

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:

CAN SAT primary visit.

Our Year 10 CANSAT team delivered at workshop to Year 3 and Year 6 students at Carleton St Hilda's Church of England Primary School last week. Feedback from this session has been superb, praising our students for their effort and enthusiasm which has in turned inspired their primary students who 'have been talking about the experience ever since'. We can't wait to see how our students do at their upcoming CANSAT competition on Friday 21st March. Well done to all involved.

Mental Health Matters@Hodgson

We would like to remind you that the next coffee morning is on Wednesday 12th March 2025 from 14:00-14:45. We will have Marea Stefani who is a life coach present for this session. If you would like to attend or have any questions related to this, please contact Mrs King on a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

World Book Day

We are delighted to share the highlights of our recent World Book Day celebration, which was a fantastic success!

Highlights of the Day:

Staff Dressing Up: Our enthusiastic staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, creating a fun and engaging atmosphere that the students loved.

Finders Keepers Books: Students had a blast participating in the "Finders Keepers" book hunt. Many books were discovered and taken home by excited students!

Book Quiz: The Footy Booky quiz was a hit, with Year 7 students eagerly testing their literary and football knowledge.

Science Primary Visit

In honour of STEM week 2025, we invited some local primary schools to Hodgson to take part in a range of science based activities. Among the schools which came, were Anchorsholme, St Anne's and St Chad's. The students watched Miss Hamilton and Miss Corsby complete some explosive science demonstrations at the front of the hall, and then took part in their own experiments. There were three stations around the hall with three separate experiments.

One was an egg drop challenge – the students made a device to hold an egg in, which was dropped from the stage. If their egg did not crack, it was a successful device. Another station was a milk rainbow experiment. Students used food colouring and washing up liquid in milk and tried to make a rainbow. The final station was an Alka-Seltzer rocket, where students designed a rocket to stick onto a film cannister, filled the cannister with a seltzer tablet and water, and waited for their rocket to blast off.

Thank you to Dr Thagia for supporting with the organisation of the event and Dr Harrison for sorting out all of the equipment needed for the experiments! We also had a number of our Year 7 and 11 students supporting with this as well.

Year 9 Options Information

Miss Buckley has emailed important information this week to Year 9 parents and students regarding Year 9 Options, including the Options Booklet. Next week, there will be a mock options selection process for all Year 9 students. This is just to gauge their current thoughts and will not be their final choices.

Students will make their final options selections after the Options Evening, which will be held on Wednesday, 2nd April from 4:30 PM to 7 PM.

All information regarding Options Evening will be emailed to Year 9 parents next week.

Student Illness during school day.

We have had an increase in students using their mobile phones during school to inform their parents/carers that they are unwell and need collecting.

Please can you talk to your children about the importance of coming to reception to report an illness so that the staff can contact parents/carers about the next steps.

Students using their mobile phones in school time are in breach of our behaviour policy.

Year 11 Final Countdown Evening

Thank you to those for attended the evening on Thursday of this week.

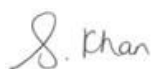
We hope you found the evening useful on how best to support your child in their last few weeks before the GCSE exams start.

We are here to support our students and if you have any questions, please do contact their form tutor in the first instance, who can assist you with this.

Year 11 guided revision.

Please find attached the Y11 Guided Revision for Week 15. Revision lists for all subjects are also available on the Y11 Guided Revision area on our website in the subject folders.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Head of School