



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week. Please see below this week's updates from school.

Halloween at Hodgson

This week we have been entering into to the spooky spirit with our annual scarecrow and pumpkin competition. As usual, the standard of entries has been very high and a lot of fun has been had by all. Winners will be announced during the first week back after half term and the scarecrows will stay up during the holiday for all to see. I would like to thank all parents, carers and form tutors who have supported this event. Pictures of scarecrows and pumpkins have been going out on our social media platforms for all to enjoy.

Women In Work

On Tuesday the 14th of October we had our annual Women in Work event. We had an inspirational morning in the gym celebrating the amazing women in our community. It was great to be able to give the girls the opportunity to explore different careers and be able ask questions and find out more about different career paths.

Autumn Reports and Form Tutor Parents Evening

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Autumn reports have been emailed home today and are also available on both the parent and student portal. A reminder that the booking system is open for the form tutor parents evening on Thursday 6th November.

Year 11 Autumn reports will be issued next half term in preparations for their subject teacher parents evening which will be Thursday 11th December.

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

On Friday 21st November, all Year 11 students will have the exciting opportunity to practice their interview skills ahead of college interviews or potential job interviews soon. It's a great way to build up their confidence and communication skills with people from industry who have great insight. Most importantly, **students will come to school in professional dress**. We have spares within school should students be struggling to find something and we also have spare uniform for those they don't arrive in professional dress. Please speak to your form tutor if you're struggling to find your outfit. There will be Best Dressed awards on the day too!

Miss Scott says to all Year 11's... "Mock interviews are your chance to shine before the big day (your first real interview!)! Treat them as a safe space to practice, learn, and grow. Every question answered builds confidence and prepares you for success later. Embrace the feedback, it's your stepping stone to landing the real opportunity!"

Parents and carers, if you're from industry, are interested in being an interviewer and happen to be available on the Friday 21st November from 8:50-12:10, then please fill out this Microsoft form to let us know you're interested (there will be refreshments and pastries too!): <https://forms.office.com/e/d66mVjgXC6>

Work Experience 2026



A gentle reminder that we will have only 7 school weeks after the half term to secure a placement for Work Experience for all Year 10 students. The deadline for all forms to be handed into the library is Friday 9th January 2026. The actual placement will take place from Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026. The deadline is earlier so we can ensure all safety measures are in place for all 225 placements. Please utilise some time over the half term break to get in touch with local employers to secure your placement, since lots of places shut down or close over the Christmas period. Good luck, Year 10s! It will be an incredible opportunity to show how brilliant YOU ALL are! All information and documentation are available on the school website at:

<https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/careers-education-information-ceaig>

Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson

Parent workshops

Thank you to all that came to the transition workshop last week with the SHiNE team.

Our next session with the SHiNE team is all about **Exam Stress**. There will be a workshop for students 3:10-3:40 and then a workshop for parents/guardians from 3:45-4:30. During the workshop you will learn about why we experience stress, how to spot the signs and symptoms of stress, and techniques to manage and reduce stress. For parents/guardians we will also look at ways for you to support your child with exam stress. If you and/or your child would like to attend, please RSVP to a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

Mental Health Champions Training

On World Mental Health Day 19 students trained to become mental health champions to support their peers when they are struggling. We now have 37 trained champions who will man the safe space, deliver assemblies and support students with their mental health.

Sporting Achievements

U13s Netball

The U13 Hodgson girls were truly tested as they faced a formidable and tricky opponent — the toughest contest they've encountered so far. From the first whistle, they had to dig deep and battle in every quarter, navigating tight marking, swift passes and relentless pressure. Though the opposition pushed hard, the Hodgson side matched them with spirit, grit and teamwork, clawing back whenever momentum threatened to slip away. In the end, they clinched a hard-earned **33-28** victory — a testament to their resilience and composure under fire. With that win, they now stand among the **last 16 in the country**, having proven they belong at that level through sheer determination and fight.

Year 8 Wyre Fylde Netball

Our year 8 girls went to LSA and won the Wyre and Fylde Netball tournament for the second year in a row! The girls won 5 group games to win their league before facing AKS in the semis and winning 16-5. They then faced St Bede's in the final and won 12-5.

Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 A and B team had their first match against Millfield and A team won 19-0 and B team won 9-0. Excellent display of skills and teamwork. Well done.

Football

The Year 11 boys' football team have enjoyed an excellent week, securing victories in both their District Cup quarter-final and Lancashire Cup first-round matches. They began with an impressive 6-1 win over Fleetwood High. The team then produced their best football of the season on Wednesday, defeating Penwortham Priory 3-0.

The Year 7 boys' football team triumphed in the Lancashire Cup group stage on Thursday afternoon, securing their place in the second round.. The team showed tremendous determination throughout the tournament, narrowly defeating LSA 4-2, Cardinal Allan 4-3, and Carr Hill 3-2.

Interhouse Benchball

Students across Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 represented their houses with pride and determination in this half term's inter-house benchball tournament. The competition was fiercely contested throughout, with some exceptionally close games. In a thrilling finish, Dragon emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins, scoring 182 points to claim first place by just 2 points. Phoenix put up an outstanding fight, finishing as runners-up with 180 points in what proved to be an incredibly tight battle for the top spot. The competition for third place was equally intense, with Griffin managing to edge out Pegasus, scoring 154 points to Pegasus's 146. The tournament showcased excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and competitive spirit across all year groups.

Elf Run:

Another reminder about our 2025 Christmas charity event on Monday 8th December. To sponsor our incredible Year 7 students, please click here https://www.justgiving.com/page/chloe-richardson-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL and visit our fundraising JustGiving page.

Visit by AS1 Harley Smith RAF

On Thursday October 16th, class of '22 Student Harley Smith paid a visit to Hodgson. Harley met some of his former teachers and was particularly delighted to spend time with his form tutor, Mr Lowe. Harley spoke to 35 selected students in the Hodgson library and told enthralling anecdotes about his life in the military, as an engineer. Harley recalled his early difficulties in leaving home as a 16-year-old but stated that this trauma quickly faded as he settled into life with his new friendship group. Postings to Poland, The Falklands and Cyprus take place in the next 6 months and students were engrossed by Harley's exciting life and the opportunities he has made for himself. He stressed the importance of a good education, stating that he will receive his engineering degree at the end of next year. This will allow him to train as a pilot, should he wish to do so. Harley happily answered all the students' questions, while stating the importance of securing their GCSEs and having choices once they leave Hodgson.

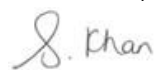
Harley then met with a group of Year 11 boys, and they were equally fascinated by the path chosen by this former student. Harley was, clearly, inspirational when speaking and his story was well received by all who met him. Finishing his visit by thanking the school and all the teachers who helped him get to this point, Harley left with the promise of a future return.

Year 11 Full Year Group Photo

Year 11 will have their full year group photo on Thursday 11th November at 9.05

As you can see, it has been an incredibly busy end to our first half term this academic year. I hope that all students and families have a safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 3rd of November.

Best wishes,



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Headteacher