



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely week in this beautiful weather that we had. Uniform adaptations will still be in place for all of next week. Therefore, students may still wear their PE kits. Please ensure that they have their water bottles and plenty of suncream.

Please see below an update from this week and some key messages:

P.E. updates

Cricket

A group of our Year 8, 9 and 10 Sports Leaders recently had the opportunity to support the Wyre and Fylde Primary Schools Cricket Finals, demonstrating excellent leadership skills throughout the day. Our students played a key role in ensuring the event ran smoothly, taking responsibility for scoring matches, officiating games, organising equipment and supporting the participating primary school pupils. Their enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to help created a positive experience for everyone involved. The Sports Leaders were excellent ambassadors for the school, showing confidence, maturity and initiative while working alongside staff and young participants. They received positive feedback from event organisers and visiting schools for their hard work and commitment throughout the competition. Experiences such as these provide valuable opportunities for students to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills while giving back to the local sporting community. We are incredibly proud of the way our Sports Leaders represented the school and would like to thank them for their contribution to the success of the event.

Sports Day Throwing Events

This week, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 took part in the Shot Put, Discus and Howler events, demonstrating great effort and enthusiasm despite very warm conditions. We would like to congratulate all students who participated for their determination and positive attitude. The current standings are as follows:

1. Dragon – 372 points
2. Phoenix – 368 points
3. Griffin – 316 points
4. Pegasus – 270 points

Year 7 students will complete their Shot Put and Howler events on Monday 29th June during Period 5. Additionally, Year 7 and Year 9 students will take part in the Long Jump and 1500m events on Tuesday 30th June during Period 2, while Year 8 and Year 10 students will compete in these events on Wednesday 1st July during Period 2.

Please ensure that students competing in the events next week bring plenty of water and suncream.



Uniform – PE kit

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations regarding the Hodgson PE kit. This week we have noticed an increasing number of KS4 students wearing black sports shorts that are not part of the approved school PE kit. In particular, items such as Gymshark and Nike Pro-style shorts are becoming common. While these may be popular athletic wear, they do not meet our school guidelines for appropriate PE attire. To ensure consistency, comfort, and suitability for a school environment, all students are expected to adhere strictly to the Hodgson PE kit policy. This includes wearing the correct, approved shorts or alternative kit items as outlined by the school.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our standards and expectations.

Year 8 Mega Day

On Wednesday, 27 Year 8 students took part in a CyberFirst morning, exploring the role of data and AI in today's world. They investigated how AI systems can be exploited to reveal sensitive information, highlighting potential vulnerabilities in these models. The session also included a fast-paced challenge using open-source data to identify locations from images and clues, before students finished by designing and building their own robots made out of LEGO. The winning team The Mamma Mia's were an all-girls team, showing how girls CAN excel (excuse the pun!) in the tech world!

Blackpool & the Fylde College Year 10 Taster Day

On Monday, Miss Scott took the whole Year 10 cohort out for a taster day at Blackpool & the Fylde College. They were split across three campuses based on what courses they were interested in. Students got to experience theatre studies, nautical courses and construction, as well as animal sciences, and so much more! They had a look at motorsport, and putting together an engine too. The students were exemplary in their conduct, well-mannered and engaged in every session. Thank you so much to all the staff involved both at Hodgson and at the College. It was a spectacular day, and the pupils absolutely loved it! Feedback from the college was: "Just wanted to pass on the positive and wonderful feedback we have received about all Hodgson groups from Monday, so please pass on that they were a credit to the school! Our chaperones and tutors sang their praises." Well done, Year 10! An exciting year ahead. I would encourage parents and guardians to view the open events via this link: <https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/events>

Myerscough College Taster Event

On Wednesday, Miss Scott took 12 students to Myerscough College to look at the agricultural courses and animal courses. Students were fantastic. They were catching sheep, cleaning out the rodent section and performing health checks, grooming horses and got to see the fabulous grounds at Myerscough. Thank you to the staff there for their time and attention – it was another fabulous day! I would encourage parents and guardians to view the open events via this link: <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/>

We Will Rock You

Our musical 'We Will Rock You' is on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children and seniors. Tickets can be obtained via Parent Pay.



World Cup Fever

The World Cup is now well underway and, like many of you, we have certainly noticed the excitement around school following England's opening match and the start of the tournament.

We know many of our students are passionate football fans and are keen to watch as many games as possible, particularly those involving England. However, several students have already told us they are feeling tired after staying up late to watch matches, with some games being televised into the early hours of the morning.

Whilst we fully appreciate the excitement and hope that England can go as far as possible in the competition (perhaps this is finally our year!), we would encourage parents and carers to continue monitoring sleep routines over the coming weeks. A good night's sleep remains one of the most important factors in helping young people concentrate, regulate their emotions, engage positively in lessons and achieve their best in school. We will, of course, continue to support students during this exciting sporting period, but we would be grateful for your support in helping ensure that World Cup excitement does not come at the expense of rest and wellbeing. Good luck, England!

Prom

A huge thank you to all staff who helped make this year's prom at the Village Hotel, Blackpool such a memorable evening. Your time, energy and commitment ensured the event ran seamlessly, and it was wonderful to see our students enjoying themselves in such a positive and celebratory

atmosphere. The evening was a real testament to the strength of our school community - staff going above and beyond, and students rising to the occasion with maturity and joy. It was, quite simply, a fantastic night for everyone involved.

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We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our outgoing Head Boy, Matthew Foley, and Head Girl, Ellie Berry, who have represented the Academy with distinction. Their commitment, leadership and integrity have made a lasting impact, and they have been exceptional role models for our students.

We are delighted to welcome our new student leadership team: Grace Grundy as Head Girl and Thomas Sleightholme as Head Boy, supported by their deputies, Ayaan Khan and Scarlet Ozobia-Wink. We look forward to seeing them develop in their roles and continue to strengthen the student voice across the Academy.

Valedictorian

Congratulations to our Year 8 students on a truly memorable Valedictorian celebration. Despite the heat of the afternoon, the standard of speaking was nothing short of exceptional - the coolest of deliveries in every sense.

A special commendation goes to our outstanding student speakers: Scarlett Griezans, Oscar Joynson, Millie Harling, Amelia Hirst, Molly Kirkham Edmundsen, Will Butcher, Blake Challiner and Carter Days. Each of them demonstrated confidence, clarity and real presence, showcasing the impact of their oracy journey. We are incredibly proud of all involved and look forward to seeing these voices continue to grow

Particular congratulations go to our overall winner, Oscar "Jet Fuelled" Joynson, whose energy, charisma and command of the stage set him apart. His delivery was dynamic and engaging, capturing the audience from start to finish and exemplifying the power of confident, purposeful communication.

PTFA Uniform Shop Sale – On site shop closing down sale

Online Uniform Shop Stock Sale – Grab a Bargain!

We're holding an online stock sale, giving you the chance to pick up some great uniform bargains while stocks last. Limited stock is available - please see the stock list and reduced pricing on the school website.

<https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/parents/ptfa-uniform-shop>

To place an order, please email the details of the items you would like to purchase to:

ptfauniformshop@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Once we have confirmed that your requested items are in stock, payment can be made by bank transfer.

Food Bank Drive 2026

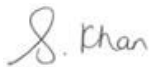
We are proud to be supporting our local community through our Food Bank Drive once again this year. Mrs King and her team have delivered an assembly on the importance of helping others in our community, and we have now started to collect donations. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable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