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A Message from our Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our students. We have seen so many success stories, from outstanding academic progress to sporting triumphs and creative accomplishments. Our students have represented the school with pride on various trips and events, demonstrating their enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom. You will read more about these successes in this newsletter. Thank you to all staff, parents, and carers for your ongoing support in making these experiences possible.



Miss N Palmer
Head Teacher

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our mobile phone policy. We have noticed an increase in students using their own mobile phones to contact home during school hours or receiving calls and messages from parents. Our policy is clear: mobile phones must be switched off and kept in students' school bags throughout the school day. If a mobile phone is seen, it will be taken and locked away in our secure lockers until the end of the day.

If students need to contact home during the school day, they should speak to their Head of Year in the first instance or visit Student Reception during social time. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this policy by ensuring that you do not contact your child during school hours. If you need to pass on an urgent message, please contact the school office, and we will ensure the message reaches them.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Miss Palmer

Dates for your Diary



Year 7 Parents Evening: Wednesday 30th April 5pm – 7pm.

GCSE Exams start: Tuesday, 6th May

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 21st May 5pm – 7pm

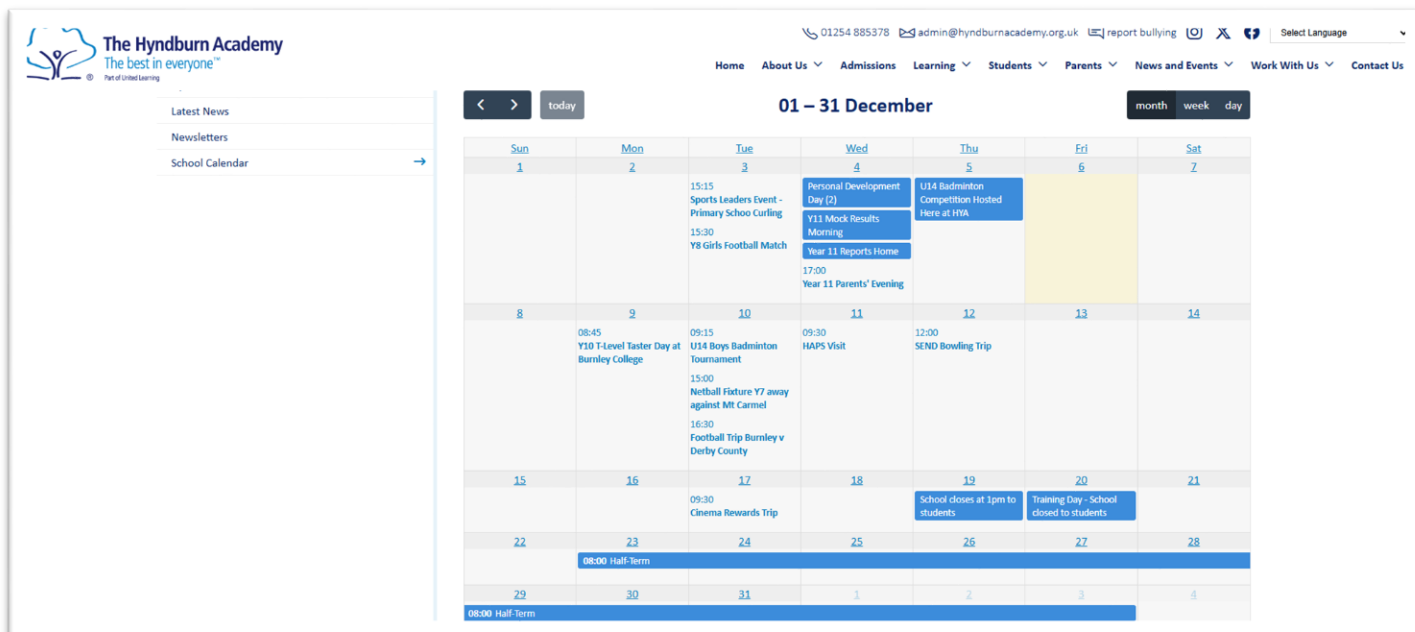
Year 11 Prom: Thursday 3rd July

Annual Awards Evening: Wednesday 9th July (by invitation)

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The Hyndburn Academy Website

Our website www.thehyndburnacademy.org.uk holds all the latest information you will need, such as a new school calendar, term dates and the latest news. At the top of the website, you will find a Google



