



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely if somewhat cooler week. Just a reminder that next Monday the 6th of July is an INSET day and school will be closed to students.

Uniform Reminder

Following the long weekend, we look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy on Tuesday in full school uniform. As Sports Day takes place on Thursday, students should wear their normal school uniform on Tuesday and Wednesday, before attending in their PE kit on Sports Day itself. Please remind your children to bring water and apply sunblock. We would like to thank our students for the excellent way they have represented Hodgson Academy while wearing PE kit during recent activities. They have looked smart, conducted themselves well and contributed to the calm, purposeful atmosphere we are proud of across the school.

Excellence at Hodgson

At Hodgson Academy, we firmly believe it is important to celebrate the overwhelming majority of our students who consistently make positive choices every single day. This week, across Years 7 to 10, we had 901 students in school. Of these, 735 students (81.6%) completed the entire week without receiving a single behaviour log. That means more than four out of every five students demonstrated the high standards of conduct, respect and responsibility that make Hodgson such a calm, safe and purposeful place to learn.

Every lesson taught, every corridor walked and every lunchtime enjoyed is made possible because many of our young people choose to do the right thing. They arrive ready to learn, treat others with kindness and respect, and contribute positively to our academy community. These students may not always make the headlines, but they are the reason Hodgson continues to be a school we are incredibly proud of.

We are truly blessed to work with such a fantastic group of young people. Their success is no accident; it is built on the strong partnership between home and school. We know that when parents and carers work alongside us, reinforcing our shared values and high expectations, our children thrive.

While we will always address poor choices where they occur, we never lose sight of what matters most: celebrating the exceptional standards shown by many of our students every day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a culture where every child can learn, achieve and flourish.

Sports Day Update

The latest Sports Day scores highlight an impressive level of participation and effort from students across all events. It has been particularly encouraging to see so many students actively taking part in the throwing events, long jump and the 1500m, demonstrating great enthusiasm and commitment.



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Current standings are:

1. Phoenix – 962
2. Dragon – 866
3. Pegasus – 840
4. Griffin – 828

Several students have even gone on to break existing Sports Day records, which is a fantastic achievement. We are now looking ahead with excitement to the main Sports Day on Thursday 9th July.

Changes to Written Communication Regarding Higher-Level Behaviour Sanctions

From Tuesday 7th July 2026, Hodgson Academy will be introducing an updated process for communicating higher-level behaviour sanctions and off-site educational placements with parents and carers.

To improve the timeliness, accuracy and consistency of our communication, parents and carers will now receive written notification by email at the earliest practical opportunity, replacing the current practice of sending letters through the postal service. This change applies to Internal Inclusion **(C4)**, Suspensions **(C5)** and short-term off-site educational placements in partner schools or alternative provision where these form part of a behavioural sanction or support plan.

Whilst we appreciate that receiving notification of a higher-level sanction is not always welcome, we believe it is important that parents are informed as quickly as possible. Prompt communication allows families to understand the reasons for the decision, discuss expectations with their child and work in partnership with the Academy to support positive behaviour moving forward. Our behaviour systems are designed to maintain a calm, safe and purposeful learning environment where all students can thrive, and timely communication with parents is an important part of achieving this.

The Department for Education's updated statutory guidance, comes into effect on 26 July 2026, reinforces the importance of schools providing written notification to parents without delay and strengthens expectations around communication relating to suspensions and off-site directions. Although these statutory changes formally take effect later this month, we are implementing this improvement from Tuesday 7th July to further strengthen communication with families and ensure parents receive important information at the earliest practical opportunity.

Children's Wellbeing Act, Mobile Phones and Social Media

On Monday 29 June, new provisions within the Government's Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act came into effect. The legislation introduces a range of measures aimed at strengthening children's wellbeing, safeguarding and educational experiences. Whilst the Act covers many aspects of children's lives, one of the most widely discussed areas is the growing national focus on mobile phone use in schools and the wider impact of social media on young people's wellbeing, mental health and development.

