



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week. I cannot believe how quickly the first half-term has gone and as always there have been a number of updates from the school this week, which I will share with you below:

## **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. We would love to see you there. Please click the link [here](#) for more information.

## **Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson**

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who attended the session with Mrs King regarding mental health on Wednesday morning this week. Today we have had a number of students and staff members wearing yellow to raise awareness and money to support mental health, as well as a delicious bake sale. If you wish to make a contribution to this, please do so via Parent Pay.

## **Cashless School**

A reminder that 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 [parentpay@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:parentpay@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk)

## **Careers convention**

Yesterday, we held our exciting annual Career's Convention for Year 8-11 students. It was a huge success and a massive thanks to Miss Scott and her team in organising this fantastic opportunity for our students. Once again a huge thanks to the parents and carers who attended after school to find out more about the opportunities available for our students once they leave Hodgson. We hope you found the convention as beneficial as our students did.



## **Achievements**

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 Netball team who were crowned the Fylde and Wyre Champions yesterday. What an amazing achievement.

Also, this week a number of our students had the opportunity to meet Tim Peake and I am sure that this will be a memory they will treasure for a long time to come.

## **CAN SAT**

A group of our amazing year 10 students have entered a competition run in collaboration between STEM Learning and the European Space Agency, to build a simulation of a satellite. This is a national project, and our team of students and staff are excited and proud to be working on it. Their task is to design and build a simulation of a real satellite that can be launched in a rocket, released, and returned to earth safely. On its journey our satellite must collect data on the temperature and pressure of the atmosphere and relay this data to a ground-based data station. The winning teams will be asked to load their entries into a real rocket, where it will be launched into the troposphere to carry out its tasks. We are very determined to be one of the winning teams in March next year.

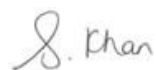
As part of our project, we would like to reach out to local businesses and elicit their support for our team. If you know of any local businesses that might be interested in offering us sponsorship or other support, please could you contact Mr Pegg at [s.pegg@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.pegg@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

## **Thank you.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half-term in ensuring that your child arrives to school on time, prepared with the equipment they need to learn, so that they can make the most of their time at school.

Finally, I hope you and your families have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October refreshed and ready to learn for the next half term.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan  
Head of School