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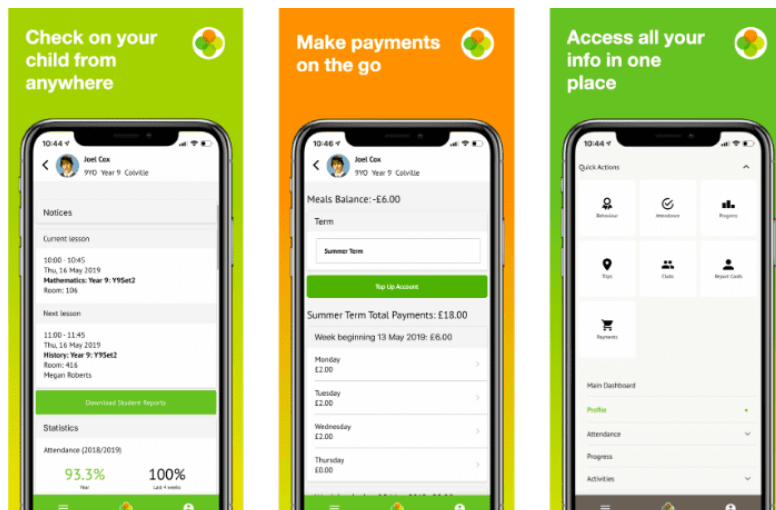
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our latest updates.

Download our Parent App

Download our parent app Arbor.

The Arbor App allows you to view your child's timetable, pay for school meals, your child's achievement and behaviour points and read your child's latest progress report.

You can also receive and send messages free of charge, sign up to trips and purchase items from the school shop





Celebrating Unity at Our Third Annual Community Iftar

Our school's Community Iftar returned for its third year, welcoming students, staff, families, and community members of all faiths and none to break fast together. This special event fostered unity, understanding, and reflection during the holy month of Ramadan.

The evening began with a warm welcome from two of our teachers, followed by a Quran recitation by Mawlana Waleed, a former student of The Hyndburn Academy. HYA students then presented short performances on the theme of coming together as a community and the experience of a family preparing to break their fast.

Mawlana Waleed and Father Eddie from St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Rishton delivered an inspiring speech on the virtues of fasting in Islam and the importance of interfaith relationships. This was followed by heartfelt reflections from Humna on what fasting means to her, and a moving poem about Ramadan by Faizan. Muhammad and Zohaib then performed "A Month of Light – The Month of Ramadan."

Shafek recited verses from the Quran with English translation, deepening the spiritual atmosphere. As the sun set, Imran called the Adhan (call to prayer), marking the time for Maghrib prayers. Attendees respectfully remained seated until the call to prayer was finished before proceeding to pray.

Following prayers, everyone enjoyed a delicious iftar meal together, supporting community stalls and engaging in meaningful conversations. Guests departed at their leisure, having experienced a night of connection and shared reflection.



We raised £163.44 for Marie Curie.
Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased to help raise vital funds for the charity.

Student of the Month Celebrations

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of our Student of the Month awards for this term:

January: Jessica (Year 7) and Samavia (Year 7)

February: Malachi (Year 7) and Wade (Year 8)

These awards, presented by the Head Teacher, celebrate students who uphold and live out the core values that make our school community strong. These awardees are proudly displayed on our Student of the Month board for everyone to see.

As a special recognition, all students who earn this accolade throughout the year will be invited to a celebratory lunch with the Head Teacher at the end of the school year.

A huge well done to all our amazing students – keep up the great work!



End of Term Awards Assembly

Celebrating Our Core Values!

As we wrap up another fantastic term, it's time to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes of our students in our much-anticipated End of Term Awards Assembly!

Each week, our staff recognise students who demonstrate our core values - *Ambition, Confidence, Creativity, Enthusiasm, Determination, and Respect* - by awarding them special reward cards. These cards are then placed in the collection box at student reception, where they await the big draw.

During the assembly, we will select one winner for each core value, recognising those who consistently embody what makes our school community so special. Winners will receive a well-earned prize, but more importantly, they will be celebrated for their outstanding character and commitment.

A huge thank you to all students who have received reward cards this term—your efforts do not go unnoticed! Keep striving to be your best, and we look forward to another term of success and achievement.

End of Term Awards Assembly – Celebrating Success!

Head Teacher Award Winners - £50 voucher and an Easter Egg.

KS4: Olivia P

KS3: Taylor D

Head of Year Awards

Year 7: Samavia K

Year 8: Riley-James M

Year 9: Evelyn C

Year 10: Rhys R

Year 11: Isabelle J

Sparx Maths Champions

Year 7: Wyatt E – 23,255 XP

Year 8: Maisah S – 59,857 XP

Year 9: Mckenzie H – 13,562 XP

Year 10: Kayley H – 13,814 XP

Year 11: Bethany W – 11,775 XP

Sparx Reader Champions

Year 7: Wyatt E – 16,182 SRP

Year 8: Maisah S – 137,004 SRP

Year 9: Kenzie W – 35,169 SRP



A huge well done to all those who have received a reward card this term! Each card was entered into the prize draw, and we hope our lucky winners enjoy their well-deserved prizes.

Your hard work, dedication, and positive attitude continue to make our school a fantastic place to learn and grow. Keep up the great work, and let's aim even higher next term!



History Comes to Life for KS4 Students!

This term, our Key Stage 4 students had an unforgettable learning experience with Frontline Living History, exploring the GCSE topic Medicine Through Time (1250-Present) in a truly immersive way.

The workshop allowed students to engage with genuine historical artefacts, including medieval surgical tools, wartime weapons, ammunition, artillery shells, and grenades. They also had the unique opportunity to try on gas masks, gaining a real sense of the challenges faced by soldiers and medics throughout history.

A huge thank you to David from Frontline Living History for delivering such a hands-on and engaging session, helping to make history feel real and relevant for our students.

One student summed up the experience perfectly: "This was the sickest History lesson ever!"

We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities like this in the future!



Year 9 Options Evening

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Year 9 Options Evening! The event provided a great opportunity for students and parents to explore subject choices and ask important questions about the next stage of their education. Courses will be confirmed towards the end of the Summer Term.

Year 9 Shine at Leaders of Industry Academy!

We are incredibly proud of our 14 Year 9 students who were invited to take part in the prestigious Leaders of Industry Academy at Accrington and Rossendale College.

The day was filled with exciting challenges aimed at developing key skills such as leadership, teamwork, resilience, problem-solving, and decision-making, all essential for success in the world of business.

Our students tackled the task of designing a theme park for Hyndburn and amazed everyone with their creative concept: a Netflix-themed Park called 'The Big N'! Their confidence and innovation shone as they delivered a brilliant pitch in front of college professionals and fellow students.

Not only did they impress the judges, but their outstanding teamwork and presentation skills secured them first place as the winning team!

A huge congratulations to our talented Year 9s, your hard work, collaboration, and big ideas have truly paid off. College staff were full of praise for your dedication and professionalism. Well done!



Year 10 Put Their Maths Skills to the Test at Burnley College

Our Year 10 students had a fantastic experience at Burnley College, where they took part in the exciting Maths Feast competition. This fun and educational challenge brought students together to test their problem-solving abilities and teamwork skills through a series of engaging mathematical tasks.

Working in teams of four, students navigated multiple rounds, each requiring different strategies and approaches. The event lasted several hours and rewarded strong collaboration and performance in each round.

It was an inspiring and rewarding experience for all involved, and we are incredibly proud of our students for rising to the challenge!

Year 10 Work Experience Week

A Glimpse into the Future

Last week, our Year 10 students stepped out of the classroom and into the world of work for an exciting and eye-opening experience. Work Experience Week provided them with the opportunity to explore different industries, develop essential skills, and gain valuable insights into potential future careers.

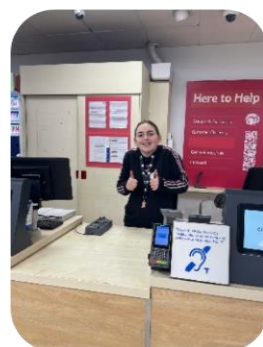
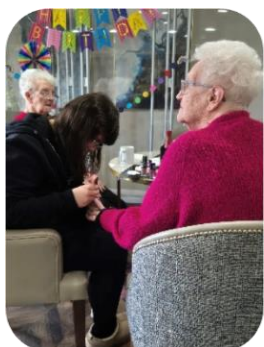
Students were responsible for finding their own placements, which ranged across a diverse range of sectors, including mechanics, care homes, yoga studios, and retail giants like Tesco. This independence allowed them to demonstrate initiative and determination—key attributes in the working world.