Alongside the Act, the Government has made clear its intention to strengthen expectations around mobile phones in schools, ensuring that classrooms remain calm, focused and free from unnecessary distractions.

There is also increasing national discussion around children's access to social media, with proposals and ongoing work exploring stronger age verification, greater accountability for technology companies, and additional measures to reduce young people's exposure to harmful or inappropriate online content.

Like schools across the country, Hodgson Academy is carefully reviewing the latest guidance and considering whether any future developments to our own approach would further enhance the calm, safe and purposeful learning environment that we are proud to provide. As always, any decisions will be based on what is in the best interests of our students' education, wellbeing and safety.

To ensure that any future developments are informed by the views of our community, we launched an anonymous parent questionnaire yesterday. We have already received almost 500 responses, demonstrating

the importance of this issue to families. Thank you to everyone who has already taken part. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, there is still time to do so. The survey remains open until 4.00pm on Tuesday 7 July, and every response will help shape future policy and decision-making at the Academy. The link for this is below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-D_VT3cHjUea-RZEinups3gFOE1P0l1FosrgwVOnTQ1URTFJMEZNVVZUR0dSNDY4Nzi2UkMxRklBUC4u

As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school. By working together, we can continue to provide an environment where every young person feels safe, supported and able to thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

Arriving at School

We have also noticed an increasing number of students arriving at school significantly earlier than necessary, with some arriving as early as 7.30am. At this time, the Academy is not fully staffed and there is no routine supervision across corridors and other areas of the site. This presents avoidable safeguarding concerns and means we cannot guarantee the safe, calm environment we expect before the start of the school day. Supervised areas, including the Food Court, begin operating from 8.00am, and we therefore ask parents to ensure that students do not arrive before this time unless specific arrangements have been made with the Academy. We are currently reviewing our morning arrival procedures as part of our wider planning for September to ensure they continue to provide the safest and most effective start to the school day for all students.

Home Academy Agreement

Parents/Carers are asked to consent to our Home Academy Agreement – The booklet of information is available on our website.

To consent use **Arbor/Notices**/click on the consent and respond accordingly.

Other consents that require your attention are:

- Consent for your child to appear in the media as part of school related activities
- Consent for your child to appear on the school website
- Consent for your child to appear on video as part of school related activities/events
- Consent for your child to appear in the academy's prospectus.
- Consent for your child's photograph to be taken
- Consent to facial/fingerprint recognition

Free School Meals update

Please click the link below regarding important changes to Free School Meals.

https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/schooldata/pages/Parents/Parent-Letters/2025-26/FSM%20Letter_.pdf

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.

Performing Arts

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.



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/>

STEM Fest

At the end of last week 10 of our year 9 Design & Technology students attended STEM Fest at Blackpool Sixth Form. They took part in a range of interactive workshops run by STEM professionals and educators. They also took part in team challenges where they were asked to solve problems and demonstrate their creativity under pressure. They had the opportunity to meet industry professionals and discuss careers before planning a business pitch that they will submit for judging later this month.

Y8 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 from LEGO. The winning team The Mamma Mias were an all-girls team, showing how girls CAN excel (excuse the pun!) in the tech world!

Iceland Trip 2027

All parents of students in year 8 and 9 will have received an email containing an important letter regarding an exciting opportunity for students to take part in a Geography field trip to Iceland during the next academic year. The letter contains full details about the visit, including dates, activities, costs, and how to express interest in securing a place. If you have any questions after reading the letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Long at

r.long@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

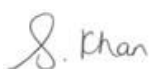
Please see the link for expression of interest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2uea0N0muA>

Italy Trip 2027

All parents/carers of students who have been randomly selected to attend the Italy trip 2027 have received an email to confirm their place. Deposit payments should have been made to secure the places. Details have been added to Parent Pay. If anyone no longer wants their place, could they please email c.burton@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible as we currently have a waiting list.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
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