



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely week. I cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year and finishing for the summer holidays today. Please see below an update from our final week of this academic year:

Celebration assemblies

It has been lovely to see so many of you attending the celebration assemblies this week and the hall has been jam packed with parents and carers for this event and we are grateful for your attendance and support. It has been a privilege for me to listen to the wonderful comments from the Heads of House, the form teachers, subject teachers and support staff regarding our hard-working, kind and considerate students. Our students are what make our school a fantastic place and the staff work tirelessly to support them academically and pastorally. I hope you enjoyed the assemblies as much as I did.

Staff versus students' rounders match

Our wonderful Head and Deputy Sports leaders, Megan Hartley and Katie Walker, have done a lovely write up below to capture the highlights from Monday afternoon's annual staff vs. students rounders match.

A super exciting staff vs student rounders match took place on Monday 14th, with the staff taking an incredible win of 16-5½. Both teams gave an excellent performance and thoroughly enjoyed themselves but special mentions to our players of the match, Mr Tadikonda and Lilly Emery. Mr Tadikonda had some great catches as backstop, whilst Lilly continued to deliver with excellent bowling. A funny moment was when Mr Webb "tactically" wound up the student team. Another moment was the competitive nature coming out of some of the players, allowing the game to have an intense feel. Overall, it was a great game enjoyed by all, an amazing way for our year 10 rounders team to finish their time playing rounders at Hodgson. Thank you to the students and staff who took part in the game. Huge thank you to Mrs Bushell for organising the event.

Trip Day

On Tuesday this week, we had years 8 to 10 attend either the Blackpool Pleasure Beach or The Trafford Centre for their end of year trip. Despite the downpour of rain, the students had an amazing time at the Pleasure Beach. At the Trafford Centre, students took part in either some activities such as bowling or had a lovely time shopping with their friends. None of this would be possible without the hard work of the staff members who organised the trip and supported on the day with the running of it.

Thank you to everyone who supported with this.



Staff goodbyes

As is always the case at the end of the academic year, we bid farewell to several valued colleagues. Below is a list of staff who will be leaving us this year:

- Mr Mark Harrison – our Science technician
- Mrs Angela Houghton – uniform shop manager
- Mrs Karen Brown – uniform shop assistant
- Miss Anna Kirk – Assistant Head of Maths
- Mrs Denise Hoban – Teacher of MFL
- Mr Kranthi Tadikonda – Teacher of Computer Science and iMedia
- Miss Beenish Asher – Teacher of Business Studies

We wish all of the staff leaving us the best of luck for the future and look forward to welcoming new staff members to the Hodgson Family in September. There will be some changes to form tutors and roles, and this will be communicated prior to the students return on the 1st September.

Timetable

Student timetables for the next academic year will be available on **Thursday 21st August**. These can be accessed through the student portal on Arbor. Please ensure that your child accesses this information prior to returning to the academy so that they can arrive fully prepared with the correct equipment, including PE kit where applicable.

If you have any questions or need support with accessing the timetable, please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor from **Wednesday 27th August**.

Thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and kind words during my first year of Headship. Whilst I have worked at Hodgson for nearly 16 years now, leading the school comes with new challenges and the support of a vast majority of our parents and carers has been appreciated, not only by me but by the staff body as well. I truly believe, that working as one team, we can work together to address any concerns either of us may have. We all want the same thing — the best for your child — and that only happens when we are aligned.

Looking ahead to September, the holidays are a perfect time to ensure that any new uniform items are purchased, equipment is restocked and that any false nails and eyelashes are removed ready for the start of the new academic year. We do not want to start the year, with addressing concerns around standards and we value your support in ensuring that we do not have to. There will be some changes to our behaviour policy and expectations from September and Mr McCann has communicated this in a separate email. The students have also had an assembly this week, highlighting those changes.

I have also included a link to a document highlighting all the key dates for the next academic year, so that you are able to plan for the evenings that you will need to attend, to support your child's education.

Mental Health Matters@Hodgson Academy

Mrs King would like to thank all the parents who have attended the mental health coffee and chat sessions over the year.

Attached to this update, we have our final mental health newsletter of the year.

We have many useful links on our website to access support over the holidays.

<https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/health-wellbeing>

Lost Property and Spare PE Kit

In school, we have an abundance of lost property that has not been claimed over the year. In addition to this, we have lots of spare PE kit that has accumulated.

On Wednesday 27th August, from 1pm till 3pm, and on Thursday 28th August, from 10am till 12pm, we will be opening the school hall for parents to come and collect any lost property but take any of the accumulated PE kit.

Hodgson Highlight

Looking amazing and professional, attached to this email is our summer issue of the Hodgson Highlight, this showcases some of the fantastic events that have taken place in recent months. A huge thank you to all the students and staff who have contributed to this.

Contact school during the holidays.

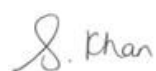
We would just like to remind you that we are back at school on Monday 1st September and the school day starts at the normal time for all students. We look forward to welcoming our students back after they have had a restful summer break. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that staff are also on a well-deserved rest during this 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. You can also access a range of support and information using the link below:

<https://padlet.com/jsandersonDDSL/parental-safeguarding-board-3y0bilbrbsd8qr6o>

Please find a link attached to the email to drop-in sessions that are available for support over the summer holidays as well.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing, restful summer break with your loved ones and may the weather continue to be as lovely as it has been recently.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher