



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families have had a nice week. It has been a busy week for us, but we are looking forward to the extended weekend break. Please see below an update for this week:

STEM event

Yesterday, Mrs Abram had the pleasure of taking 12 Year 10 girls from our school to the Bank of America in Chester for an inspiring STEM event organised by the Stemettes. The girls from Hodgson were divided into three groups, tasked with designing an amusement park using 3D modelling technology. This hands-on project not only allowed them to apply their creativity and technical skills but also culminated in presentations to a panel of judges and representatives from other schools. The atmosphere was electric as the girls showcased their innovative ideas, and I am proud to report that both winning teams hailed from our school, highlighting the exceptional talent and teamwork displayed by our students. This experience not only fostered their interest in STEM fields but also provided invaluable networking opportunities with industry professionals. Well done to all the students who attended and won in this amazing challenge and thank you to Mrs Abram for organising this opportunity for our students.

Dance festival

On Tuesday night of this week, I had the joy of going to the Winter Gardens, to watch not only our students but students from across the area perform their amazing dance routines. The Hodgson students were absolutely amazing and such a joy to watch. I may be biased, but I thought they were simply the best! Well done to all of them on an amazing performance and thank you to Miss Wade and Miss Eccles for all their work leading up to this.

Mental Health Matters @ Hodgson

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Mental Health coffee and chat session yesterday afternoon. A reminder that 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.

School closed Friday 29th November

We would just like to remind you that school is closed for all staff and students tomorrow on **Friday 29th November**.

Train to be a teacher.

If you know of anyone who wants to transform their future and the lives of young people by training to becoming a teacher, please share the poster from the Northwest SCITT about how to apply for this.



Year 7 Elf run

Our Year 7's will be participating in the Elf Run this year on **Monday 9th 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>

Christmas Dinner

As we approach the festive period, we will be offering a Christmas lunch for students in the canteen on **Thursday 12th December**. This lunch will be served in the Hotpot Diner and will be open to all students and the same price as a normal school lunch. We have attached a leaflet that shows the menu for that day.

Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Fair

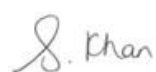
Our annual Christmas Carol Concert will be held at St. Chad's church in Poulton on **Wednesday 11th December**. The service will begin at 7.00pm and I would like to warmly invite everyone to come and enjoy some Christmas carols and music performed by candlelight by our very talented musicians. **Greyhound Coffee** on Ball Street opposite St. Chad's has kindly agreed to stay open late on that Wednesday for anyone who would like to buy a hot drink and a snack before the concert begins.

Also, our Christmas Fair takes place the following week on **Wednesday 18th December** from 3.05pm until 6.00pm and all are welcome. There will be a wide range of stalls including tombola, crafts, and cakes. Please call in if you can and join in the Christmas fun. Some stalls holders will have card readers but please bring cash too.

Year 11 guided revision

There are now 16 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