



A Message from our Head Teacher

Dear Students, Parents, and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the new academic year, I am delighted to share with you the exciting achievements we have witnessed during the initial weeks of term.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students, whether you are just starting your educational journey with us or joining from another school. It is always a pleasure to see fresh faces full of enthusiasm and promise. I am confident that, with the support of our dedicated staff and our existing students, you will feel right at home here at The Hyndburn Academy.



This academic year has started with a whirlwind of activity, both inside and outside the classroom. It's been truly remarkable to witness the level of enthusiasm and engagement from our students. We have seen a record-breaking number of students participating in various enrichment classes and taking part in sporting fixtures.

Our partnership with parents and carers is invaluable, it was great to see lots of parents and carers attending our Year 7 settling-in evening and Year 11 Welcome Evening. Working together means we can ensure that each student achieves their full potential and thrives both academically and personally.

As we move forward throughout the year, we will remain dedicated to working towards our student charter, fostering a sense of responsibility, and instilling values that will guide our students toward becoming responsible, well-rounded, and engaged citizens.

Our newsletter will be issued at the end of each half-term, this will also include key upcoming dates and events. I look forward to sharing more exciting news and achievements with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Palmer
Head Teacher

House Leaderboard	
Mandela	18,361
Turing	16,862
Jackson	16,859
Curie	16,033



Reminders and Expectations

Upcoming Trips and Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Podcast Football Trip	Tues 31 st October	3.30pm – 11pm	Wigan FC
Y11 Parents Evening	Wed 1 st November	5pm – 7pm	Sports Hall
Blood Brothers Trip	Wed 1 st November	12.30pm-3.30pm	Alhambra Theatre, Bradford
Y7 The Big Sing	Tues 14 th November	2pm & 4pm	Main Hall
Y11 Mock Exams Start	Wed 15 th November		
Theatre Trip	Wed 22 nd November	6pm – 11pm	Winter Gardens
Burnley FC Trip	Sat 25 th November	12pm – 5.30pm	Turf Moor
ELHT Girls Cup	Mon 27 th November	3pm – 5.30pm	Accy Stanley Hub
Shrek the Musical Trip	Mon 11 th December	3.30pm – 10.30pm	Winter Gardens, Blackpool
Aladdin School Show	Tues 19 th December	7pm Start	Main Hall
Alladin School Show	Wed 20 th December	7pm Start	Main Hall



Don't forget to reserve your seats for the Year 7, The Big Sing.

Available to reserve via the School Shop on the Arbor App.

Aladdin tickets will go on sale after half-term.

Rehearsals are well underway.

A show not to be missed



Expectations and Reminders

We would kindly like to remind everyone of our school's uniform and dress code policy. We appreciate your cooperation in upholding these guidelines, which contribute to a healthier and more focused learning atmosphere for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Uniform



We would like to remind all students of the requirement to attend school daily in full school uniform. As part of our school's uniform policy, blazers are considered a mandatory element of the dress code and for health and safety reasons trainers are not permitted to be worn.

In response to the cold winter months and in consultation with students, we made the addition of jumpers to the uniform list. It is essential to clarify that jumpers, while considered an optional extra, should be worn underneath the compulsory blazer, rather than being used as a substitute for it.

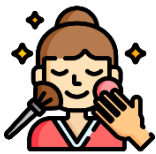
We appreciate your understanding and adherence to our uniform policy, as it helps maintain a standardized and respectful atmosphere within the school community. Thank you for your cooperation and your commitment to upholding our school's standards.

PE Kit

All students should bring correct kit for PE lessons. This consist of the Hyndburn Academy logo t-shirt, Hyndburn Academy shorts or Hyndburn Academy leggings. Students' own sportswear should not be worn for PE lessons.



Make-Up



We would like to reiterate that make-up, false eyelashes, and false nails are not allowed. Jewellery is limited to one pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch. Please can we ask parents/carers to ensure their child follows these rules. Students will be asked to remove these items and jewellery will be held safe at student reception until the end of the day.

