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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

On Thursday evening, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 –soon to be Year 7 – students and their families to The Lowry Academy for our transition information evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we're incredibly grateful that you have chosen to trust us with your child's education and wellbeing. Next week, we look forward to welcoming our new students into school for their two transition days. If you are one of these families, a reminder that your child should arrive at school for 8:45am, wearing their current primary school uniform. The weather is set to be hot once again, so please ensure they bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.

This week also marked the end of the GCSE exam season—a real milestone! It's definitely a marathon, not a sprint, and our Year 11 students have shown tremendous resilience, focus, and maturity throughout. We are very proud of them. We now turn our attention to celebrating their achievements, starting with the Leavers' Assembly and Prom in early July—both of which promise to be special occasions.

In this week's newsletter, you'll also find an update about our Arbor app. We've included instructions on how you can view your child's exam timetable. As a parent, it's really helpful to know what they've got coming up—it allows you to check in with them, support their revision, and ensure they feel well prepared. We've got a few experts in school too, so if you need any help accessing or using the app, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Term-Time Holidays

If you're fortunate enough to be considering a summer holiday, I completely understand the frustration around the cost difference between travelling during term time and the school holidays. However, I do want to remind all families that holidays during term time are not authorised. I've shared this guidance before, but it feels timely to repeat it as we approach the summer break.

Please remember that parents and carers do not have a right to take children out of school during term time, and may be fined if holidays are taken without the school's consent. If you are thinking about this, you must notify me in writing. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, such requests will not be authorised, and a fixed penalty notice could be issued.

A fixed penalty notice works similarly to a parking ticket: it is £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. It's the responsibility of the Local Authority to issue these, but under national guidance, schools must consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. Repeated fines may result in higher charges, so I strongly urge families to plan holidays during the official school breaks only.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Information about your child's Key Stage 3 End of Year Exams**

Next week, all Key Stage 3 students will sit their End of Year English and Maths Exams. As you are aware, these exams will take place in the Sports Hall to give students experience of sitting assessments under formal exam conditions.

These exams had been planned to take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. However, the Sports Hall is unavailable on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. As a result, the following exams (Year 7 Maths (Paper 2), Year 9 Maths (Paper 2) and Year 8 English (Writing)) will now be sat in classrooms instead, still under exam conditions. Students have been informed of these changes.

We will continue to provide a 'booster' session for English and Maths immediately before exam. Some of these boosters begin at 8am. Please see the exam schedule to see when these are running for your child and encourage them to attend. We run 'boosters' before every GCSE exam for our Year 11 students. We are committed to encouraging all of our students to develop good habits earlier in their school life to help them prepare well for their GCSE exams. (Students can also access our breakfast club (from 7.30am) before morning boosters start, free of charge).

I have attached an updated copy of next week's exam timetable for your information.

Thank you once again for your continued support and helping your son/daughter prepare for their End of Year Exams.

Kind Regards



Miss Samantha Wells

**Assistant Principal (Assessment Data and Interventions)**

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**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025:  
English and Maths End of Year Exams  
(KS3 students will be sitting these exams in the Sports Hall)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	23.06.25	24.06.25	25.06.25	26.06.25	27.06.25
<b>BOOSTER</b> <b>08:00 - 08:50</b>	Y8 English Booster	Y9 English Booster	Y9 English Booster		
<b>Period 1</b> <b>09:00 - 10:05</b>	<b>Y8 English - Reading</b> (45mins) 09:00 - 09:45	<b>Y9 English - Reading</b> (45mins) 09:00 - 09:45	<b>Y9 English - Writing</b> (45mins) 09:00 - 09:45	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>
<b>Period 2</b> <b>10:05 - 11:05</b>	Y7 English Booster	Y7 English Booster	Y7 Maths Booster	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>
<b>BREAK</b>					
<b>Period 3</b> <b>11:20 - 12:20</b>	<b>Y7 English - Reading</b> (50mins) 11:30 - 12:20	<b>Y7 English - Writing</b> (45mins) 11:30 - 12:15	<b>Y7 Maths Paper 1</b> <b>Non-Calculator</b> (1hr) 11:30 - 12:30	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>
<b>Period 4</b> <b>12:20 - 13:20</b>	Y9 Maths Booster	Y8 Maths Booster	Y8 Maths Booster	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>					
<b>Period 5</b> <b>14:00 - 15:00</b>	<b>Y9 Maths Paper 1</b> <b>Non-Calculator</b> (1hr) 14:00 - 15:00	<b>Y8 Maths Paper 1</b> <b>Non-Calculator</b> (1hr) 14:00 - 15:00	<b>Y8 Maths Paper 2</b> <b>Calculator</b> (1hr) 14:00 - 15:00	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Celebrating Cultural Heritage Day – Tuesday 8th July**