Over the five-day period, students immersed themselves in real workplace environments, taking on tasks and responsibilities that gave them a taste of professional life. Those in mechanical workshops got hands-on with tools and problem-solving, while others in care homes provided companionship and support to residents, learning the importance of empathy and patience. Meanwhile, students in yoga studios witnessed the benefits of wellness and fitness industries, and those at Tesco experienced the fast-paced nature of retail, developing customer service and teamwork skills.

For many, this week was an invaluable learning experience, helping them shape their career aspirations. Some discovered new passions, while others gained a better understanding of the demands of the workplace.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, resilience, and willingness to embrace new challenges. A huge thank you to all the businesses and organizations that hosted our students, offering them guidance and encouragement.

As Year 10 returns to school, we hope this experience has inspired them to think about their futures with greater confidence and excitement. Well done to all involved!





Year 10 Students Embark on a Once-in-a-Lifetime Trip to Singapore!

Right now, a group of our Year 10 students is enjoying an unforgettable 10-day educational trip to Singapore, thanks to the UK Turing Scheme! After a competitive application and interview process, these students earned a fully funded place on this incredible journey.

Since arriving, they've been immersed in Singapore's unique mix of innovation, sustainability, and culture. They started their adventure at the Sustainable Singapore Gallery, learning about the city's environmental initiatives, before exploring the Cloud Forest and Supertrees, where they marvelled at towering vertical gardens.

Outdoor adventures have included a scenic walk along MacRitchie Reservoir, spotting local wildlife, with an upcoming visit to Singapore Zoo to learn about conservation efforts. Students are also taking part in an exciting cultural exchange at a local secondary school, connecting with Singaporean students and sharing experiences.

Other highlights include the ArtScience Museum, where exhibitions blend technology and creativity, and time spent soaking up the vibrant city atmosphere—sampling local cuisine, navigating the MRT, and exploring Singapore's bustling streets. Like our previous Turing Scheme trips to Morocco and Eswatini, this experience is broadening students' horizons and equipping them with valuable life skills. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!





Students Take on Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk!

Our Duke of Edinburgh participants have been putting their navigation and teamwork skills to the test during their recent Practice Walk! With 27 students working towards their Bronze Award and 16 aiming for Silver, this was a fantastic opportunity to prepare for their upcoming expeditions.

Braving the elements, students navigated their routes using maps and compasses, tackled challenging terrains, and developed key outdoor skills such as campcraft and teamwork. For many, this was their first real taste of what's to come in their final expedition, and they showed great resilience and determination throughout the journey.

The Practice Walk not only helped them refine their navigation and endurance but also reinforced the importance of communication, leadership, and problem-solving, essential skills both on and off the trail.

Well done to all the students for their enthusiasm and perseverance! We can't wait to see them take on their qualifying expedition with confidence.



Friday Fishing: A Weekly Chance to Unwind!

Each week, a group of our students swaps the classroom for the great outdoors as they take part in **Friday Fishing!** This relaxing and rewarding activity gives them the chance to develop patience, focus, and angling skills while enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

Whether they're beginners or experienced anglers, students embrace the challenge of casting their lines and hoping for a catch. But it's more than just fishing - these sessions encourage teamwork, resilience, and an appreciation for nature, making it the perfect way to end the week.



Students Shine at PGL Netball Residential!

A group of our students recently took part in an exciting Netball Residential at PGL Boreatton Park, combining competitive netball training with thrilling outdoor activities and team bonding experiences.

Throughout the trip, students had the chance to develop their netball skills through coaching sessions, drills, and friendly matches, helping them refine their technique, teamwork, and game strategy. But it wasn't all about netball, PGL's famous outdoor activities added an extra layer of adventure, with students taking on high ropes, zip wires, and team challenges, pushing themselves outside their comfort zones and building confidence along the way.

To top off the experience, the evening ended with a silent disco, where students danced the night away, celebrating their hard work on and off the court. The energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit on display made it a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Well done to all the students for their commitment and teamwork throughout the trip. We can't wait for the next one.



United Learning National North Finalists

Congratulations to the Y10 netball team, who came second in the United Learning National North Finals in Manchester.

Battling some tough competition, the girls, in Years 9 and 10, showcased their impressive skills on the court, winning two out of their three matches at the Final. After being put through their paces in a match against overall winners Tranby School, the Hyndburn girls upped their game and won their next two matches against Manchester Academy and Stockport Academy respectively.

Throughout their matches, the girls were determined and demonstrated some excellent attacking and defensive play to secure an admirable second place, after only being beaten once.

