



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Cyber First and BAE interview skills

This week, Miss Scott took 30 girls across year 8 and 9 for a CyberFirst day at the Digital Security Hub (DiSH) in Manchester. The girls got to grips with lots of technology, using AI and discord to prompt the generation of AI images. It provided great insight into a career in technology and the girls left the day thinking about how they could succeed in this sector.

Also, this week, BAE visited us in school for an 'Interview and Application workshop' for 33 students in Year 10 during PSHE on Tuesday. They conducted a session on the key qualities an employers may look for and what strategic vision is. Our students then had the opportunity to self-reflect on their own abilities and skills. It was incredible to see how our young people are already invested in their futures before year 11. The students involved found this session extremely valuable and an impactful experience.

Thank you Miss Scott for providing these students with wonderful experiences.

UCLAN visit

On Thursday this week, Miss Hamilton took 28 year 8 students to UCLAN University at Preston to their Science Festival. One of the students on the visit - Alfie M – has shared with us their experience on this visit.

'Our first session kicked off with an unforgettable demonstration by one of UCLAN's professors, who brought science and biology to life in the most spectacular way. We saw a fire tornado, cloud bubbles, and even watched him set himself on fire — all while explaining the real science behind it. He even created an indoor cloud right before our eyes. It wasn't just entertaining — it was packed with fascinating facts that had us hooked from start to finish.

In the second section of the day, we learned that:

- *Your brain produces enough electricity to power a light bulb.*
- *The human body contains around 100 billion neurons.*
- *We have 206 bones in our bodies.*
- *And countless other facts that made us see the human body in a whole new way.*

We also got hands-on with biology, working with another UCLAN professor to build a human body out of spaghetti — a fun and messy way to learn about organs and systems. Then we constructed an incredible paper brain, which helped us understand how different brain regions control our thoughts, movement, and emotions. The final part of the day was filled with interactive STEM experiences:

- *We drove a Mars rover across a rocky, Martian-like surface.*
- *Took part in a VR space station experience, feeling like real astronauts.*
- *And even used a Van Der Graaf that made our hair stand up, showing how static electricity works!*

Throughout the day, we were guided and supported by UCLAN's amazing student ambassadors. They were friendly, knowledgeable, and made us feel welcome and inspired. It was great to see what university life is like from their perspective.'

A big thank you to Miss Hamilton and Mr Harrison for taking our students on this fantastic, inspiring experience which was enjoyed by everyone.



Mental Health Matters@Hodgson

This week we had our 5th Mental Health Matters@Hodgson coffee and chat session. Heather Hook from Kooth attended and spoke to parents and carers about this invaluable resource. Kooth is a free, safe, and anonymous online mental health support service for young people aged 11-25. It provides access to online counselling and emotional wellbeing support from qualified practitioners via text based chat sessions. Kooth is available 24/7, 365 days a year!

To find out more about this service, please use this link <https://vimeo.com/915913103>

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is closed at the moment. Should you wish to purchase any items of uniform for your child in the meantime this can be ordered by contacting the school reception by calling in, coming in or sending an email to admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

Weather

Following our communication earlier this week, the warmer weather is set to continue next week. Therefore, we will continue to allow students to leave their blazers at home. We are reviewing this regularly and we will communicate with you if we feel any other uniform amendments are necessary. The students have been fantastic this week ensuring their shirts are tucked in and still looking smart.

Whilst we have these warm temperatures, please can we encourage your children to have a refillable water bottle that they can fill up before school, at break and lunchtime. They should also have sun cream if they have PE lessons or spend their free time outside.

PE Update

Next week, our Year 8 girls football team will be playing in the Lancashire Cup Final at AFC Darwin. This is a fantastic achievement and one we are very excited about.

We would love our Hodgson family to come and support our girls in this big final.

Admission to the final at Darwen FC is £3 for adults and £1 for school children.

PTFA Summer Social

It is with great pleasure that I invite everyone to the PTFA summer social. The evening will be held at Fylde Cricket Club on Moorland Road on Tuesday 17th June. The evening will include a quiz and bingo plus a chance to socialise in a lovely venue. The event starts at 7pm and the venue opens from 6:30pm. The cost per ticket is £3 per person or £10 for a family ticket. You may pay on the door and please complete the form below if you are coming so we know how many people to expect.

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Working Together to Support Positive Behaviour in the Community

As a school, we are deeply committed to maintaining high standards of behaviour both inside and outside the classroom. To help ensure this, we work extremely closely with our local police colleagues to address any concerns relating to student conduct in the wider community. Unfortunately, we have seen a recent rise in incidents involving a small number of students helping themselves to items in local shops without paying while wearing school uniform. Where such incidents occur, we will work with the police to identify those involved. Student details will be shared with the police, which may result in home visits and where appropriate, further action including prosecution. We urge all parents and carers to speak with their children about the importance of making responsible choices and representing both themselves and the school positively in the community.

Looking Ahead

As we continue to strive for an excellent learning environment, we want to take a moment to highlight the importance of students coming to school prepared with the correct equipment each day. We have noticed a gradual decline in the number of students coming to school fully equipped for their learning and we want to address this.

Next week, students will have assemblies informing them about our expectations following half term. Please see the letter and poster with more details about what equipment students must have from Monday 2nd June.

Year 11

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who have had an extremely busy week with their GCSEs. They have conducted themselves excellently and have shown resilience, determination and positivity. We believed in them, and it has been great to witness them believing in themselves this week.

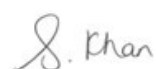
Next week, the GCSEs continue with another full week of exams. Please encourage your child to attend the morning warm up sessions and the after-school sessions to support them. I appreciate that for some students, this time can be overwhelming, and we want to strike a balance between not overwhelming them but encouraging and motivating them in these final steps. We will provide students with details about what is on offer and when 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 some extra support is needed.

On Friday next week, after their first English Language exam, Year 11 will enjoy their 'Last Day' celebrations. Following half term, the students will only attend school for their morning warm up sessions and their exams. Their 'Last Day' celebration will consist of an assembly celebrating their five years of secondary school and the signing of their shirts.

Over the May half term, there will be revision sessions available for students for subjects with exams still remaining. Mrs Aionesei will be sharing more information regarding these sessions.

I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Head of School