



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

## **Sports Leaders**

On Wednesday, our Year 8, 9 and 10 Sports Leaders played a key role in helping to run the Wyre and Fylde Primary Schools Dynamo Cricket Competition. Throughout the day, they assisted with setting up equipment, officiating matches, keeping scores and supporting the participating primary school pupils. Their excellent organisation, communication and teamwork helped ensure the event ran smoothly and provided a positive experience for everyone involved.

The Sports Leaders were outstanding ambassadors for the school, demonstrating maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism at all times. They were encouraging, supportive and approachable, helping to create a welcoming atmosphere for all competitors. Their hard work and dedication were instrumental to the success of the competition, and they should be extremely proud of the way they represented themselves and the school. They were fantastic throughout the day and a real credit to our school community.

## **Year 11 GCSE exam support sessions**

Monday is the last GCSE exam for our Year 11 students. The students have been working extremely hard during this period, and we hope they have found the exam support sessions useful this half term. Below are details of the final warm up sessions.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Exam: Physics @ 09:30**

Warm up session: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 08:10 – 09:10

**Exam: Further Maths @ 13:15**

Warm up session: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 11:10 – 12:10

## **Year 11 Celebration Event – Friday 19 June**

As we approach the final week of examinations for our Year 11 students, we are looking forward to celebrating the end of their time at Hodgson Academy with our annual Year 11 Celebration Event on Friday 19 June. The event will take place between 11:00am and 2:30pm on the field opposite the school and is designed to give students an opportunity to come together, celebrate their achievements and enjoy time with friends and staff before they move on to the next stage of their education, training or employment.

This year's event will have a relaxed and informal atmosphere, with a range of activities available including a mechanical bull, assault course races, the Last Man Standing challenge, and food and ice cream vendors. Students will be able to arrive and leave at any point during the event, with a sign-in and sign-out system operating throughout the day and staff supervising access between the school site and the event field.



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Whilst the event is intended to be enjoyable and celebratory, students are reminded that they remain ambassadors for Hodgson Academy and are expected to conduct themselves appropriately, follow staff instructions and show the same respect and consideration that we always expect.

We look forward to marking this important milestone with the Class of 2026 and celebrating the hard work, resilience and achievements they have shown throughout their time at Hodgson.

### **Kickstart Evening**

A reminder that we will be hosting a **Year 11 Kick Start Evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

To confirm your attendance please click the link below. Please also check EduLink to see if your child has been invited in to talk with a member of the leadership team regarding their results.

[Y11 Kickstart Evening – Fill in form](#)

### **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](mailto:r.ingham@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

### **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.

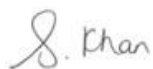
### **Snapchat Maps: Latest Safety Concerns for Parents**

There continue to be growing concerns around Snapchat Maps, particularly highlighted in recent news and safety reports. The feature allows young people to share their real-time location, which can make it possible for others to track where they are, identify routines such as home or school, and potentially approach them in real life. Recent UK reports (June 2026) have linked Snapchat to a significant number of offences involving children, including cases where individuals have used location features to find and target young people offline. There are also ongoing concerns about strangers posing as other young people, making it easier for children to be contacted or groomed

In addition, privacy risks remain a key issue, as location data can sometimes be shared unintentionally or passed on beyond a child's intended audience. Children may also feel pressure from peers to keep location sharing switched on, which can increase anxiety and expose them further. Alongside this, wider concerns continue to be raised about social media use, including mental health impacts and exposure to inappropriate or harmful content.

For these reasons, it is essential that parents regularly check privacy settings (such as enabling Ghost Mode), ensure children only connect with people they know in real life, and maintain open conversations about staying safe online.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan  
Headteacher