Mobile Phone Use

For safeguarding reasons, please remember that mobile phones are not allowed to be used on school premises. Should an urgent message need to be exchanged during the school day, students should speak to student reception or their Head of Year, parents /carers should ring reception and the message will be passed on.



Food and Drink



We want to highlight our commitment to promoting a healthy school. We would like to remind everyone that fizzy drinks, sweets, and family-sized packets of crisps are not permitted on school grounds. Furthermore, chewing gum remains banned within our school premises. Recently, there has been an increase in blue lollipops and "brain lickers," which are also not allowed. Any such items found will be confiscated and appropriately disposed of.



Young guitar prodigy Jenson Year 8 achieves Grade 8 Distinction in Trinity Rock and Pop Exam

In a moment of well-deserved pride and joy, the family of Jenson, a talented young guitarist, has received incredible news about his remarkable achievement. After maintaining a tight-lipped approach to the outcome, they can now officially announce that Jenson has passed his Trinity Grade 8 Rock & Pop Guitar exam with a Grade 8 distinction. The highest grade possible.

The news has left the family utterly elated and overjoyed by Jenson's accomplishment. Jenson's mother, overwhelmed by happiness, confessed to shedding tears of joy, akin to any typical proud parent.

Jenson's dedication and hard work have paid off handsomely, with this achievement representing a significant milestone in his budding music career. What makes this accomplishment even more extraordinary is Jenson's age, as he has proven that talent and determination know no bounds.

Upon sharing this news, the family had the chance to speak with Jenson's guitar tutor, who shed light on the significance of this achievement. Jenson's distinction is equivalent to an A level, a qualification that speaks volumes about his musical prowess. Furthermore, this success will contribute a substantial 30% toward his future degree in music, demonstrating the early establishment of a promising foundation for his academic and professional endeavours.

The Hyndburn Academy, where Jenson regularly performs for school events is brimming with pride over their talented student's accomplishment. Head Teacher, Nicola Palmer, expressed her delight and stated, "We are immensely proud of Jenson's dedication and the exceptional achievement he has made in his Trinity Rock & Pop Guitar exam. Jenson's success reflects the hard work and dedication he has to music and this grade 8 distinction marks the beginning of a promising career in music for Jenson".

Science Club's Culinary Adventure: Ice Cream and More!

This term, the Science Club has been mixing science with culinary arts, exploring fascinating projects like making plastic from milk, cinder toffee, and Alka-Seltzer rockets. The latest experiment? Crafting their own ice cream, blending science and flavour in a delicious way.

Looking forward, the club plans to turn a copper coin to silver and gold, create a homemade version of a sparkler, and even try their hand at making cola. These engaging projects promise to continue the excitement and learning throughout the upcoming term.

The Science Club's dedication and enthusiasm are inspiring, offering valuable lessons in teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking. As they continue their scientific journey, we look forward to more exciting discoveries. Thank you to our teachers and students for making the Science Club a dynamic and educational experience.

Science Club takes place after school on Tuesday each week in Lab 3 and is open to all students.





Year 11's Unforgettable Team-building Retreat at PGL Newby Wiske

In a dynamic and unforgettable weekend, Year 11 students embarked on a thrilling residential adventure at PGL Newby Wiske, fully funded by the academy. This remarkable trip was designed to build teamwork and unity in preparation for their pivotal year ahead— the final stretch before the GCSEs.

From Friday to Sunday, students found themselves immersed in a series of thrilling adventure activities, promoting friendship and resilience. Activities included climbing, archery, laser quest, and a high jump challenge. These experiences not only tested their physical abilities but also enhanced their problem-solving skills and encouraged teamwork.

The excitement didn't stop when the sun went down. Evening events were equally entertaining and included games, karaoke sessions. The laughter and camaraderie during these sessions created unforgettable memories that will surely last a lifetime.

