

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

### **School trips**

Thank you so much to the staff for the Barcelona, Paris and London trips which took place over the Easter holidays. I am sure the students made memories that will last a lifetime, and this would not be possible without the time and dedication of the staff.

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

The next parent session is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 09:00-09:45**. Our speaker is Heather Hook from Kooth which is an **online mental wellbeing community**. This is our penultimate session and if you would like to attend or know any further details, please contact Mrs King on [a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.king@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

### **Primary School visit.**

This week Hodgson welcomed the Year 5 students from Breck and Carleton St Hilda's to take part in the Cyber Fairytales Challenge. Students were encouraged to crack the witches' cyber code to save Hansel and Gretel. This helped the students develop their STEM skills, critical thinking and problem solving. The feedback from staff was very positive and I am thankful to the Hodgson staff for organising this.

### **Athletics trials**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 3.05- 4.15pm, there are athletics trials taking place. This is open to Year 7 to Year 10 students and if they want to be considered for the athletics team, they must attend this. All students who are interested should go to the PE department after school on Tuesday. If anyone has any questions related to this, please contact Mrs Hutchinson.

### **Access to school site**

With the arrival of warmer weather, we fully appreciate that children are keen to be outside, staying active and enjoying themselves. However, we would like to remind families that the school site, including the fields and astro turf, should not be accessed outside of school hours or during weekends and holidays.

Recently, there was a serious incident during the school holidays where a child required emergency medical attention while playing football on school grounds. Thankfully, the child is recovering well, but this incident highlights the real risk posed when students access the site unsupervised. There are no staff on site during these times to provide support or respond in the event of an accident. We are therefore unable to guarantee the safety of any children who enter the grounds outside of school hours. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home. Children should not be climbing fences or entering the school site after hours. Instead, we encourage families to seek out safer, supervised spaces for outdoor play and sport.

## **Year 10 Parents Information Evening**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, it is Year 10 Parent Information Evening for all students and parents. This evening will give you the opportunity to meet with subject leaders on how best to support your child as they enter their final year with us. Please make a note of this date in your diary and Miss Buckley will send our further correspondence closer to the time.

## **Year 11**

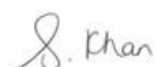
We have had the Performing Arts, Art, and Art Textiles exams this week and students have approached the preparation and the exams with the right mindset and come prepared on the day, to do the best that they can, and we are very proud of them all.

From next week, the GCSE exams start, with Construction and Business Studies. All students have had a copy of their exam timetable. Please see attached to this email, a breakdown of all the after school and in-school sessions for each of the exams. Please encourage your child to attend the after-school sessions, the day before their exam, to support them. I appreciate that, for some students, this time can be overwhelming, and we want to strike a balance between not overwhelming them but encouraging them. We will provide students with details about what is on offer and we ask that you do the same.

Support is always available for any students who need it, especially at this time, so do not hesitate to contact their form tutors if you feel this is needed. As we say to them all the time in school, Year 11 'We Believe in You' and I hope that they do believe in themselves.

I hope you and your families have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan  
Head of School