



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

PE update

A huge well done to all of our swimmers who took part in the swimming competition last week! We were incredibly proud of the effort, determination and positive attitude shown by everyone who participated. It was fantastic to see them supporting one another, showing great sportsmanship and giving their very best throughout the competition. A special thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event and helped make it possible. Whether it was through transport, encouragement, volunteering or simply being there to cheer the swimmers on, your support was greatly appreciated.

Careers Fair 2026

Our Careers Fair on Thursday 8th October was a fantastic success, providing students with valuable opportunities to explore future pathways and speak directly with employers, training providers and further education representatives. Students engaged in meaningful conversations with organisations including BAE Systems, Blackpool Sixth Form College, Blackpool and The Fylde College, Think!Creative, and Handelsbanken, gaining first-hand insight into careers in engineering, finance, creative industries, higher education and more.

The event helped students make important connections between their learning in school and the wide range of opportunities available beyond the classroom. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home by asking their child which exhibitors they spoke to, what careers interested them most, and what steps they might take next to achieve their ambitions. These discussions can play a key role in helping young people make informed decisions about their future! A huge thank you to all stallholders who came – it was a brilliant event and couldn't be done without you.

Mock Interviews 2026

Our Year 11 Mock Interview Day will take place on **Friday 20th November from 09:00 to 12:30** and provides students with a valuable opportunity to experience a real interview with employers and professionals from a wide range of sectors, including BAE Systems, the NHS, construction, engineering, consultancy, and the arts. In preparation, students will take part in a dedicated practice session during PSHE, where they will develop their interview techniques, communication skills and confidence. To ensure they are fully prepared, students should attend in professional business dress and bring a printed copy of their completed CV on the day. We encourage parents and carers to discuss interview preparation at home and support students in presenting themselves professionally as they take this important step towards their future careers.





Phone Pouch Rollout

Next week, we will begin the phased rollout of our phone pouches, building on the phone-free school day introduced in September. **The rollout is likely to begin on Wednesday.** We are taking the time to ensure that the arrangements and infrastructure for distributing pouches and unlocking them at the end of the day are ready, so the rollout runs smoothly. Students will receive further guidance through year group assemblies and form sessions, so they understand how to use their pouch and what is expected each day. **Further information, including frequently asked questions, will be shared with families next week.**

If your child will be bringing a mobile phone or another covered device into school, please ensure that you have purchased their £12 pouch through ParentPay before the rollout begins. Thank you to the many families who have already done so. Pouches are a compulsory part of our expectations for students bringing phones, smartwatches, earbuds or other covered devices onto the school site. Alternatively, these devices should be left at home.

Our aim is to protect learning and support students' wellbeing by reducing distractions, pressure from notifications and opportunities for inappropriate device use. A phone-free day gives students more space to concentrate, talk to one another and take part fully in school life. The pouches will help make this expectation consistent throughout the day.

Students have responded positively to our phone-free expectations so far. Thank you for reinforcing these routines at home and helping us create a school day focused on learning, friendships and positive choices. Agreed medical arrangements will continue to be supported. If your child needs to contact home during the school day, staff can help them do so through the school office.

Assemblies: Learning and Staying Safe

This week's assemblies have focused on **why we learn the way we do at Hodgson**. Students have explored how lesson routines, questioning, practice and recalling previous learning help them to know more, remember more and do more. We have reinforced the importance of being ready, respectful, engaged, resilient and reflective, and the shared responsibility of staff and students in making every lesson count.

Next week, assemblies will focus on **road safety, particularly on Moorland Road and around our entrances and bus bays**, alongside reminders about our phone expectations as the phased pouch rollout begins. Keeping students safe extends beyond the school gates. Busy roads, moving vehicles and crowded pavements require everyone to remain alert, cross carefully and behave sensibly. We will particularly emphasise the risks of looking at a phone or being distracted by headphones when walking near traffic or crossing a road. Students need to look up, listen and give their full attention to their surroundings. Please reinforce these messages at home: **put phones away before crossing, check carefully in both directions and use appropriate crossing points**. A few moments of care can make a significant difference to everyone's safety.





Character Curriculum – Showing the Very Best of Ourselves

Our Character Curriculum continues to become an increasingly important part of life at Hodgson. Through our focus on CARE, PAUSE and the character we develop through the choices we make each day, we are encouraging our young people not simply to know our values, but to live them.

We have seen a marked increase in manners, gratitude, friendliness and positive interactions around the Academy. Whether it is holding a door open, saying thank you, helping somebody else, speaking respectfully or simply taking the time to acknowledge others, these small moments are making a real difference to our culture.

There is still more to do, and we will continue to live and breathe character across our Academy culture, reinforcing it through lessons, assemblies, tutor time and, most importantly, our everyday interactions. **At the centre of this are our children.** Increasingly, we are seeing them showing the very best of themselves and demonstrating what it means to be a Hodgson student. This is the culture we want to continue building together: one where character and kindness matter, with our community invested in the positive differences we can all make.

Form Tutor Evening

Bookings are now open on EduLink for our Form Tutor Evening, which will take place on **Thursday 5th November, between 3.30pm and 6pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their learning for this year and to review their Autumn Report, which will provide an indication of the effort they are making across their subjects and identify areas where they can continue to develop positive learning habits. The Autumn reports will be issued next week.

Appointments will be held online and will last 5 minutes each. To book your appointment, please log in to EduLink and select an available time slot. Guidance on how to make a booking can be found here: [How to book a parents evening slot](#). We encourage all parents and carers to book early to secure their preferred appointment time.

Cambodia 2028

Following the huge success of Cambodia 2026, which many of you followed on our social media, this week we welcomed Camps International back into school to speak to our Year 9 and Year 10 students about the opportunity that awaits them in Summer 2028. Next Thursday at 17:00, we are hosting Camps International in school to speak to parents and carers who want to find out more about this life-changing experience. The letter regarding this event is attached.

Cambodia Letter





Uniform Stock Sale

We have still got some limited stock in school which is now on sale. Please see the stock list and grab yourself a bargain. If you wish to purchase an item of uniform, please email admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk with your request. Please click on the link below to access what items and sizes we still have remaining in stock.

[Uniform stock list](#)

Get Involved with Our PTFA

We would love to welcome more parents, carers and family members to our PTFA meeting, which is being held at school on Tuesday 13th October at 4pm.

The PTFA plays a really important part in supporting our school, and over the past year they have made a significant difference, including donating funds towards a new minibus and 40 new pupil laptops.

We are currently looking for new members to join the PTFA committee, but you don't have to become a committee member to get involved! You are very welcome to simply come along to meetings, share ideas and help us plan and run events throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining the PTFA but are unable to attend the meeting, please email admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk and we will be very happy to hear from you.

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 11 weeks until the deadline to secure your placement.** Year 10 received an assembly from Miss Scott on Friday 9th October to remind them of this important week!

10C have taken the lead from 10W! Well done 10C, who will be next?

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>





Lancashire County Council SEND Local Offer

Families of students with SEND are invited to [please use this link](#) to access the SEND Local Offer from Lancashire including information about the SEND reform and a directory of services.

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium provides additional funding to the 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