



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome

I hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer, with the wonderful weather we have had, and the students are ready to embrace the new academic year with enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you very much for your continued support with regards to ensuring that our students are wearing their uniform correctly, fully equipped and arriving to school on time every day to support with their learning.

A huge welcome to the newest members of the Hodgson Family, our Year 7's who have had their first two days with us this week and already achieved over 800 points! We look forward to seeing all that they will achieve and bring to the school over the coming years. Our Year 11's joined us today and have made a fantastic start to their final year of high school. On Monday, we look forward to welcoming all the remaining year groups back.

Attached to this email, is an **important letter from Mr McCann, highlighting key changes for this academic year**. Please take the time to read this.

Class of 2026

We would also like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2026. We are extremely proud of your outstanding successes and grateful for the dedication and hard work that have led to these excellent results. It is with great pride that I inform you that we are the best performing school in Fylde and Wyre for the second consecutive academic year. This has only been possible due to the hard work and dedication of students, staff and parents. The students are a real credit to themselves. As we have often reminded them, **we believe in you** – and it is wonderful to see so many of them believing in themselves too.

New Staff

I am delighted to introduce the new members of staff joining our team and the Hodgson Family this year. They are:

- Joshua Coulter – Teacher of PE
- Natalie Davis – Learning Supervisor
- Katie Hill – Teaching Assistant
- Philippa Jackson – Admin Assistant
- Skye Kirby - KS3 Intervention Specialist Teacher
- Tiffany Taylor – Teacher of Maths





Reminder: Bus Bay Parking

From Monday, we will have nearly 1,200 students moving around the Academy site, many of whom will travel home by bus. For everyone's safety, the bus bay is strictly out of bounds for parent and visitor parking. It must remain clear to allow buses to enter, manoeuvre and depart safely, while large numbers of students are walking through and waiting in the area.

We understand that parents and carers (particularly those of our new Year 7 students) may wish to collect their children close to the Academy. However, the bus bay is not a parking or collection area. Please arrange an alternative, safe meeting point away from the bus bay. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe and ensuring that buses can operate efficiently.

Reporting student absence

To ensure pupil absences are recorded promptly and accurately, we are centralising our absence reporting process.

- If you are reporting your child's absence **by telephone, please select Option 1** from the main school menu rather than speaking directly with the front office team.
- If you are reporting an absence by email, please use **absenceline@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk**.
- Please do not send absence notifications to the general admin email address or to individual staff members, as this may delay the absence being recorded.

The above should be used for the following:

- Same-day illness and absence reporting
- Notification of medical, dental or other appointments- Proof of appointments
- Information regarding late arrival or punctuality
- Requests to leave school during the day for appointments
- Any other attendance-related updates

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

On **Thursday 17th September** we have the Year 7 Parent Information Evening from 16:30-18:30. Letters have gone out regarding this from Miss Richardson, and we look forward to seeing you.





Open Evening

Our open evening will take place on **Thursday 24th of September from 16:00-19:00**. More information will follow in the coming weeks so if you know any parents who would like to come and look round then please spread the word.

Hodgson Academy Achieves Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction

Hodgson Academy is proud to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction in recognition of its commitment to creating a more sustainable future.

Throughout the year, Ms Pomfret and Mrs Burnett have worked closely with the Eco Club to identify ways to make our school more environmentally friendly. Through initiatives such as paper recycling, litter picking, and environmental assessments of the school site, students have played a key role in making a positive impact and taking significant steps towards becoming a more sustainable school community.

As part of their learning, Eco Club members have delivered assemblies to raise awareness across the school and enjoyed educational visits to Blackpool Zoo and Eco Town, where they explored practical ways to protect both the environment at Hodgson Academy and the wider planet.

This achievement reflects the enthusiasm, dedication, and teamwork of everyone involved. Looking ahead, the Eco Club is excited to continue its sustainability journey this year, inspiring and educating students about the simple everyday actions they can take to help protect our planet for future generations.

Work Experience 2027

Work Experience for Year 10 will take place from **Monday 10th May to Friday 14th May 2027**. This is an exciting opportunity for students to step beyond the classroom, explore potential career paths, build confidence, and develop valuable skills for life.

Students are expected to source their own placements, with support available from parents/carers, form tutors, and Miss Scott, our Careers Lead. Start thinking now about where you would like to spend your week and begin contacting local employers to ask if they can offer a placement.

Once an employer has agreed to host you, we will take care of the next steps and arrange the required documentation. We have now moved from paper-based forms to an online system, with further details to follow. In the meantime, this should not delay conversations with potential employers.

Last year's students had an incredible experience, gaining new skills, making valuable connections, and discovering exciting career opportunities. The best placements go quickly, so don't leave it until the last minute. Start your search early, secure a placement you're excited about, and make the most of this fantastic opportunity!





If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's form tutor or directly to Miss Scott on l.scott@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Dance Team Auditions

Auditions to join our Dance Team this academic year will be held on **Wednesday 9th September** after school until 4.30pm in the hall. Auditions are open to all students, and they do not need to prepare anything in advance. Students will need to change into PE kit/appropriate dance wear at the end of the school day. Please see Mrs Moyle if you require further information.

Netball trials

We are looking for enthusiastic, committed and talented players to join our **National Netball Squads** for the 2026/2027 season!

🏐 **U13 Squad** 🌟 Year 7 & Year 8 Students

🏐 **U14 Squad** 🌟 Year 9 Students

Trials: Wednesday 9th September. **Time:** After School. **Location:** School Sports Hall.
See Mrs Hutchinson for more information.

Year 7 Football trials

Monday 7th September and Friday 11th September. Bring PE kit, shin pads and boots and meet in the changing rooms. The trials will take place after-school.

We would ideally like students to attend **both trial sessions**, as this will give us the best opportunity to assess their skills and potential. However, we understand that students may have other commitments. If your child is only able to attend **one of the two trials**, they are still very welcome to take part and will be fully considered.

Following these initial trials, students who are successful will be invited to attend an **additional final trial at a later date**, before the squad is selected.



Music Lessons

Music lessons at Hodgson Academy are provided by Lancashire Music Service. If your child would like to learn an instrument there is a letter being sent out to all parents and carers which includes a link to access their website and all lesson costs where you can sign up. For any more information please contact Miss Mackay on s.mackay@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Year 7 English Transition work

If your child has completed their English transition work, please can this be handed to their English teacher next week. If they have lost their sheet, a new one can be printed by their English teacher if they ask. House points will be awarded depending on the tasks your child wishes to do. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Branker. j.branker@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher