



Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below this week's updates from school.

## **Bake Sale**

The final week of term will see a bake sale organised by our Year 7 students to raise money for refugee.uk. This is a topic close to our Year 7's hearts after their study of the book *Welcome to Nowhere* about the experience of a family of Syrian refugees. The dates for the bake sale are Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Each house will have a table to sell their cakes on in the boulevard along with a tub for money. When the students bring in their cakes there will be a box with their house logo in where they can store them until break.

The house that raises the most money will receive a chocolate treat.

## **Lost Property**

If you think you may have some items in our lost property box, please send your child to the office to collect it before the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Anything left after this date will be donated to charity.

## **Sciathlon**

We sent a team of Year 8 students to compete in a local sciathlon hosted by Blackpool and the Fylde College this week. A sciathlon is a series of scientific, technological and engineering tasks which have to be completed in a very short amount of time.

It was a fabulous day comprising of tough challenges including: a chemistry titration practical with specialist equipment, a GCSE level quiz and a physics practical on renewable energy. The purpose of the physics practical was to make a wind turbine to generate the highest voltage possible (voltage to beat was 4.8V). In the physics practical, two of our female students managed to smash this goal with their specialist turbine and got 14V! The UCLAN students were amazed!

Although we were up against 11 other schools across the Fylde Coast including two teams from Rossall, our students never faltered and kept their cool all day. As a result, the Hodgson team WON the competition and brought home the enormous trophy. Congratulations to the team and thank you very much to the science department for supporting them.

## **Maths Feast**

Not to be outdone by the science department, our maths department took a group of students to compete in the North-West Maths Feast this week. The Maths Feast is a fun educational challenge for Year 10 students which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Our teams placed 2nd and 4th out of 21 teams in total. Their cooperation, communication and problem-solving skills were top drawer. Well done to the students and thank you to the maths department for supporting them.

## **Uniform Shop**

We are always looking for new volunteers to work in our shop, even if it is only once a month. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us on [admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk). The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays between 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Saturdays between 10.00am and 12.00 during term time.





## **Year 10 Work Experience Update**

Well done to all the students who have already secured their placement for 8-12th July and thanks to parents for their support- we know the process can be daunting and that resilience is needed for the knockbacks (and the frustrating lack of response in some cases!). The deadline for returning the self-placement form is next Thursday 21st March- forms are still available from form tutors, Miss Scott and Mrs Foley and on the year group Teams channel. Any student who still needs support should see Miss Scott or Mrs Foley to discuss further.

## **Job Opportunity**

We are looking to appoint an exceptional Learning Supervisor to start ASAP. Closing date is Monday 8th April 2024. Further information including job description and person specification can be found on the website. <https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/quick-links/quick-links/staff-vacancies>