



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely week in this beautiful weather.

I cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year and finishing for the summer holidays today. Please see below an update from the last two weeks:

GEM Café

Our Year 10 class ran their own pop-up cafe on Friday as part of their numeracy and literacy development project. From designing the logo and rehearsing role plays, the students worked hard in the run up to the event and successfully used their communication and teamwork skills on the day to create a 5* reviewed cafe! The customers included parents, students and staff who were impressed by the standard of both the service and the coffee! Thank you to all those who attended and we look forward to welcoming you to our next one.

Celebration assemblies

It has been lovely to see so many of you attending the celebration assemblies last week and this week. The hall has been packed with parents and carers for this event, and we are grateful for your attendance and support. It has been a privilege for me to listen to the wonderful comments from the Heads of House, the form teachers, subject teachers and support staff regarding our hard-working, kind and considerate students. Our students are what make our school a fantastic place and the staff work tirelessly to support them academically and pastorally. I hope you enjoyed the assemblies as much as I did.

Trip Day

On Tuesday last week we had years 8 to 10 attend either the Blackpool Pleasure Beach or The Trafford Centre for their end of year trip. The Year 7's attended Blackpool Zoo. The students had an amazing time at the Pleasure Beach and Blackpool Zoo and the students at the Trafford Centre took part in activities such as bowling or had a lovely time shopping with their friends. None of this would be possible without the hard work of the staff members who organised the trip and supported on the day with the running of it. Thank you to everyone who supported with this.

Staff goodbyes

As is always the case at the end of the academic year, we bid farewell to a number of valued colleagues. Below is a list of staff who will be leaving us this year:

- Mrs Beth Abram – Teacher of Maths
- Miss Sarah Hetherington – Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Kasota Maher – Receptionist
- Mrs Mhari Mitchinson – Science Teacher
- Mrs Natacha Richaud – Teaching Assistant
- Ms Alyson Wenham – Teacher of History
- Mr Liam Webb – Assistant Head of PE



We wish all of the staff leaving us the best of luck for the future and look forward to welcoming new staff members to the Hodgson Family in September. There will be some changes to form tutors and roles, and this will be communicated prior to the students returning.

Important Travel Update – 594 Bus Service and Staining Road Closure

Parents and carers of pupils who use the 594 bus service are asked to be aware of an upcoming road closure affecting travel to and from Staining. A road closure is expected to be in place from 31 August, potentially through to November, due to works taking place along Chain Lane. As a result, from the first week of September, all pupils using the 594 service to travel to and from Staining will need to board and depart at the Staining Road End bus stop. We strongly encourage families affected by this change to discuss and plan the revised journey arrangements with their child before the start of the new academic year. We will share any further updates with families as soon as they are received.

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.

We will also have the uniform shop open on **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July from 13:00 until 15:00** for anyone wishing to come in person to make any purchases. Please note we will only be accepting **card payments only**.

Free School Meals (FSM) Changes from September 2026

We would like to draw parents' and carers' attention to important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026. Under the new national criteria, all children living in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. We are encouraging any family who receives Universal Credit but is not currently registered for FSM to submit an application as soon as possible to ensure provision is in place for September 2026. In addition to providing a healthy meal each day, FSM registration enables schools to access valuable additional funding to support students' learning and wellbeing. Please click on the link below for further details:

Holiday and Activities and Food (HAF)– Summer 2026

The summer holidays are just around the corner, and the Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is getting ready to launch!

As the programme and funding of Free School Meal vouchers ended in March 2026 the new HAF programme was introduced and has already been launched.

This summer, eligible children and young people can enjoy a fantastic range of fun, free and exciting clubs and activities across Lancashire. From sports and games to arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, creative workshops, enrichment activities and **tasty meals**, there will be plenty on offer to help children stay active, make friends, try something new and have a brilliant summer.

Parents who are eligible will have already received the e-mail from holidayactivities.com to enrol your child on the programme.

Note: This is for children who receive free school meals only.

Thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and kind words during this academic year. Leading the school comes with challenges but with the support of the vast majority of our parents and carers has been appreciated, not only by me but by the staff body as well. I truly believe, that working as one team, we are able to work together to address any concerns either of us may have. We all want the same thing — the best for your child — and that only happens when we are aligned.

Looking ahead to September, the holidays are a perfect time to ensure that any new uniform items are purchased, equipment is restocked and that any false nails and eyelashes are removed ready for the start of the new academic year. We do not want to start the year, with addressing concerns around standards and we value your support in ensuring that we do not have to. There will be some changes to our behaviour policy and expectations from September. Mr McCann has already sent out communication regarding mobile phones and the introduction of pouches. If you have not had the chance to read that email, please do so. There will be a separate communication regarding these which will be sent out today.

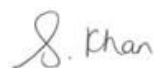
Contact school during the holidays.

We would just like to remind you that we are back at school on Monday 1st September and the school day starts at the normal time for all students. We look forward to welcoming our students back after they have had a restful summer break. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that staff are also on a well-deserved rest during this time and will respond to emails when we return. If you feel the matter is urgent and cannot wait until we return, please contact admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk. You can also access a range of support and information using the link below:

<https://padlet.com/jsandersonDDSL/parental-safeguarding-board-3y0bilbrbsd8qr6o>

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing, restful summer break with your loved ones, and may the weather continue to be as lovely as it has been recently.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher