

A Message from our Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly exceptional year for our school community.

This year has been filled with highlights and achievements that showcase the talent, ambition, and dedication of our students and staff. A particular standout was the incredible Turing Scheme trip to Singapore, where students had the opportunity to broaden their horizons and engage with a new culture in a truly global learning experience.

We are also proud to share that we had the greatest number of students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year—an outstanding testament to their resilience, teamwork, and commitment. Our sports teams have had a brilliant year, with numerous victories and a spirit of determination across all age groups. We were also thrilled to see our students reach the finals of the TeenTech competition in London, a fantastic achievement that reflects the creativity and innovation thriving in our school.

As we look ahead to September, we are preparing for a number of positive changes that will help us continue to raise standards and strive for excellence in everything we do. One of the most significant changes is the introduction of a new school day, designed to maximise learning and provide greater flexibility to meet students' individual needs

You will see that Lesson 1 now starts promptly at 8:35am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time so they are ready to learn from the very start of the day.

Form times and assemblies will now take place after break, during Period 3. We will also be using this period to run targeted interventions and academic support sessions, particularly in English, Maths, and Science. This structure will allow us to be more responsive to student needs and maximise opportunities to support our culture of excellence.

To help keep you informed about these and other key updates, we will be holding Parent Information Evenings and issuing briefing notices at the start of the new term. These sessions will provide more detail and give you the chance to ask any questions.

Please note a change to the September start day: Year 7 only return on Wednesday 3rd September. Year 11 students and parents/carers are invited to attend a meeting with the Senior Leadership Team on Wednesday 3rd September. Whole school return on Thursday 4th September.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Miss Palmer



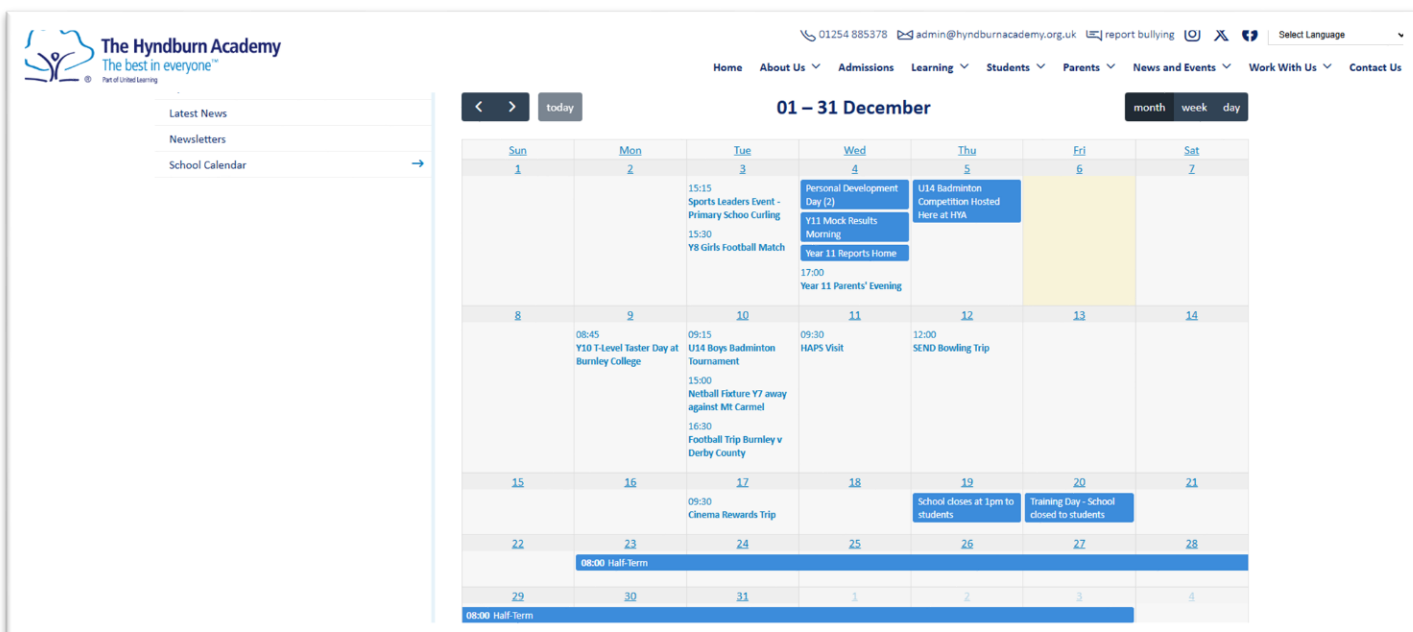
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New Academy Day	
8.35am – 9.50am	Lesson 1
9.50am – 11.05am	Lesson 2
11.05am – 11.25am	Break Time
11.25am – 12.05pm	Lesson 3
12.05pm – 1.20pm	Lesson 4
1.20pm – 1.55pm	Lunch Time
1.55pm – 3.10pm	Lesson 5

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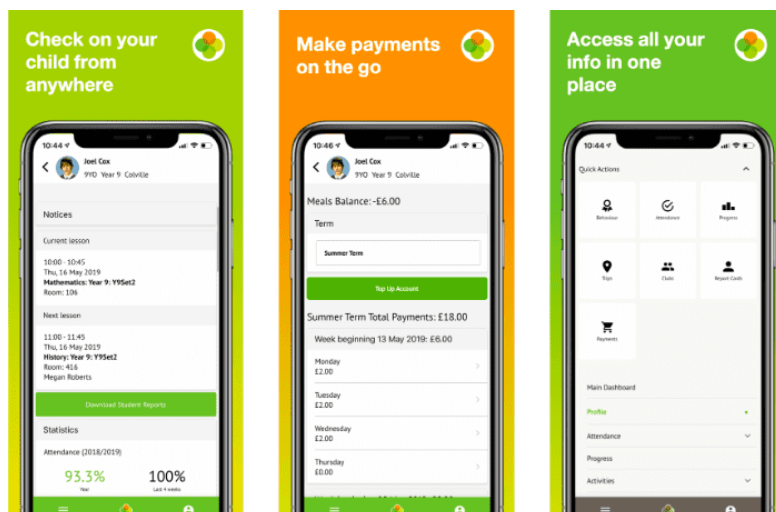
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Download our parent app Arbor.

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





TeenTech Finalists Head to London!

We are incredibly proud to announce that two of our talented students have reached the Teen Tech Finals in London! After months of hard work, creativity, and innovation, Abdul and Koby impressed judges with their outstanding project, earning a well-deserved place in the national final.

The TeenTech Awards celebrate the next generation of inventors and problem-solvers, and our students have certainly shown they're ones to watch. Their project stood out for its originality, real-world impact, and thoughtful design—a fantastic representation of the talent within our school. 🛠️ Primary Engineer Awards Success!

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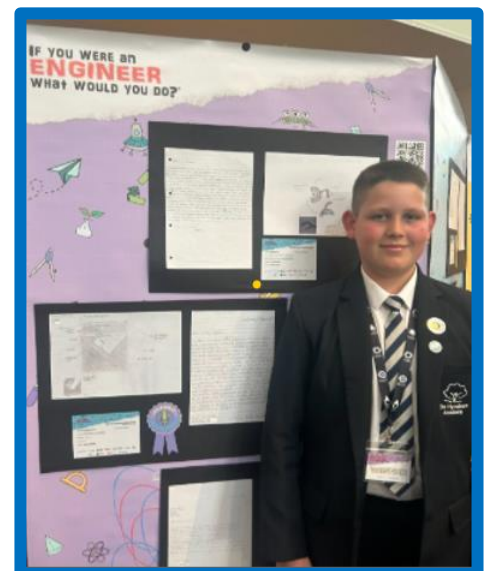


**IF YOU WERE an
ENGINEER
What would you do?®**

We were thrilled to see our talented pupils and their proud families attend the Primary Engineer Awards at Edge Hill University, celebrating success in the "If I Were An Engineer, What Would I Do?" competition

Congratulations to our award-winning students:

Regional Winner: McKenzie Highly Commended: Salma



Sporting Success



Rowing Success at the All Aboard Youth Regatta – Champions on the Water!

We are thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our rowing teams at the All Aboard Youth Rowing Regatta, held this week at Warrington Rowing Club. Competing against over 30 schools, our students showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience in what turned out to be a truly memorable day on the water.