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 8th July**, The Lowry Academy will be holding a **Cultural Heritage Day** as part of our Enrichment Day programme.

This special day will be a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultural backgrounds that make up our school community. With over 40 different nations of origin represented within our student and staff body, this is a brilliant opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the richness of our identities, traditions, and shared global connections.

The theme of the day is: **“Exploring cultural heritage – what it means, why it matters, and how it connects us all.”**

Throughout the day, students will engage in activities designed to deepen their understanding of cultural heritage — from exploring music, language, food, and clothing to reflecting on personal and collective identity. We believe that learning about and appreciating different cultures helps build mutual respect, encourages curiosity, and fosters a strong sense of belonging and community.

#### **Heritage Dress and Showcase Parade**

As part of the celebrations, students are invited to attend school wearing **heritage dress** that reflects and honours their cultural background. This could be traditional clothing, colours, or accessories that represent a part of their identity or family history.

We will also be holding a **Heritage Clothing Showcase Parade** at the end of the day to celebrate all those who take part. Please note:

- This is **not a non-uniform day** — students who are not wearing heritage dress should attend in full school uniform.
- Participation in the showcase parade is by invitation only. Interested students should speak with **Miss Jones** for further details and apply via the Microsoft Form shared on Teams for authorisation. This should be completed by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

All students are invited to attend school wearing appropriate heritage clothing and will be provided with a pass permitting this upon completion of the Microsoft Form. Again, this should be completed no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Passes will be issued to students On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that any students who are unsuitably dressed will be asked to return home and change.

Students in Year 8 and Year 9 should attend school in PE kit to support the activities taking place throughout the day. They have the option to change into heritage clothing when not completing these activities. This day aligns with and promotes our school values, and we look forward to seeing students celebrate who they are and where they come from. If you have any questions or would like to support the day in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## **Arbor App Update**

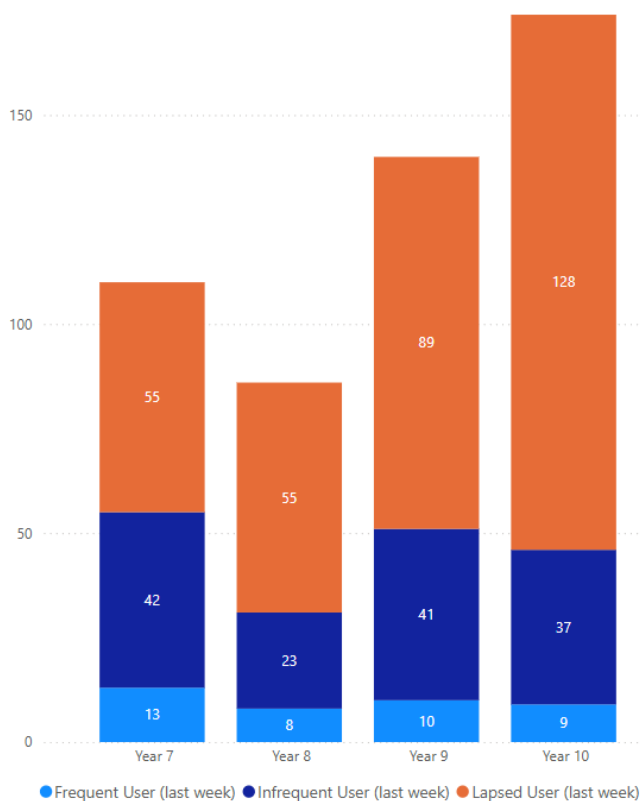
Dear Families,

Thank you to those of you who have recently signed up to use our Arbor App. We are pleased to see a steady increase in the uptake of the App, particularly by the parents and carers of our Year 9 students who have doubled the number of frequent users from last week!

