Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome all our students back to school following our two-week October half-term break. There has been a wonderful atmosphere around the academy this week, with students settling back into their routines, reconnecting with friends and approaching their learning positively. We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead as we move towards Christmas, with plenty of opportunities for students to learn, take part and celebrate their achievements.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for your support throughout the first half term. The partnership between home and school makes such a difference, and we greatly appreciate your continued encouragement and support for our expectations and routines.

A particular thank you goes to our students, parents and staff for their support with the introduction of our mobile phone pouches. These have already had a hugely positive impact on daily life at Hodgson, helping to protect focused learning and removing the temptation to check messages or notifications during the school day. Just as importantly, students have more space to talk, laugh, build friendships and enjoy being children. It has been a pleasure to see this reflected in the atmosphere around school, and we are grateful to everyone who has helped make this such a positive start.

Form Tutor Evening: Working Together

Thank you to all parents and guardians who joined our online Form Tutor Evening last night, and to our tutors for the care and preparation that went into these meetings. There were excellent, purposeful conversations covering all aspects of school life, including behaviour, attitude, effort, engagement in learning and how students apply themselves. These discussions also provided a valuable opportunity to consider each child's wider wellbeing, friendships and pastoral support, reflecting our commitment to caring for the whole child.

We hope you found the evening informative and helpful, with opportunities to celebrate successes and identify clear next steps together. We will continue to work closely with families and follow up where further conversations or support are needed. Thank you for your time, openness and continued partnership in helping every student thrive.

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Our Character Curriculum Focus: Half-term 2

This half-term, our Character Curriculum focuses on anti-bullying, kindness and the responsibility we all share to help others feel safe, respected and included. Through tutor-time teaching, discussion and practical scenarios, students will explore how their words and actions affect others, how to recognise bullying and how to seek help for themselves or someone else. We will also consider the importance of challenging unkind behaviour safely, rather than joining in or allowing it to go unreported.

Our message is clear: character is demonstrated through everyday choices—including others, showing empathy, respecting differences and doing the right thing when it feels difficult. These discussions will reinforce the British Value of mutual respect. Families can support this work by talking about what kindness and respect look like in person and online, and reminding children to speak to a trusted adult whenever they are worried. Together, we want every student to know that they belong, that their voice matters and that seeking help is a positive action.

Year 11: A Focused Start

Our Year 11 students have already made a focused start to their preparations for the year ahead, completing mock examinations in science and Geography, with further speaking mock examinations in modern foreign languages taking place this half term. Thank you to students for the seriousness and commitment with which they have approached these assessments, and to families for supporting their preparation.

These examinations provide a valuable opportunity for students to practise their examination skills, recognise their strengths and identify where further work is needed. By engaging fully with revision, acting on feedback and seeking help when needed, students can keep themselves on track to achieve their very best. We look forward to supporting and encouraging them throughout this important year. Our Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on 10th December. This is an important opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers, celebrate achievements and agree priorities for the months ahead. Working together, parents, students and staff can ensure that every student receives the encouragement, guidance and support they need to achieve their very best.

Year 7 Elf Run

On 14th December 2026, Year 7 students are taking part in the Brian House Elf Run, combining fun, fitness and fundraising for a fantastic cause!

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Students will be encouraged to challenge themselves, work together and show determination and team spirit throughout the event. We hope to raise as much money as possible to support this worthwhile cause, while giving our students the opportunity to make a positive difference.
We are looking forward to seeing our Year 7 students get involved, have fun and help make the event a great success. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference.
Good luck to all our Year 7 participants and thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts!

To donate, please use this QR code. The form that raises the most money will win a prize!

Jacob S: Double World Champion

We are delighted to celebrate Jacob S' outstanding success at the World Karate Championships in Cadiz this week. Representing England, Jacob returned home with two World Championship titles, a silver medal and a bronze medal, making him a double World Champion and World No. 1 in his age and weight category.

This remarkable achievement reflects Jacob's talent, dedication and hard work, alongside the commitment required to compete at the highest level. Everyone at Hodgson is incredibly proud of him, and we look forward to celebrating his success in school. Congratulations, Jacob!

