



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families have had a nice week, despite the drop in temperature. Please see below an update for this week:

### **Operation Christmas Child**

As part of the Pupil Leadership Team charity initiatives, the student council invited forms across all year groups to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. This provides children in need, across the world, with gifts, including toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. The response was outstanding, and the PLT delivered 18 gift packages to Megan at the Blackpool Community Grocery, who asked me to pass on how wonderful it was that we got involved.

This is the first of many charity initiatives PLT are planning and their enthusiasm was inspirational. Please can I extend our gratitude to all students and parents and carers who contributed to this wonderful event.

### **Sports Achievements this week**

- Our year 10 netball team were crowned Wyre and Fylde champions after beating LSA 16-10 in the final.
- Our year 7 Netball A team beat St. Aidans 15-5 and will now progress into the finals.
- Our year 7 Netball B team had a successful week in their season beating St. Aidans 6-3.
- Our year 8 Netball B team also had a successful week in their the season with a 10-7 win over Millfield.
- The year 7 Badminton team just lost out on a place in the finals night due to drawing with St. Aidans but losing out on aggregate score.

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**

Yesterday, Miss Scott took a cohort of 13 students to the Nautical College Open Day to learn about the potential options they could explore in Maritime and speak to employers in the industry. The students were a credit to the school and made a brilliant impression on everyone there.

We have also had mock interview day today and the year 11 students were exceptional in this. They conducted themselves professional and were smartly dressed and received excellent feedback. Thank you to those who supported this process which has been invaluable for our students.

### **Class of 2024**

Last night at the De Vere we held our annual presentation evening. It was lovely to see the class of 2024 again and to celebrate their successes and achievements, which have all been truly well deserved. Thank you to Tia Barrea, a student from the class of 2014 who delivered a motivational speech to the students.

### **Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson**

Our Mental Health Champions have created a number of 'Hodgcasts' to help guide and support the students at Hodgson. They discuss topics like making friends, exam stress and coping tools. You can find them on the wellbeing section of our website.



Polite reminder it is our next coffee and chat session on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. The NHS Shine team will be there to discuss their service and answer any questions you may have. Please RSVP to [a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk) if you will be attending.

### **School closed Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

We would just like to remind you that school is closed for all staff and students on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Year 7 Elf run**

Our Year 7's will be participating in the Elf Run this year on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Last year our Year 7's raised £2400 for Brian House hospice and Miss Richardson would love to exceed that this year. The form who raises the most money will win a prize. Please do type in the form group when sponsoring the students.

Here is the link for the donation page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hodgsonacademyyear7173030025511>

### **Year 9 and Year 10**

Year 9 and Year 10 have had assemblies this week from a company called '**Camps International**' about a spectacular opportunity to go on a trip of a lifetime to Cambodia in Summer 2026.

During this eye-opening expedition, they will work closely with rural Cambodian communities to support community development, whilst learning about Cambodia's rich culture and turbulent history at the world famous Angkor Wat temples, S21 Prison and Killing Fields. They'll also take on the challenge of an adventurous trek through the jungle, giving them the chance to test the limits of their comfort zone in a spectacular environment.

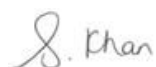
Students are supported and encouraged to fundraise to support the payment for this trip due to the lifelong skills that this will provide them with for the rest of their lives.

On Tuesday evening, at 6pm in the school hall, there is a parent presentation from Camps International who will provide much more information.

### **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,



Mrs S. Khan  
Head of School