

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families have had a nice week. Please see below an update for this week:

### **Sports Achievements this week**

- Year 7 males football team won their group stage of the Lancashire cup and are now due to play away in Ormskirk.
- Under 16's female netball team finished runners up of the first round of the Lancashire Cup and are now due to play in the second round of cup on a Saturday.
- Year 10 and 11 mixed badminton team won the first round of the local competition against Baines and are through to the final's night.
- Year 7 and 8 females football team finished runners up in the ELF Fleetwood cup.
- Year 8 male football team won the district cup.
- Year 8 male football team won their first game in the Lancashire cup and are through to the second round.
- Year 8 male football team are into the last 16 of the elite national school's cup.
- Year 8 and 9 mixed badminton team won the first round of the local of the local competition against St. Aidans and are through to the final's night.

I am sure you will agree with me that these are all fantastic achievements and well done to the students who worked so hard for each of these and thank you to the staff, who support our students with this.

### **Year 11 mock interviews**

Mock Interviews for Year 11 are Friday 22nd November periods 1-3. They will be in their own interview clothes. Further guidance is available on their Year 11 Teams channel and there is a competition for Best Professionally Dressed on the day. It's an exciting opportunity for students to showcase themselves and experience real interviews before heading out into the world post-16. Please encourage students to prepare using the questions which are also available on teams. Best of luck, Year 11!

### **Year 7 Coffee Morning**

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we held our Year 7 Coffee Morning. Thank you to those of you who were able to come, and we hope you found the opportunity to meet with the form tutors and other key staff helpful. It was also lovely for me to meet so many of you and thank you for the positive feedback you provided us on how well your child has settled at our school.

### Contacting staff at school

In order to ensure that the right staff deal with any queries efficiently and effectively, can I please remind you that any subject specific concerns, please contact the class teacher in the first instance and then the Head of Department. If there are any wider concerns, then the form tutor is the first port of call and then the Head of House or Year. We hope to address any queries and concerns within a reasonable time limit and by contacting the right staff members, it will allow that to happen. We do have a list of staff member details on the school website.

### Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 27 students completed their Mental Health Champion training. The students were exemplary throughout and will support their peers in the safe space over the next academic year.

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, we have our second coffee and chat session. This will take place in **the library from 14:15 -15:00** and our **guest speaker is from the NHS SHINE team**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

### School buses

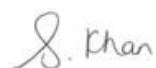
We would like to remind parents and students of our high expectations for safe and respectful conduct on all school buses, both before and after school. Recently, there have been reports of a small number of students behaving inappropriately, particularly on the 607 service to Great Eccleston and Elswick. Such behaviour not only compromises safety but also disrespects our transport staff and services.

The school is working closely with our transport partners to address these concerns. Please note that failure to act responsibly may result in the suspension of bus passes and access to school transport services. Thank you for supporting a safe and respectful environment for all.

### Year 11 guided revision

There are now 17 weeks until the GCSE exams begin. To help with revision, we have created a suggested weekly revision schedule, where each day students can complete two, twenty-minute revision tasks in addition to their homework. All resources for the revision can be found on the links on the document attached. All revision resources are also on our website.

Best wishes,



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Head of School