



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have a lovely week with your families. Please see below an update from this week and a few key messages:

Parent Survey – You Said We Did.

Thank you to all parents and guardians who responded to our Parent Voice survey last half term. With over 200 responses, your feedback on co-curricular enrichment, homework provision and progress reporting has been invaluable. We remain committed to working closely with parents to enhance all areas of school life. To keep you informed, we have created a **'You Said, We Did'** summary, highlighting key themes and the actions we are taking in response. We appreciate your continued support and engagement. This document is included in the links with the Heads update.

Sound of Spring Festival

Hodgson Academy would like to invite you to their production 'Sound of Spring' on **Thursday 27th March 2025**. It will be an evening of music and dance with talented students from Year 7 through to Year 11 performing.

The performance will **start at 7pm and finish at approximately 9pm**. We would like to invite both family and friends to come along and watch the performances and support our students. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children/OAPs. As the academy is now a cashless school, tickets can only be purchased through ParentPay. Seats will be allocated on a first come first serve basis on the evening. All monies raised will help towards resources for the Performing Arts and Music departments.

International Women's Day

On Monday, some of our Year 10 students attended an International Women's Day event at Blackpool Sixth Form to celebrate our amazing young women. They took part in self-defence, yoga and skin care workshops as well as being inspired to make sure their voices were heard. They had an in-depth discussion about why young women drop out of sports at such a young age but were honest and open about how they needed to challenge their own beliefs in themselves as well as those of their peers.

It was a very proud moment to see our former students, Kacie, Belle, Katie and Aarya organise the event. We are extremely proud with how far they have come, how confident they were speaking publicly and, of course their campaign for change.

Ogden Trust events

On Monday and Tuesday, The Ogden Trust Sciathlon Competition was held at Blackpool and The Fylde College. Primary schools were competing against each other on Monday, and secondary students on Tuesday. For both of these events, we had eleven Year 10 triple science students as



ambassadors, delivering and leading high level practical sessions to both primary and other secondary schools in a competitive environment.

They all had a brilliant time, showcased their own skills and were fantastic leaders! Well done! On Tuesday, 4 of our own Year 7 students were invited to compete in the Ogden Trust event, accompanied by Miss Hamilton. Activities such as making a solar buggy, creating the most efficient wind turbine and the slowest falling parachute took place. The day ended with a tough science quiz. Whilst they did not win, they were real superstars all day. They were put to the test with chemistry GCSE practicals, engineering and scientific quizzes! All represented the academy wonderfully and made us incredibly proud.

Year 7 and 8 bake sale

Last week we had our wonderful students in Years 7 and 8 take part in a bake sale to raise money for Save the Children <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>.

This is a cause that resonates with both year groups from their study of the novel, Welcome to Nowhere. Just by selling their bakes at break and lunchtime the students raised **£747** in total! Thank you to everyone who supported with this, including those of you who made delicious bakes at home.

Year 9 Options Information

On Wednesday 2nd April from 16:30 to 19:00, we host our Year 9 Options Evening. Please make a note of this date in your diary and Miss Buckley has sent out an email yesterday regarding this. Please read this email and book yourself on for the talk in the hall.

This is an important evening for our Year 9 students and parents to understand what subjects are available for students to take for their GCSEs, so that they can make informed decisions.

Catering at Hodgson

In line with seeking best value and best standard catering, we are undertaking a competitive tender for a new catering provider and contract to start on 1st September 2025. This is **your** service and we would welcome your input. On Tuesday of this week, we sent out an email with a link to a Microsoft form for you to leave us your feedback. This is open to both parents and students and we would like to hear from you so that we can have the best service possible for all that use it.

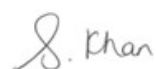
The deadline for your feedback is **Sunday 16th March** - this information will then be shared with those wishing to tender for the position of caterer at the academy, and hopefully help set the new direction of food offered at Hodgson.

[Click here for the form](#)

Year 11 guided revision.

Please find attached the Y11 Guided Revision for Week 17. Revision lists for all subjects are also available on the Y11 Guided Revision area on our website in the subject folders.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan

Head of School