Girls' Crew – Champions! The girls' crew, made up of Natalie S., Essie G., Ally B., and Ella N., with Maisie G. as cox, had an incredible day. After a strong start in their first race, a minor setback when Ella "caught a crab" (a rowing term for when the oar gets stuck in the water) cost them a few seconds. However, the team quickly recovered and came back even stronger.

In their second time trial, the girls raced against a boys' crew and absolutely flew down the course. Spectators were amazed by their speed and fluency, with Maisie's coxing voice echoing down the river well before the boat came into view! Their time put them comfortably in first place, and no other crew came close in the final session. They finished 1st overall – an incredible achievement!

Boys' Crew – Top Manchester Finishers! The boys' crew – Dylan M, Cole M, Malachi B, and Jenson H, with Logan P. as cox – also had a fantastic day. They dominated their first race with speed and control, and although narrowly beaten by Marsden Heights in the second, their earlier time secured them 4th place overall – and 1st among Manchester schools!

Special Recognition – Dylan M. A huge congratulations to Dylan M., who was awarded the Graham Miller Trophy for personal growth and positive change. Selected from over 500 pupils, Dylan received his award from the Mayor of Warrington – a truly proud moment for him and the school.

Looking Ahead We are also excited to share that Jenson H. has now joined the rowing club full-time, training every Saturday and even spending his half-term break on the water. His dedication is a shining example of what this programme can inspire.

As we celebrate this year's success, we are already looking forward to welcoming a new team of rowers in September. We cannot wait to see the next generation take to the water and continue this amazing journey!



District Athletics Success – Celebrating Our Student Athletes!

We are incredibly proud to share the achievements of our students who competed in the District Athletics Championships in June. Despite the intense heat, our athletes gave it their all and represented the school with pride, determination, and resilience.

Here are some of the standout performances:

- ☀ Emmanuel A. (Y7) – District Champion in the Long Jump
- ☀ Maisy C. (Y10) – District Champion in the Discus and 2nd place in the Shotput
- ☀ Cohen H. (Y9) – Qualified for the 300m finals and finished 4th

A Huge Well Done to All Our Athletes!

It was a day full of personal bests, team spirit, and unforgettable moments. We are so proud of every one of them!

Congratulations to Our Rounders Team!

Our rounders team showed incredible resilience, teamwork and determination at the County Finals this term. From strong fielding to committed batting, they gave it their all and represented the school with pride. Although they narrowly missed the semi-finals, their performance, sportsmanship, and spirit stood out throughout the tournament. Well done, team, you did us proud!



Rewards and Recognition

Celebrating Student Success – Even More to Come Next Year!

At The Hyndburn Academy we are proud to celebrate the positive choices and achievements of our students – and this year has been full of them! One of the highlights of our weekly student briefing has been the exciting Spin the Wheel, where two lucky students are selected each week:

- One for zero behaviour points
- One for 100% attendance

Each winner receives an Amazon voucher, recognising their commitment and consistency. It has been a fun and rewarding way to celebrate students who set a great example for others.

☀ Student of the Month & VIP Booth

Our monthly Student of the Month award continues to shine a spotlight on those who go above and beyond in attitude, effort, and contribution to school life. It has been fantastic to see so many students enjoying their well-earned time at the VIP Booth during lunch – a space reserved for those who truly deserve it.

Student of the Month this term are:



April: Jack B 8CSO Samson-Jo Chadwick

May: Ella A 7EHA and Fatima M 7LWA

June: Innayah S 7JSP and Grace R 9CWI



Looking Ahead to 2025–26

As we wrap up this academic year, we are already looking forward to even more success next year. With new rewards, more opportunities to shine and continued recognition of positive behaviour and attendance, we cannot wait to see even more students stepping up and being celebrated.

Well done to all our winners so far – and here is to an even brighter year ahead!



Annual Awards Evening: A Celebration of Student Success

We were proud to host our Annual Awards Evening, a special event recognising the achievements of our incredible students. Awards were presented in three categories: Academic Excellence, Academy Character, and Sporting Success.

Students who received Academic Excellence awards were celebrated for their outstanding dedication and achievement in their studies. Academy Character awards honoured those who consistently show kindness, leadership, and integrity, living out the values of our academy. Our Sporting Success awards recognised talented athletes who have excelled through teamwork, determination, and perseverance.

