Head of School: Mrs Shabnam Khan BA (Hons) NPQH

At Hodgson anything is possible when we Imagine, Believe, Achieve.

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

### **Women in Work event**

Thank you to Miss Richardson and Mrs Sarginson for organising a fantastic event for our students promoting Women in Work and showcasing the abundance of opportunities that are available. This event involved a number of local and national businesses, and we thank them for their time as well.

### **The Halloween Event**

A reminder the PTFA are organising a **Halloween bingo** and quiz night on the 30th of October at Fylde Cricket Club. Tickets for this event are £3 each or £10 per family and are available on Parent Pay. These include entrance, entry to the quiz and one bingo ticket. Please click the link here for more information.

### Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson

A reminder from Mrs King that parents/carers are invited into school on **Wednesday 9th October** for an opportunity to find out how Hodgson supports students with their mental health. **The session will run from 09:00 until 09:45** in the library. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing Mrs King a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

To help celebrate World Mental Health Day students are invited to wear an additional yellow item alongside their uniform on **Friday 11**<sup>th</sup> **October**. Donations for this can be made on parent pay. There will also be a bake sale on the boulevard at break time so students can bring in small change to purchase these.

# **Cashless School**

After the half term break, we will be moving further towards being a cashless school. From **Monday 28**<sup>th</sup> **October 2024** we will only accept cash at Hodgson for school dinners through the two cash pay points on site. All other purchases, including trips and donations, will have to go through our payment provider ParentPay.

We are aware that there are some parents who still prefer to pay with cash. In order to allow this to still be possible, ParentPay offer a service where you can request a barcode from school and this barcode can be used at shops that take PayPoint services. For more information about this please contact <a href="mailto:parentpay@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk">parentpay@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk</a>

## **Careers convention**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding our exciting annual Career's Convention for Year 8-11 students. It will be during school hours and students will get to explore the fair for a chance to ask pertinent questions regarding the world of work and find out exactly how they can take those aspiring next steps. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend with their child from 15:05-15:30pm should they wish to. Please discuss with your child who they're most excited to speak to and get information from.

### **Year 7 Coffee Mornings**

After half term, there will be an opportunity for parents of our Year 7 students to meet with their Form Tutor and other key pastoral staff. Next week, Miss Richardson will be emailing you with more details and a form to complete to book an appointment. These mornings will run from 08:30 till 10:30.









Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November will be for parents from 7SHS, 7ITH, 7AWE and 7DHO. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November will be for parents from 7KHA, 7CBU, 7JDU and 7NBA.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your families.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Khan Head of School