The United Learning National North Finals bring schools across the Group in the North of England together to play against each other in a competitive but fun and encouraging tournament.





Celebrating World Book Day in Style!

Students and staff embraced the magic of literature on World Book Day with an array of fantastic costumes. The school was transformed into a vibrant scene from the pages of our favourite books, with everyone joining in to celebrate the joy of reading.

From classic fairy tale characters to modern literary heroes, the creativity on display was truly inspiring. Students arrived dressed as characters such as Where's Wally, Matilda, Harry Potter and even the Mad Hatter! Teachers also joined in the fun, with some delightfully imaginative costumes that sparked conversations about their favourite books.

Throughout the day, students took part in exciting activities, including book-themed quizzes, storytelling sessions, and a special 'Drop Everything and Read' session where the entire school paused to enjoy a good book. The highlight of the day was the costume parade, where students and staff showcased their outfits, sharing the stories behind their characters.

World Book Day at [School Name] was a wonderful reminder of the power of books to inspire, educate, and entertain.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so special! We can't wait for next year's celebration—so start planning your costumes now!





Year 8 Students Represent The Hyndburn Academy at All-Aboard Youth Rowing Competition

In January, a group of Year 8 students from [School Name] travelled to Warrington to take part in the All-Aboard Youth Rowing indoor competition, proudly representing the Academy. Competing against students from over 30 schools, they demonstrated incredible determination and skill throughout the event.

The competition saw outstanding performances, particularly in the Year 8 girls' relay, where the team secured first place in a highly competitive field. Additionally, Essie and Ella-Louise claimed gold medals in the Year 8 girls' individual category, with Ella achieving an impressive 10th place overall out of more than 140 participants.

Ally also put in a fantastic effort, earning a bronze medal in the Greater Manchester rankings for the Year 8 girls' individual event. Meanwhile, in the Year 8 boys' open category, Cole secured another bronze medal for HYA, further adding to the team's achievements.

Beyond their medal-winning performances, the students showcased great sportsmanship and dedication, making their school proud. As they shift their focus to the upcoming outdoor rowing competition in the summer, they will now be preparing to test their skills on the water. We look forward to seeing their continued progress and success in the next stage of their rowing journey!





Building Skills for Life: Personal Development Day

At The Hyndburn Academy we are committed to equipping our students with essential life skills through our Personal Development Days. These dedicated drop-down days, held five times each academic year, allow students to engage in valuable PSHE lessons tailored to their age group. Our most recent Personal Development Day in March provided a wide range of insightful sessions across all year groups.

Year 7 focused on understanding finances and tackling stereotypes, helping students develop financial awareness and a broader perspective on social expectations. Year 8 participated in important discussions on drugs and alcohol, attended a session from the Mental Health Foundation on why kindness matters, and welcomed the Prevent Team for an informative lesson on radicalisation and extremism.

Year 9's sessions centered around careers, featuring a visit from Future U to guide future pathways. They also received a crucial road safety session from Lancashire County Council's #YOLO campaign. Meanwhile, Year 10 explored the realities of gang culture, managing risks and staying safe. They also delved into the topic of substance use, assessing risks and managing external influences in their drugs and alcohol sessions.

For Year 11, the day was dedicated to intervention sessions, ensuring they had valuable preparation time for their upcoming GCSE exams.

Personal Development Days continue to be an essential part of our curriculum, offering students the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills that extend beyond the classroom. We look forward to our next session and the important lessons it will bring!



House Competitions in Full Swing!

It's fantastic to see students showing up each week, getting involved in our House Competitions, and earning points for their houses! This term, we introduced an exciting new twist—our first-ever House Challenge in the end-of-term assembly, inspired by the 99 to Beat format.

Next term, we're bringing 99 to Beat to life, with both students and staff taking on fun and fast-paced challenges. If you haven't seen the show, it's definitely worth a watch!

Keep your eyes peeled for sign-ups and get ready to take on the challenge.

Let the competition continue!

The Terms Results

Competitions this Term	Curie	Jackson	Mandela	Turing
Pool	75	25	100	50
Table Tennis Challenge	75	100	25	75
Air Football	100	50	25	75
Super Mario Kart	25	100	50	75
Valentine Karaoke	75	100	50	25
PD Day Year 9 Competition	100	75	25	50
Coconut Shy	100	100	100	75
Beat the Keeper	50	50	75	100
Netball Shooting	50	75	25	100
Cards Higher or Lower	75	100	50	25