This year, we also proudly held a Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening, celebrating students who completed their Bronze and Silver Awards. These students showed exceptional resilience, independence and commitment through volunteering, physical activity, skills development and expedition challenges.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for families, staff and students to come together and reflect on a year of growth, achievement, and community spirit. The energy in the room was a true testament to the supportive environment we strive to create every day.

It was a night of pride, applause and inspiration. Congratulations to all our award winners, you have made our academy proud!





Celebrating Our Bronze and Silver Award Achievers

We are incredibly proud to announce that 25 of our students have successfully achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and 15 have gone on to earn their Silver Award this year!

Throughout the academic year, these students have demonstrated outstanding dedication by attending fortnightly after-school sessions to build their DofE skills. Beyond their training, they have selflessly volunteered their time to support local communities, truly embodying the spirit and values of the Award.

A standout moment of their journey was the water skills training at Clitheroe Canoe Club, where students gained confidence on the water and earned a Water Skills Award. They also undertook two practice walks to prepare for their final expeditions.

For their qualifying expeditions:

- Bronze Award students camped at Whitehough, navigating the beautiful local landscape and putting their teamwork and navigation skills into action.
- Silver Award students took on the stunning but challenging trails of Catbells in the Lake District, showcasing resilience and determination as they completed their expedition and camped in the heart of the national park.

These achievements were made possible thanks to the incredible efforts of our staff. A huge thank you to Miss Smith and Mr Ashton for their leadership, energy and commitment throughout the year. We are also deeply grateful to all staff who volunteered their time, whether for full weekends or as checkpoint supervisors, their support truly makes a difference.

Congratulations to all our DofE participants for your perseverance, teamwork and enthusiasm. You have made our Academy extremely proud!

Looking ahead, we are excited to be launching the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award to next year's Year 9 students, while current Year 10 Bronze participants will have the chance to progress to the Silver Award, continuing their DofE journey and building on this year's fantastic success.

FUTURE ZOO Programme

This term, a group of our students had the incredible opportunity to take part in the Future Zoo Programme, an exciting initiative run by Lancashire Future U in partnership with UCLan, Myerscough College, and Blackpool Zoo.

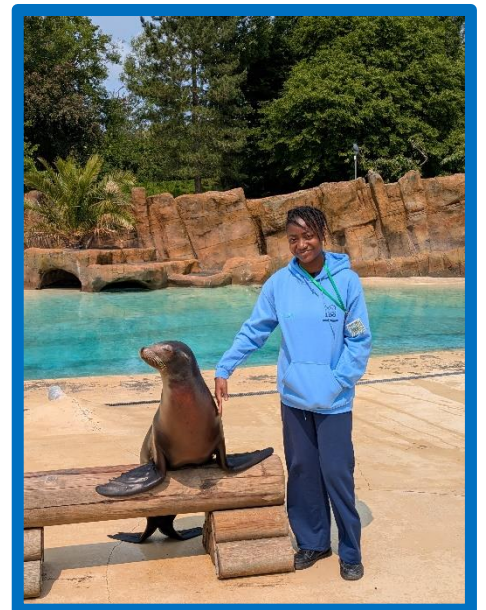
The programme began with visits to the UCLan Preston Veterinary Medicine School and Myerscough College, where students explored the world of animal care, veterinary science, and zoological careers. These sessions gave them a hands-on insight into the academic and practical pathways into animal-related professions.

The highlight of the experience was a Zoo Keeper Experience Day at Blackpool Zoo, where students stepped into the boots of real zookeepers. From preparing food to learning about animal behaviour and conservation, they got a true taste of life behind the scenes at a working zoo.

"This programme has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore careers in animal care and science in a real-world setting. It has opened their eyes to new possibilities and inspired them to think about their futures in a whole new way." - Jess Ross, Careers Lead

A special congratulations to Kemi, who was awarded Student of the Day for her enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity throughout the experience!

We are proud of all the students who took part and look forward to seeing where their ambitions take them next. Year 9 students will get the opportunity to apply to take part next Academic Year.



Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed a Discovery Day at Blackburn College, where they explored a range of vocational subjects including engineering, health & social care, digital media and more.

Through hands-on activities, they gained insight into college life and potential future careers.