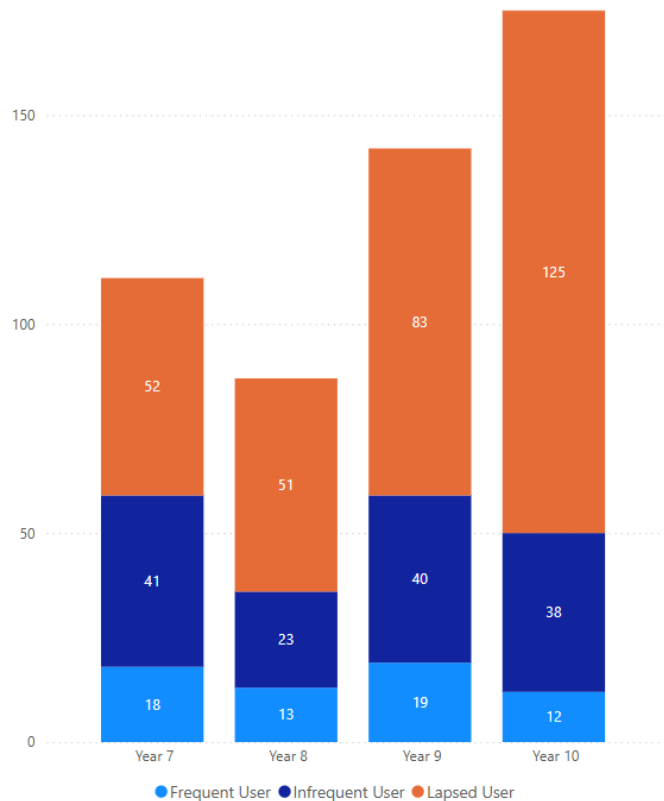
Please remember the Arbor App is our primary platform of communication between school and home. The information available in the app is used to stay connected with us and to keep you up to date with your child's daily school life.

Our aim is to ensure every parent and carer has signed up to and make use of the Arbor App before we break for the summer holidays.

Usage by Year Group Last Week



Usage by Year Group This Week



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## Exam Timetable

This week we will have a look at how you can use the Arbor App to see your child's exam timetable.

## Calendar

On the main dashboard page, you will see your child's calendar. This will show you any exams they have, highlighted in orange in the same way as co-curricular clubs and interventions.

Paging through the days will show you what your child is doing each day:

Calendar - Mon, 23 Jun 2025			Calendar - Tue, 24 Jun 2025		
Prev. Day	Today	Next Day	Prev. Day	Today	Next Day
08:30 - 09:00	Year 7: 7B	PEN2	08:30 - 09:00	Year 7: 7B	PEN2
09:00 - 10:05	History: Year 7: 7Y...	PEN5	09:00 - 10:05	Geography: Year 7: ...	PEN2
10:05 - 11:05	English: Year 7: 7Y/E...	S4	10:05 - 11:05	Mathematics: Year 7: ...	L7
11:20 - 12:20	Art: Year 7: 7Y/W5	B7	11:20 - 12:20	Spanish: Year 7: 7Y/E...	P6
13:30 - 12:15	Mon, 23 Jun 2025...	Sports	11:30 - 12:15	Tue, 24 Jun 2025...	Sports
12:20 - 13:20	Science: Year 7: 7Y/S...	R1	12:20 - 13:20	English: Year 7: 7Y/E...	S4
14:00 - 15:00	Mathematics: Year 7: ...	L7	14:00 - 15:00	Design Tech: Year 7: ...	R1

Ann Learner Calendar	
Event Details	
<b>InvigilationSession</b>	Thu, 26 Jun 2025 (Main: Sports Hall) (M1)
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 26 June 2025
<b>Time</b>	09:00-10:00
<b>Location</b>	Sports

If you tap on one of the exam sessions, you will get a bit more information.