Fylde Rugby Sessions

Our Year 8–10 boys and girls PE groups have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in rugby sessions led by coaches from Fylde Rugby Club. The sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their rugby skills, teamwork and confidence. We have received some really positive feedback from the coaches, which is a credit to everyone involved.

We look forward to putting these skills into practice when we take part in the competitions in March.

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Creating Memories That Last a Lifetime

A heartfelt thank you to all our staff who so generously give their time to provide wonderful opportunities for our students. This includes the recent trip to Paris, led by Mrs Sarginson, and the trip to Lisbon, led by Mr Ingham. These experiences allow students to explore new places, grow in confidence and strengthen friendships, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. The planning, care and commitment behind these visits are considerable, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make them possible. Thank you for going above and beyond for our children.

Remembrance: Reflecting Together

Next week, our assemblies will focus on Remembrance, providing students with an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those affected by conflict. Students who belong to youth cadets, Scouts or associated organisations are welcome to attend school in their organisation's uniform for their assembly and/or on Wednesday 11th November.

On Wednesday 11th November at 10:40, we will observe a minute's silence and hold a service at the memorial outside school, bringing our community together in respectful reflection. If anyone wishes to join us outside the front of Hodgson, our extended Hodgson family is welcome to join in our own reflection. In addition, Hodgson will also be represented at the Cenotaph in Poulton, joining the wider community in paying our respects.

ParentPay Reminder

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account has sufficient funds for lunch before they arrive at school each day. This first week back, an increased number of students have asked reception to contact parents to arrange a top-up. Checking balances regularly and topping up in advance will help students access their lunch promptly and reduce calls home during the school day. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair 2026

The Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 2nd December in the Hall after school. This marks the start of Christmas celebrations at Hodgson. There'll be fun, festivities, music, food, drinks and lots more.

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Stallholders - We're inviting stallholders, local businesses and entrepreneurs to reserve a place. It's a fantastic opportunity to sell your products, promote your business, raise your profile in the community.

Tombola Prizes - We kindly ask for donations of new or unused items that can be included in the Tombola. These could be homeware, cosmetics, giftsets, toys, games food and drink.

Toy Emporium - If you have any unwanted toys, games or collectables, please donate any re-sellable items to our new Toy Emporium stall.

Get involved - everyone's welcome. If you're an arts and craft enthusiast, cook or bake, can provide an activity such as facepainting - please get in touch.

All proceeds go to the PTFA to raise money for the school. We are currently raising funds to buy a new water fountain, allowing easier access to refill bottles and encourage everyone to stay hydrated.

Donations can be left at reception.

Christmas Tombola: Donations Welcome

As we prepare for our Christmas Fair and our Christmas party for our senior citizens of the community, we would be very grateful for donations of tombola prizes. Chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, gift sets and other new, unused gifts would all be warmly welcomed. If you are able to contribute, please send donations into school with your child or leave them at reception. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make these festive events special for everyone involved.

PTFA Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will officially close at the end of the week. This is your very last chance to buy at our discounted prices. Stock is limited please email to check before purchasing. If you have any returns or exchanges to be processed, contact us before Friday 13th November.
PTFAUniformShop@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Reminder: Staff INSET Day

Please remember that Monday 30th November is a staff INSET day, so students should not attend school. Students will return as normal on Tuesday 1 December. Thank you for your support.

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Year 10 - Work Experience 2027

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 9 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!

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

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.

Music and Performing Arts

This year's Musical has been announced. We are very excited to present Mamma Mia which will be on 8th and 9th July 2027. Audition packs will be given out to students very soon!



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Curriculum newsletters

Please see below the link for the curriculum newsletters for HT2.

Student information

Please can all parents check that we have the correct details on Arbor for their child/ren. Please do this by using the Arbor app.

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium?

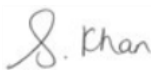
Pupil Premium provides additional funding to school to help us give your child extra support, resources and opportunities. If your family receives Universal Credit or certain other benefits, your child may be eligible.

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/

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan

Headteacher

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