To top it all off, students were treated to a special performance by the new Head of Year, Mr Brindle, and our Director of Student Engagement Mr. Harter, showcasing hidden talents that left everyone in awe.

The Year 11 students returned from their PGL adventure with a renewed sense of unity and determination. The bonds forged during this trip will undoubtedly serve them well as they embark on their important year of study and prepare for their GCSEs.

We extend our gratitude to the academy staff for their support in making this trip possible. The memories created at PGL Newby Wiske will serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for Year 11 as they tackle the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The future is bright for this exceptional group of students, and their PGL adventure was the perfect way to kickstart a year of hard work, unity, and success.



Year 11 Students Excitedly Attend Amazing Accrington Futures Event



Year 11 students from schools across Accrington attended the highly anticipated "Amazing Accrington Futures" event, which promised to provide a glimpse into the exciting opportunities awaiting them after their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Hosted at Accrington Stanley, the event brought together local businesses, colleges, and universities to showcase a wide range of potential career paths and educational routes for the eager students. The event aimed to inspire and inform young minds about the endless possibilities for their futures.

The event featured interactive exhibits, informative workshops, and inspiring talks from guest speakers who shared their journeys and experiences. This allowed students to explore different career options, gain insights into various industries, and learn about further education choices available to them in Accrington and beyond.

Local businesses and colleges were equally thrilled to participate and inspire the future workforce. The event has become an annual tradition and has played a pivotal role in connecting students to local opportunities and fostering a strong sense of community in Accrington.

Mrs Ross Careers Advisor said "The Amazing Accrington Futures event was not only informative but also incredibly motivating, leaving Year 11 students eager to embark on their educational and career journeys with newfound knowledge and enthusiasm. As they head into their final year of secondary education, these students now have a clearer vision of the exciting futures that await them".



Reminder

Please ensure Year 11 students attend Open Evenings for colleges. Applications should be submitted by Christmas. Students should see Mrs Ross if they require help.

Sporting Success

Students Shine in Cross Country Trials and Interschools Competition

Our dedicated students have been lacing up their running shoes and putting their endurance to the test during the recent cross-country trials. The trials saw our young athletes for Year 7, 8 and 9 showcasing their determination and stamina in preparation for the upcoming inter-school competition.

At Wilson's Playing Fields, students selected from the trails represented the Academy with pride and enthusiasm during the inter-school competition. They demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and gave their best on the track, competing with fellow students from neighbouring schools.

We commend our students for their commitment to sports and their remarkable performances. A special well done to Maisie in Year 7 who came in at 10th place. She is now on the reserve list to represent the Academy at the County Games to represent Lancashire and Oliver N in Y10 who came in at 15th Place!



Year 7 Students Illuminate at Glow Dodgeball Event

Accrington Academy's sports hall was a colourful spectacle as Year 7 students came together for the "Year 7 Glow Dodgeball Event." Organised by Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Schools Sports Partnership. Dressed in fluorescent bibs and wielding glow-in-the-dark dodgeballs, students engaged in friendly dodgeball matches against other schools in the area.

The event, designed to promote teamwork and fun, was a huge success. The Hyndburn Academy girls' team took home the teamwork prize, demonstrating outstanding cooperation and camaraderie.

Mrs Parker, Head of PE said, "Events like these create a positive school community, and we're thrilled to see our Year 7 students coming together in such a spirited manner." The students left with memories of a fantastic evening, eagerly anticipating more exciting experiences throughout the school year."



Sporting Success

Football Fixtures

The Year 8 team is really beginning to gel now and play as a proper team; they are undefeated so far this season - let's keep up the great work! ★

The Year 9 team showed some great individual performances and secured their first victory of the season on Thursday.

Well done to the Year 10 football team who have had a fantastic start to the season securing two wins.



