



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely week and enjoyed the beautiful weather we have had. Please see below an update from our penultimate week and some key messages:

## **Year 7 Zoo Trip**

On Tuesday this week, the science department took 230 Year 7 students to Blackpool Zoo. They had a great day exploring the zoo and learning about their allocated zoo animal. Next Tuesday, they'll be using this information to teach their classmates all about this animal. as part of their Year 7 STEM day experience.

## **Blackpool Sixth Form Visit**

Our busy time with Year 10 concluded on Wednesday this week with a visit to Blackpool Sixth Form. Students experienced three different subject taster sessions as well as being immersed into sixth form life. Over the past half term, they've had lots of opportunities to start thinking about life beyond Hodgson.

Next Wednesday, Year 10s will receive their mock exam results from a member of the leadership team.

## **Wyre and Fylde Rounders Tournament**

After winning the **Wyre & Fylde Rounders Tournament** a fortnight ago, beating every local school they faced, the Year 9 girls progressed to the **Lancashire County Finals** on Tuesday to take on the best teams from across the county.

They played **seven matches** against top schools including Ripley St Thomas, Clitheroe Grammar, Bishop Rawstorne and more, winning **every single game**, finishing the day as **undefeated Lancashire Champions!**

Their performance, teamwork and sheer determination were outstanding, but just as impressive was the **grace and sportsmanship** they showed throughout. These girls were a credit to our school.

To top it off, **four of our students** were awarded **Golden Tickets to trial for Rounders England**.

We are extremely proud of all the girls who took part in this and a huge congratulations to them:

- Sophie W
- Ellena T
- Evelyn M
- Charlotte R
- Chloe W



- Cora W
- Lexie S B
- Ev N
- Scarlett O-W
- Hannah C

### **Year 8 Cricket**

Well done to our Year 8 cricket team who beat St Aidan's. Some excellent bowling and fielding left us chasing 63 to win and some neat batting from Jake. C (30no) and Joe BT (30no) guided us to win with 5 overs to spare. And wickets from Jake. C (2), Oliver. M (2), Max S (1) and Will F (1).

### **Sports Day**

We're delighted to share a spirited recap of our annual Sports Day—an unforgettable event filled with passion, pride, and perseverance. The energy across the field was electric as students gave their all in a celebration of teamwork and healthy competition. This year's champions, **Phoenix House**, soared to victory with an incredible overall performance!

Their determination and collaboration stood out across every event. The competition was close and every house should feel proud of their achievements. The day celebrated much more than points—it highlighted school spirit, teamwork and resilience.

The final points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phoenix 1908
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Dragon 1798
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Pegasus 1778
- 4<sup>th</sup> Griffin 1722

Some of our students have broken the school records this year:

- 800m: Zack G 2:17 and Matilda C 2:44
- 1,500m: Lilly Mc 5:58 and Archie B: 5:08
- Shot Putt: Scarlett -O-W 8.44m
- Howler: Thomas B-T - 61.50m
- Long Jump: Isla O: 3.90m

A huge well done to all of our students.

### **Legally Blonde**

What a "Whipped Into Shape" performance! Our students dazzled audiences this week with their high-energy, heartfelt production of Legally Blonde: The Musical. From the moment the curtain rose, it was clear we were in for something special. The cast brought Elle Woods'

journey to life with charm, humour, and a whole lot of pink, reminding us all that “What You Want” is possible with determination and self-belief.

Every student on stage shone brightly, and we must also give a standing ovation to the incredible backstage crew and technical team, whose seamless work ensured the show ran flawlessly. Their efforts truly made the magic happen.

By the time we reached “So Much Better”, the audience was on its feet, cheering for a performance that was nothing short of spectacular. A huge congratulations to everyone involved—you’ve made us all incredibly proud!

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

Thank you to those of you who attended the final session of the year on Wednesday for the parental drop-in session to discuss mental health. Please find a link attached to drop-in sessions that are available for support over the summer holidays.

### **End of year reports**

As we wrap up another successful school year, we would like to inform parents and carers that end-of-year reports for all students will be distributed next week.

Please keep an eye out for them and don’t hesitate to reach out to your child's form tutor with any questions once you’ve had a chance to review their report.

### **Women in Work Event**

Our annual Women in Work Event is taking place at Hodgson Academy on **14<sup>th</sup> October 10am-1pm**. We host this event every year to show our young girls here at Hodgson all the different avenues available to them when they spread their wings at the end of Year 11. This event is similar to a careers fair where our guests have stations that they "jazz up" to display what they do in the world of work and how they got there. If you'd like to be involved in the event, please email Miss Richardson at **c.richardson@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk** for more information or to book a slot.

### **Year 10 Kickstart to GCSE Evening**

Miss Buckley has sent a save the date email to all Year 9 parents and carers regarding our Year 10 Kickstart to GCSE Evening on Thursday, 4th September 2025 from 4:30pm until 6:30pm.

This evening is to provide both parents and students with the essential tools and subject-specific key takeaways that will help support their journey to success over the next two years.

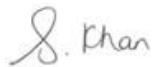
You do not have to attend the whole evening, and can pick the talks which suit you and your child/children best. Please see the email sent from Arbor from Hodgson Academy for more details.

### **End of Year Trips**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, our students from Y8-Y10 are out of school at either the Pleasure Beach or the Trafford Centre. If you have not made the payment on ParentPay for your child's choice of visit, please can we ask that you complete this payment as soon as possible.

I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather that we have.

Best wishes,

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

Mrs S. Khan  
Headteacher