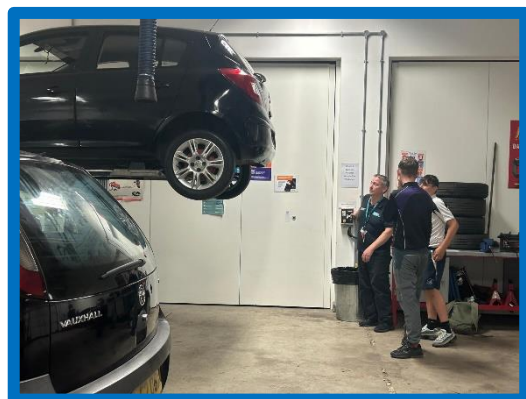
A big thank you to Blackburn College for an inspiring day and well done to our students for representing the school so positively!

Year 10 Explore College Life

Our Year 10 students recently had the fantastic opportunity to experience a taste of college life during their Taster Day at Blackburn College – and what a day it was!

The visit gave students a chance to explore a variety of vocational pathways through hands-on sessions led by college tutors. Throughout the day, students rotated through a range of exciting workshops, including: Hairdressing, Mechanics, Plumbing, Catering & Hospitality and Sports

The day was a brilliant way for students to explore potential future careers, build confidence and get a feel for what life at college might be like. Staff at Blackburn College were incredibly welcoming, and our students represented the school with maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm.



Year 10 Pupils Shine at Highfield – Supporting Adults with Learning Disabilities

This term, seven of our Year 10 students took part in a truly inspiring Work Taster Day at Highfield Services at The Base, gaining hands-on experience as support workers — and what a day it was!

The morning began with a burst of colour and creativity during an Arts & Crafts session with service users, followed by an energetic group exercise class in the afternoon. Our students threw themselves into every activity, building friendships, boosting their confidence, and gaining a deeper understanding of the vital role centres like Highfield play in supporting adults with learning disabilities.

Cathi Sherratt, Manager at Highfield, shared glowing feedback:

“An absolute delight! The pupils were great ambassadors for the school, thoroughly engaged, professional, and polite. We’d welcome them back any time!

This meaningful experience is just the beginning, as we look forward to building a lasting partnership with Highfield Services as part of our growing Careers Programme.

Well done to all the students involved.



Engage Students Bring New Life to Old Nursery Courtyard

Students from the Engage Department have breathed new life into a once-forgotten part of the school, the old nursery courtyard, remembered by some from years gone by.

This year, the students cleared the space, built raised planters, and successfully grew a range of vegetables including lettuce, radish, and potatoes.

Mr Ashton, who supported the project, said, "The students have shown real dedication. It has been brilliant to see them take ownership and bring the space to life."

The garden has become a source of pride and learning, with plans to grow even more next year.



Reeling in Confidence, One Round at a Time

The Engage Department continues to run successful weekly interventions designed to build confidence, discipline and positive engagement through sport and outdoor activities.

Every week, participants lace up their gloves for dynamic boxing sessions at Clayton Amateur Boxing Club, where they learn valuable skills such as self-control, respect and perseverance. The sessions are tailored to encourage both physical fitness and personal growth in a supportive environment.

In addition, the team heads out to Cornfield Fishery in Burnley for peaceful, reflective fishing sessions. These outings provide a calm and focused setting, ideal for developing patience, responsibility and positive peer interaction.

These ongoing activities are making a real difference, helping young people channel their energy positively while building strong connections with mentors and each other.



House Results Announcement

We are thrilled to share the end of year results for our House Competitions!

House Cup Winners!

A huge congratulations to Jackson House for their outstanding performance this Year ! Your teamwork, commitment and house spirit were evident in every challenge. Well done to all House members, you have made your houses proud!



2nd Place Mandela

3rd Place Curie

4th Place Turing

Mandela Sports Day Champions

The results are in, and we are excited to announce that the winners of this year's Sports Day are Mandela with 45,300 points. Your energy, sportsmanship and determination led you to victory especially shown in the Tug of War! A round of applause to all houses for participating with such enthusiasm, it was a fantastic day for everyone!



2nd Place Jackson

3rd Place Curie

4th Place Turing

Ice Bucket Challenge

A Refreshing Success!

A big shoutout to Year 10 students Chloe and Ava for organising the Ice Bucket Challenge in support of Mental Health awareness. Held at the end of a scorching Sports Day, it was the perfect (and much needed!) cool down. Thank you to all the brave staff volunteers who stepped up, you made it fun, meaningful, and memorable. Well done, everyone!