Student Rewards



Well done to all the students who have won vouchers in our Friday 'Spin the Wheel' competition.

Congratulations to all our students who have received tickets to the VIP area this term! Well done and keep up the fantastic work! 🌟 🍷



Performing Arts Home Learning Raffle Rewards... each half term Performing Arts will enter all students who have submitted outstanding Home Learning for a chance to win a prize in the Reward Raffle! This half terms luck winners are.... congratulations!

- Year 7 - Leo S
- Year 8 - Cara P
- Year 9 - Lucy W



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thank you for supporting this cause!
We raised a fantastic £127.00

Hyndburn Academy's Personal Development Day Empowers Students

On Thursday, The Hyndburn Academy recently dedicated a full day to the personal growth and well-being of its students through an engaging and educational Personal Development Day. This day allowed each year group to focus on essential aspects of personal growth and life skills.

Year 7: Health and Wellbeing, First Aid, Road Safety, and Relationships- The youngest members of the school learned about crucial life skills like first aid, road safety, and the importance of healthy relationships. These foundational lessons are integral to their growth and development.

Year 8: Dove Confident Me, Gambling, and Online Behaviours - Year 8 students delved into building self-confidence with the Dove Confident Me program. They also learned about the potential pitfalls of gambling and the significance of responsible online behaviours.

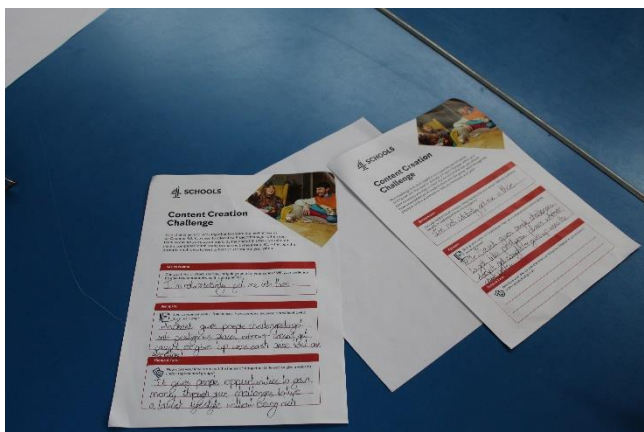
Year 9: Skills for Employment - Year 9 students honed their skills for future employment.

Year 10: Online Harassment and Mental Health - Year 10 students addressed critical issues of online harassment and mental health awareness. Equipping them with strategies to navigate these challenges is crucial in today's digital age.

Year 11: Further Education Applications - The final year of secondary school is pivotal for future education choices. Year 11 students received guidance on making successful applications for further education.

'Have a Go Workshop' with Channel 4 - Additionally, a group of Year 9 and 10 students participated in the 'Have a Go Workshop' delivered by Channel 4 Schools, where they worked in groups to come up with ideas for a new series and discovered different careers within the industry. Students were enthusiastic, eager to pitch their ideas to Channel 4 and learn more about the media industry.

Personal Development Day at Hyndburn Academy was a resounding success, emphasizing the school's commitment to fostering well-rounded and empowered individuals who are equipped with essential life skills to navigate the complexities of the modern world. This comprehensive approach to education ensures that students leave the academy not only academically prepared but also well-prepared for life's challenges and opportunities.



Enrichment Classes Attract Record-Breaking Attendees

This term enrichment classes have reached new heights with record-breaking attendance. The wide array of activities available ensures there's something for everyone.

From sports to arts, STEM to music, students have eagerly joined enrichment classes, reflecting their enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom. The school's commitment to offering diverse extracurricular opportunities has clearly struck a chord with the student body.

Notably, many talented students auditioned for the school show, showcasing their dedication to the arts. Their enthusiasm promises a remarkable production that will surely captivate the school community.

Enrichment classes at The Hyndburn Academy are fostering creativity, talent, and a spirit of exploration among students, setting a remarkable tone for the academic year ahead.

