



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Open Evening

When an amazing and busy night it was yesterday from start to end. Thank you so much for spreading the word about our wonderful school. It was lovely to see so many familiar as well as new faces walk through our doors.

Thank you to the support of all our parents for allowing your children to support the evening. They are, and always will be, our best ambassadors for our school. The feedback from the visitors about the evening and in particular about the students and staff was so lovely for us to hear. It fills us with pride to know that our visitors saw how special the Hodgson family really is.

Behaviour, Attendance and Standards

It has been another positive week at Hodgson and, during what has been an incredibly busy start to the year, it is important that we take time to recognise just how well the vast majority of our students are doing. Across our 1,134 students, 91.3% received zero standards logs, 82.5% zero homework logs and 76.7% zero behaviour logs, with whole-school attendance at 94.6%. We were particularly delighted that 528 students – 46.6% of the entire Academy – achieved the full Hodgson Hat-Trick, meaning almost one in every two students achieved 100% attendance alongside zero behaviour, standards and homework logs.

There have been some wonderful individual, form and House successes too, with 7MOD, 7KMO and 7AMA leading the Academy for Hat-Trick achievement and an exceptional 100% of 7AMA recording zero behaviour, standards and homework logs. These figures are a wonderful reflection of the culture across Hodgson and of the thousands of positive choices our students make every single day – arriving ready, attending well, working hard, meeting our expectations and treating others with respect. We are incredibly proud of our young people and want to ensure that these everyday successes are noticed and celebrated. A huge thank you also goes to our staff, whose care, encouragement, consistency and high expectations continue to make such a difference.

Mobile Phones

Our move towards a fully phone-free school day continues to be incredibly positive. We are delighted that around 80% of students now have their phone pouch, which represents fantastic support from our families and a really strong response from students. The difference around school is already noticeable, with students increasingly present, talking to one another, engaging with their friends and focusing on school life without the constant distraction of mobile phones and other connected devices. We know that any significant change takes time to embed, and we continue to work closely with the remaining families to ensure every student who brings a device into school has





an approved pouch. Most importantly, our students have responded exceptionally well to the higher expectations and have shown that they can embrace a phone-free school day positively. This is an important part of creating the calm, focused and connected culture we want at Hodgson, giving our young people six valuable hours each day to learn, socialise and simply be present.

Character Education

Our Character Curriculum continued to develop this week, with students exploring CARE – Consideration and Respect for Everyone and what this looks like in the everyday choices they make. The focus was on three important ideas – empathy, perspective and dignity – encouraging students to think beyond their own viewpoint, consider how their words and actions affect others and understand the importance of treating everyone with respect. This linked closely to the British Value of Mutual Respect, helping students recognise that we do not have to agree with everyone or share the same experiences to treat them with kindness and dignity. Through discussion, scenarios and reflection, students were challenged to consider not simply “What did I mean?” but “What was the impact?” – reinforcing our message that CARE is something we demonstrate through our choices, words and actions every day.

Sporting Achievement

Our U13 SiS Netball team had a fantastic match against Stonyhurst College, securing an impressive 60–0 victory! The team played brilliantly from start to finish, showing excellent teamwork, determination and some great passing and shooting. It was a fantastic performance and a well-deserved result. We were also delighted to welcome four new Year 7 students to the team: Mila, Lilly, Ella and Amber. They settled into the team really well and made a great contribution to the match.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year's D of E season is coming to a close as our Bronze participants successfully completed their expedition last weekend. Their instructors were impressed by their resilience and hard work to develop their navigational skills. We had a weekend of very mixed weather, with some heavy rain, but also windy conditions at times.

Congratulations to all our participants who have worked so hard and we look forward to them receiving their certificates and badges as soon as all their sections are complete.

We are now excited to start thinking about enrolling our next cohort from current Year 9 students; they can expect more information about this in an email in October. We are also looking ahead to enrolling students who have completed their Bronze award onto the Silver level.





Beacon Fell – Y7 Trip

Thank you to the large number of parents who have paid and completed the information form. Please can we have a final push for the remaining responses. **X band** will go on **Tuesday 6th October** (shown as the letter on the classes on the timetable) and **Y band is on Wednesday 7th October**.

Can we please request that **no nuts** are brought on the trip due to allergies. Please ensure students are equipped for the weather as we will be outdoors.

Year 10 Kickstart to GCSE Evening

Year 10 Kickstart to GCSE Evening takes place on **Thursday 1st October, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm**. Year 10 students and their parents and carers can hear from subject staff about GCSE courses, revision and how to prepare for the next two years. Talks are repeated throughout the evening, and a booklet with key dates and subject information will be available. Students attending should wear full school uniform. If you cannot attend, please complete form [Year 10 Kickstart to GCSE Evening - Unable to Attend – Fill in form](#) so we can arrange for your child to receive a booklet afterwards.

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>





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 school day.

Following concerns about unsafe and inconsiderate parking, Lancashire Police and Lancashire County Council are carrying out spot checks on Moorland 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.

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/>





I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan

Headteacher