



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:

Sound of Spring Festival

What a phenomenal evening it was last night at the 'Sound of Spring' which showcased many of our talented students from Year 7 through to Year 11 performing. Thank you to Miss Mackay and Miss Eccles for organising this event and to Mr Branker and Miss Wade for supporting them. We hope for those of you who were able to attend that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did. All monies raised will help towards resources for the Music and Performing Arts departments. If you were unable to attend the evening, please look at our Hodgson Facebook to marvel at the student performances.

Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament

On Friday 21st March, some of our students were invited to compete in the annual Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament in St Annes. We had a team to represent Key Stage 3 and a team to represent Key Stage 4. Students were asked to design and manufacture a space capsule launcher that flew above 3 meters high with several constraints. They were assessed on their planning, teamwork, design analysis and development and their manufacturing skills. Both teams worked together fantastically to produce their launchers. In the afternoon we tested the launchers against 42 other teams from many of our local schools. Our Key Stage 4 team - Tom Woodhouse, Emily Frith, Dan Workman, Zack Gallagher won first prize in the Intermediate Challenge and were presented with their trophy and certificates by the mayor. We are extremely proud of them all for their creativity and dedication to the competition.

CanSat update

On Friday 21st March, our Hodgson CanSat team set off at 0600 hrs to go to York to launch our CanSat in the regional final. They were competing alongside seven other teams from schools and colleges across the North of England.

We are really proud to be able to say that our satellite worked exactly as planned and they managed to save thousands of pieces of data, which can now be analysed back in school. The data can be shared and used in our maths, physics and geography departments.

Our pride was increased by the fact that we were the only team out of the seven in our launch session to be able to gather any data at all. Typically, only 10% of teams are able to gather data each year, which makes our team one of a select group of about 30 teams.

In addition, they got to fire their satellite in a rocket, which was very exciting. Overall, a fantastic and productive day out. Well done to all the students who took part in this and thank you to Mr Pegg for all his support with this.

Mental Health Matters@Hodgson

Please see attached to the email a link to our mental health newsletter for this half-term written by our mental health ambassadors. There is also a link to free teen gym sessions over the Easter holidays at YMCA.



Year 9 Options Evening - Important Information

On this coming Wednesday 2nd April, from 4:30pm until 7pm, it is Options Evening for all year 9 students. We ask that both students and parents/carers attend and go to the talk that was put down as your first preference on the form that Miss Buckley sent out.

Just to remind you, there are three talks in the hall at 4:30pm, 5pm and 5:30pm.

Ideally, we would like you to attend one of the talks before walking around the option subjects. Miss Buckley will send out the plan again of which rooms the option subjects are in on Monday.

KS4 Subject Information Videos on our website

Please also be aware that alongside the Options Booklet which has been sent on email to all parents, carers and students, we also have 'KS4 Subject Information Videos' on our website.

These can be found by visiting our website and choosing either parent or student on the drop-down menu, clicking on 'Curriculum', and then you will see a box labelled 'Click here for KS4 Subject Information Videos'. Please click on this box and it will take you to all the videos.

Alternatively, click on the link [here](#). These videos have been done by subject leaders who will talk you through their courses. Watching these ahead of Options Evening with your child/children is highly recommended to ensure you have been fully informed about the courses so you can then use the evening to ask specific questions.

Year 10 Parents Evening

A reminder that on Thursday 10th April from 16:00 to 19:00 will be Year 10 Parent Evening. This is an important evening for our Year 10 students. Information about booking appointments has been sent by Mrs Morton earlier in the term.

Year 11

Next week, our Year 11s will be completing their GCSE French Speaking exams. This is 25% of their GCSE French grade. We wish all our students the best of luck in these important exams.

We only have three full school weeks left now till the Summer exam season which kick starts on Tuesday 6th May for some of our students.

We know preparation will now be well underway for these GCSE exams.

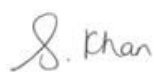
Each day of the Easter holidays (except for the Bank Holidays) subjects are offering various revision sessions across a range of subjects.

Please continue to support your children during these important few weeks and reach out if you need our help.

Year 11 guided revision.

Please find attached the Y11 Guided Revision for Week 19. 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