



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

PE update

A huge well done to the Y8 Girls Football team who competed at the Lancashire Schools Finals Day. The girls finished runners up after two very close games against Up Holland School and Blessed Trinity. The girls played some excellent football and battled extremely hard in both games. They will now move onto the Wyre and Fylde Finals after half term.

This week we also had the Year 7 Girls Rounders win against St. Bede's. Well done to all of them. Whilst Year 8 girls' rounders did not win against St. Bede's, they were very close at 10-8 and we are proud of them as well.

Sports leaders have run the County Indoor Curling competition and have been asked to join organised and run the national final at Bolton. We are so proud of the students for being recognised for the fantastic work that they do.

Excellence Programme

Since the start of the month, Tiarna Holden-Appiah and Olivia Thompson have been representing Hodgson in the Power and Conflict Excellence Programme at Blackpool Sixth every week. They have been taking part in debates and public speaking with 8 other local high schools on history, politics, philosophy, and law. Earlier this week, all schools took part in a final debate at the Town Hall in Blackpool in front of 70 + students, staff and parents and I am delighted to announce that they came 1st.

What makes this more impressive is that the other schools had teams of around 6/7 but the girls were the smallest team with just 2 members. They put so much effort and hard work into researching and rehearsing what they were going to say and the whole debate was judged by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

We are extremely proud of the students and what they have achieved, and they received high praise from other schools that were taking part.



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.

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.

This week, students have had an assembly 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.

Weather

We have all enjoyed the warm weather over the last few weeks and students have been brilliant in maintaining the high expectations we have regarding their uniform, as we have allowed them not to wear their blazers. When we return after half-term all students are expected to wear the full school uniform, including their blazers and should we be lucky enough to have high temperatures again, we will of course review this and inform students and parents accordingly.

Year 11.

What an emotional rollercoaster of a day it has been today. The students are an absolute credit to the school and whilst they will be returning after the half-term break to complete their exams, today was their last full day at school. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents for entrusting us for the last five years with their education and we wish them all the best for the future. As I said to them today, the Class of 2025 will always hold a special place in my heart, as they will always be the first Year 11 group of my Headship.

Whilst they use the time to rest and recuperate in the holidays, I know a number of them will be attending the May half-term sessions that are taking place. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mrs. Aionesei at j.aionesei@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

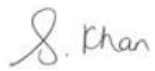
I have also attached the overview for the Year 11 drop-in sessions that will be taking place during the school day for GCSE exams.

Back to school.

We would just like to remind you that we are back at school on Monday 2nd June and the school day starts at the normal time for all students. We look forward to welcoming our students back after they have had a restful break. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that staff are also on a well-deserved rest during the time and will respond to emails when we return. If you feel the matter is urgent and cannot wait until we return, please contact admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk.

I hope you and your families have a peaceful, refreshing and resting half term break.

Best wishes,

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

Mrs S. Khan
Head of School