



Dear Parent/Carer,

A positive start to the year

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students making positive choices and beginning the new academic year so well. Students have looked immaculate in their uniform-smart, organised and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude demonstrated by the overwhelming majority of our students and encourage them to maintain these excellent standards.

What an incredible first week! 89.9% of our students have not received a single behaviour log. That means 1,018 of our 1,133 students have consistently met our expectations throughout the week. This is a fantastic reflection of the positive attitudes, respectful conduct and readiness to learn demonstrated across the Academy. While we will continue to support and challenge the 10.1% who have received a behaviour log, it is important that we recognise and celebrate most students who make the right choices every day. This is something our whole Academy community should be extremely proud of.

Mobile phones and phone pouches

Please remind your child that mobile phones must be switched off and kept securely in school bags throughout the day. Our phone-pouch initiative will begin later this half term, and the majority of parents and carers have already purchased their child's pouch. Phone pouches are an essential piece of school equipment, so if you have not yet made payment, please log in to ParentPay and complete this as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining a focused, safe and phone-free learning environment.

Reminder: Bus Bay Parking

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.

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

Performing Arts opportunities

It was lovely to see such a huge turnout for our Dance Team auditions this week. There was an extraordinary amount of talent on display which made choosing the team very difficult. We encourage all students to look into joining our Dance and Performing Arts clubs that will be starting in coming weeks, as well as future performance opportunities in our annual school musical.

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

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher

