



Dear Parents/Carers,

A continued positive start to the year

As we come to the end of another successful week, there is so much to celebrate. Across our 1,134 pupils, the figures for the week beginning 14 September are outstanding:

- 1,060 pupils received no standards logs—93.5%
- 1,058 pupils received no homework logs—93.3%
- 941 pupils received no behaviour logs—83.0%
- 672 pupils achieved the Hodgson Hat-Trick—59.3% of the entire Academy

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our Year 7 Information Evening last night. It was great to see so many of our families. The feedback about how you feel your children are settling into Hodgson is fantastic. If you have not shared your feedback, please do so by following the attached link.

[Hodgson Academy Y7 Parent Survey – Fill in form](#)

ParentPay

Now that our mobile phone ban is fully in place, we encourage all parents to set up the Auto Top-Up feature on ParentPay to ensure their child always has sufficient funds for school meals without needing to contact home during the school day. This quick and simple feature helps support our phone-free environment while giving parents peace of mind that lunch accounts remain funded.

A helpful step-by-step video guide is available here: [Setting up the Auto Top-Up feature on ParentPay](#)

Road Safety Update

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents and carers who park responsibly, travel carefully and show consideration for our students, local residents and other road users at the beginning and end of the Academy day.

Following concerns about unsafe and inconsiderate parking, Lancashire Police and Lancashire County Council are carrying out spot checks on Moulden Road. Officers will speak to drivers, particularly those parking on double yellow lines, school keep-clear markings or in locations that obstruct visibility and place children and other pedestrians at risk.





We ask all parents and carers to park legally and considerately, even if this means parking a little further away from the Academy. Where appropriate, families may wish to agree a safe alternative meeting point with their child, away from the immediate Academy entrance and the busiest areas of Moulden Road. Students should only walk to an alternative collection point where parents and carers are confident that the location and route are safe and appropriate for them. By working together, we can reduce congestion and help ensure that every child arrives at and leaves the Academy safely.

Character Curriculum

This week has seen the launch of our new Character Curriculum, delivered through structured morning sessions.

The programme is built around our Academy commitment to CARE: Consideration and Respect for Everyone. It helps students understand that character is developed through the small choices they make each day: how they speak to others, respond to challenges, manage disagreements, show kindness and take responsibility for their actions.

During these sessions, students will explore important qualities such as respect, dignity, empathy, resilience and personal responsibility. They will have opportunities to discuss real-life situations, consider different perspectives and apply what they have learned to their relationships, learning and wider lives. Academic achievement remains central to everything we do, but the type of person a student becomes is just as important as the qualifications they leave with. Our Character Curriculum will help students develop the personal and interpersonal skills they need to thrive within the Academy, in their future education and employment, and as positive members of their communities. Parents and carers can support this work by discussing the weekly themes at home and encouraging their child to reflect on how their everyday choices demonstrate consideration and respect for others.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening will take place next week on Thursday 24th September. This is an important opportunity to celebrate and showcase the very best of Hodgson Academy to prospective students and their families.

The Academy will close to students at 12:30pm, with school buses at 12.30pm. If parents and carers require support with supervising their child until 3:05pm, our Homework Club will be available. Please complete the form below if you would like to request a place:

[Homework Club Request Form](#)





Further correspondence regarding the early closure was sent by Mr McCann earlier this week. Students who have been invited to support the evening as tour guides or within subject departments will receive a separate letter from the relevant member of staff. This will provide full details of the arrangements and include a link through which parents and carers must provide consent. We are extremely grateful to the students who will represent the Academy during the evening. Their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in Hodgson play an important part in helping prospective families understand what makes our Academy such a special community.

Work Experience 2027 – Year 10

We are excited to announce that the Work Experience Launch 2027 is now underway! It has been fantastic to see so much enthusiasm already, and some amazing students have submitted their application forms. Please remember that the deadline for submitting your completed forms and insurance documentation is Friday 8th January 2027. Make sure everything is handed in on time to secure your placement opportunity. You have just 16 weeks until the deadline to secure your placement.

Link for the form to submit your secured placement:

<https://selfservice.ebpnw.co.uk/renderform?noheader=1&t=326&FF7494=1484223&k=834524DA9482470ECDDF3002E89FB719D3A86CE8>

Medical form to submit to employer any additional needs for your child:

<https://selfservice.ebpnw.co.uk/renderform?noheader=1&t=324&FF7358=1484220&k=B2403B5C48150AC6C511EF1C7330606A76C67BB2>

Year 9 Individual Photo

Year 9 students will have their individual photo taken on Thursday morning this week.

PE department

U14s Netball Squad

Our U14 National Netball Squad have started their campaign in style with a fantastic 72–28 win against Ilkley Grammar School in Round 1! After last year's incredible success, the journey begins again... Can we become back-to-back National Champions?

Year 11 Football

Our Year 11 football team played their first fixture of the season this week. The boys played really well and produced some excellent attacking football, particularly in the second half. Unfortunately, they fell just short on this occasion, but they will now continue their campaign in the Plate Competition. Well done to everyone involved!





Swimming Competition – Team Wanted!

We have an exciting swimming competition coming up! If your child swims outside of school and would like to be considered for the Hodgson Swimming Team, please ask them to sign up with Mrs Hutchinson on Monday. More information about the competition will follow soon.

Sports Leaders – Years 8–10

Applications for our Sports Leaders programme will go live on Monday! This is a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to get involved in school sport, develop their leadership skills and support PE events and activities throughout the year. Keep an eye out for further information!

Year 7 & 8 Badminton Club

Due to the popularity of Badminton Club, we have a maximum of 35 places each week. Students wishing to attend must sign up on the sheet outside the PE Office from 8am every Monday. A new sign-up will be available each Monday, giving students the opportunity to secure a place for that week's session. 35 spaces only – make sure you sign up early!

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium provides additional funding to school to help us give your child extra support, resources and opportunities. If your family receives Universal Credit or certain other benefits, your child may be eligible.

We warmly encourage families to check – even if your child doesn't have school meals, registering could provide valuable additional support for them in school.

Find out more and check your eligibility here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

