



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have a lovely week with your families. Please see below an update from this week and a few key messages:

Sporting achievements and updates

1. Female U16s Handball team have won the Wyre and Fylde competition beating Garstang 7-3 in the final.
2. Male Year 8 football team won their 3rd round fixture and are now into the quarter finals of the Lancashire Cup.
3. Female U14s Handball team have secured a place in the final after beating Carr Hill.

Netball

On Saturday, Miss Hutchinson and Miss Sanderson attended the regional rounds (2nd round) with the U16s Netball team. The girls did extremely well and came 2nd in the group stages based on goal difference.

Game 1 vs Leftwich 17-4 (won)

Game 2 vs Wirral Grammar 12-8 (won)

Game 3 vs Bramhall 12-7 (lost)

Game 4 vs Kirby Stephen Grammar 14-6 (won)

They then faced Withington Girls School in the Semi-final where they lost (Withington Girls won the whole tournament). However, our netball team came 4th overall out of 10 teams. It was a very tough competition, and the girls should be really proud of themselves, as we all are. They did amazing. Next year, we hope to qualify for the national finals – so watch this space!

Careers guidance

Year 8s had an assembly led by Flight Lieutenant Donna Sumner. It was brilliant to hear about the exciting opportunities that students can take part in to enhance their skills. From flying aircrafts upside down, to learning about cyberspace, a whole host of opportunities awaits! Please speak to your child's PSHE teacher if you would like further information or a leaflet.

Next week, we are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week at Hodgson. There will be lots going on: a Year 10 assembly delivered by ASK Apprenticeships, themed house assemblies all week, a form time quiz, daily facts, and virtual events for students to get involved with. The link to the events can be found here: <https://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/events/>

In addition to the above, Blackpool Sixth Form and the Blackpool and Fylde College will be in on various lunches across the week **for application support** for our **year 11 cohort!**



Year 9 Blackpool and Fylde College visit

A group of Year 9 students visited Blackpool and Fylde College to gain inspiration for their option choices and future career pathways. The trip offered them the opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects and career options, giving them insight into the diverse courses available at the college. The visit entailed a tour of the facilities and discussions with the teachers. This experience allowed the students to better understand how their interests and strengths could translate into future study and career paths, which will help them to make informed decisions for the years ahead.

Parent Voice

We sincerely appreciate the invaluable feedback provided by parents and guardians in response to **last half term's survey on student happiness and behaviour**. This half term, we kindly ask for your support in **completing our latest survey, which focuses on progress reporting, homework, and co-curricular provision**. Please follow this link to share your insights by Friday 14th February: [Parent Voice Survey Link](#).

Students Cycling to and from school

We welcome the healthy habit of cycling to school, but in the pursuit of fitness we should not compromise our personal safety. Recently, we have had reports of students cycling away from the school and on Moorland Road in a risky and dangerous manner, including some students performing wheelies, undertaking cars, resulting in some students hitting and damaging the vehicles of other road users. We remind students of their responsibility when riding their bikes to and from school, both for them and to other road users. We have been fortunate that no serious injuries have occurred involving one of our students on their bike, and we use this opportunity to refresh students' attention to road safety (including the wearing of helmets), helping to keep them safe on their journey to and from Hodgson.

Year 8 Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you last night at the Year 8 Parents Evening. It was a busy, but as several of you commented, a useful evening and we appreciate you working with us to support your child during their time with us.

Blackpool 6th form GCSE Masterclass 7+

On Saturday 8th February, Blackpool Sixth will be running a GCSE 7+ Masterclass for 60 pupils aiming for top grades in their summer exams. This will be a half day event where they will be discussing:

- What is effective revision?
- Long/mid/short term revision strategies for all subjects
- GCSE grade 9 masterclasses in both Maths and English Language

In order to sign up for the event students will need to complete this form (please note they will need their application number to complete their registration):

www.surveymonkey.com/r/masterclass2025

Staff Vacancy

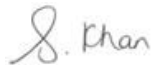
We are currently advertising for a new Pastoral Support Officer to join our Hodgson family. As a Pastoral Support Officer, you will play a pivotal role in fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment. Working closely with the pastoral team, you will help ensure that every student receives the necessary guidance to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Your work will be instrumental in maintaining high standards of student welfare, attendance, and behaviour, contributing to an outstanding student experience.

Further details are available from Jules Hardy: j.hardy@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

Year 11

Please find attached the Y11 Guided Revision for Week 13. Revision lists for all subjects are also available on the Y11 Guided Revision area on our website in the subject folders.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'S. Khan'.

Mrs S. Khan
Head of School