look ahead to Year 11, the focus is now on ensuring that students act on this feedback, using it to inform their revision strategies and next steps in order to maximise their potential in the year ahead.

Following this, we will be hosting a **Year 11 Kick Start Evening on Tuesday 16th June from 16:00-18:00** for our current Year 10 students. This event is designed to support students as they transition into their final year at Hodgson and beyond, looking at how to make the most of the time ahead. It will also offer an opportunity for students and families to gain a clear understanding of the demands of the GCSE year and the support available. We look forward to working in partnership with students and parents to ensure a confident and successful start to Year 11. You will receive further communication regarding this early next week, so please look out for this.

Year 11 GCSE exam support

Monday 8th June

Exam: Biology @ 09:30

Warm up session: Monday 8th June from 08:10 – 09:10

Exam: Further Maths @13:15

Warm up session: Monday 8th June from 11:10 to 12:10

Monday 8th June

Exam: Creative iMedia @13:15

Warm up session: Monday 8th June from 11:10 to 12:10

Tuesday 9th June

Exam: History @ 09:30

Final revision: Monday 8th June from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Tuesday 9th June from 08:10 to 09:10

Wednesday 10th June

Exam: Mathematics @09:30

Final revision: Tuesday 9th June from 15:05 to 15:35

Warm up session: Wednesday 10th June from 08:10 to 09:10

Exam: Design Technology @13:15

Final revision: Tuesday 9th June from 15:35 to 16:05

Warm up session: Wednesday 10th June from 11:10 to 12:10

Thursday 11th June

Exam: Geography @ 09:30

Final revision: Wednesday 10th June from 15:05 to 16:05

Warm up session: Thursday 11th June from 08:10 to 09:10

Friday 12th June

Exam: Chemistry @09:30

Final revision: Thursday 11th June from 15:05 to 15:35

Warm up session: Friday 12th June from 08:10 to 09:10

Exam: Statistics @13:15

Final revision: Thursday 11th June from 15:35 to 16:05

Warm up session: Friday 12th June from 11:10 to 12:10

Exam: Hospitality and Catering @13:15

Final revision: Thursday 11th June from 15:35 to 16:05

Warm up session: Friday 12th June from 11:10 to 12:10

Standing Together Against Bullying

This week, students took part in an important assembly focused on the serious impact of bullying, the responsibilities we all share in preventing it, and the crucial difference between being a bystander and an upstander. The assembly encouraged students to reflect on how their words and actions can affect others and highlighted the importance of speaking up, seeking support and standing alongside those who may be experiencing unkindness.

At Hodgson Academy, we take all forms of bullying and unkind behaviour seriously. Respect and consideration for others are fundamental values within our school community, and we expect every member of our community to demonstrate these values both in and out of school.

Regrettably, we have seen an increase in inappropriate comments and language of a misogynistic, racist and deliberately hurtful nature. Too often, these behaviours begin or are amplified through social media and mobile phone use before finding their way into school. We want to be absolutely clear that such behaviour is unacceptable, whether it occurs online or in person. It does not reflect the values of our school, nor the culture we are striving to build together.

We encourage all students to think carefully about their actions, challenge inappropriate behaviour when it is safe to do so, and report concerns to staff. By working together, we can continue to ensure that Hodgson Academy remains a safe, respectful and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

EduLink App for Parents

This week we launched **EduLink**, our new parent communication and information app, and we would encourage all parents and carers to download and begin using it regularly.

EduLink provides a more user-friendly experience and brings together a wide range of information and resources in one convenient place. As a parent, you can easily access attendance information, behaviour updates, timetables, school communications and much more, helping you stay informed and engaged with your child's education.

One area highlighted through our recent parent survey was frustration around the visibility of homework and the ability to effectively track and support children with their learning through Arbor. We listened carefully to this feedback and believe EduLink will significantly improve this experience. The new app makes it much easier for parents and carers to view both current and previous homework tasks, helping families support organisation, monitor completion and engage in conversations about learning at home. We hope this will strengthen the partnership between home and school and provide greater clarity around expectations.

As with any new system, we are keen to hear your views. We continue to work closely with EduLink and welcome feedback from parents as we develop and refine how we use the platform. Your suggestions help us ensure the app meets the needs of our school community. If you have not yet downloaded EduLink, we encourage you to do so and begin exploring the many features now available. If you have any feedback you wish to share, then please email admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

A key reminder to all year 7 parents – Edulink is being used to book appointments for parents evening. Please download the app and book your appointments with teachers as soon as possible.

Mobile phones

The Department for Education's updated guidance, *Mobile Phones in Schools* (February 2026), reinforces the expectation that schools should prevent pupils from **accessing mobile phones** throughout the school day. The guidance highlights the benefits of mobile phone-free environments, including improved concentration, behaviour, wellbeing and social interaction, whilst reducing distractions and online-related issues.

At Hodgson Academy, we have long supported these principles through our existing "**Off and Away**" mobile phone policy. Students are expected to keep mobile phones switched off and out of sight throughout the school day. Failure to comply with this expectation may result in sanctions, which can escalate through our behaviour systems and, where necessary, lead to mobile phone contracts and further interventions. Whilst our current approach is closely aligned with the Department for Education's expectations, we will be reviewing our procedures in due course to ensure they continue to reflect national guidance and best practice.

In the meantime, we would like to remind families that mobile phones must not be accessed at any point during the school day. This expectation applies from the moment students enter the school site until they are dismissed at the end of the school day. We recognise that many families wish their child to carry a mobile phone for safety when travelling to and from school, and students are welcome to do so. However, once on site, phones must remain switched off and stored away. If parents need to contact their child during the school day, this can be done through the school office.

We firmly believe that a mobile phone-free environment helps students focus on their learning, build positive relationships and engage fully in school life. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain these high expectations and provide the very best environment for all students.

Food Bank Drive 2026

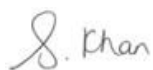
We are proud to be supporting our local community through our Food Bank Drive once again this year. Mrs King and her team have delivered an assembly on the importance of helping others in our community, and we have now started to collect donations. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable 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