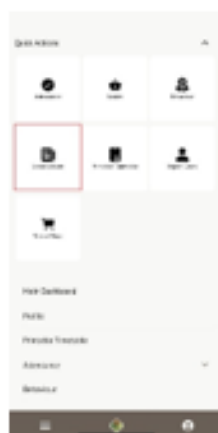
You can tell if something is an exam rather than an intervention or club because it will say "InvigilationSession" in the first box.

You can also see the timings of the exam and the location, but this view doesn't tell you the subject. For that you will need to go into the examinations section...

## Examinations

The examinations section can be found on the main menu.

Tapping on the tile highlighted in red will take you through to the exams section where you can see more details about your child's exams.



At the top of the page in this section you can see buttons that will allow you to download the following PDF files:

- Your child's **statement of entry** (showing what exams they have been entered for)
- Their **exam timetable** (showing the dates and times of each exam)

By scrolling down you can also view this information directly in the app, allowing you to see what subject each exam is for and full details of the exam, including subject, timings, and the room in which they will be sitting the exam.

Ann Student	
2024/2025	
Download Statement Of Entry	
Download Exam Timetable	
Statement of Entry	
25 Jun 2025, 09:00	Awarding Organization: Not set
Qualification: In-house Exam: Y8 June 25 English Reading	
24 Jun 2025, 14:00	Awarding Organization: Not set
Qualification: In-house Exam: Y8 June 25 Maths	
25 Jun 2025, 14:00	Awarding Organization: Not set
Qualification: In-house Exam: Y8 June 25 Maths	
26 Jun 2025, 14:00	Awarding Organization: Not set
Qualification: In-house Exam: Y8 June 25 English Writing	

Exam Timetable	
Y8 June 25 English Reading (23 Jun 2025, 09:00 - 23 Jun 2025, 09:45)	
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2025	
Location: Sports Hall (M1)	
Duration: 00:45	
Y8 June 25 Maths (24 Jun 2025, 14:00 - 24 Jun 2025, 15:00)	
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2025	
Location: Sports Hall (M1)	
Duration: 01:00	
Y8 June 25 Maths (25 Jun 2025, 14:00 - 25 Jun 2025, 15:00)	
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2025	
Location: Sports Hall (M1)	
Duration: 01:00	
Y8 June 25 English Writing (26 Jun 2025, 14:00 - 26 Jun 2025, 14:45)	
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2025	
Location: Sports Hall (M1)	
Duration: 00:45	

## Next Week

Next week we will be looking at how you can receive notifications through the app.

In the future we will be starting to make more use of the Arbor App for messaging you about important information about your child.

*We intend to use App Notifications to send out our end-of-year reports, so please make sure you are signed up to the app so that you don't miss out.*



# Quality of Education

## Sparx Leaderboard

Homework competition is by 4pm on Friday (Thursday 8am for Year 10).

Winning Forms:

7E & 7G

8E

9F

10C

Overall Best Form: 9F

Access Homework: [Homework](#) | [Students](#) | [The Lowry Academy](#)

## Celebration Station

Excellent use of Lowry Revision Strategies.



**Next week's focus:** Excellence in faculty areas – your best work!

## Curriculum Spotlight

Mastery - next week's focus:

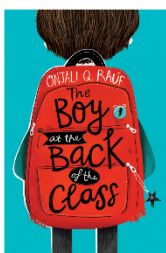
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**Curriculum in Action:**

Students should be revising End of Year Exams using 'The Lowry Way' of Revision:

1. **Look, Cover, Write, Check:** Look at a key fact/section, cover up the information, write it down from memory, check answer and correct. Then repeat over several days!
2. **Flashcards:** Write question on one side and answer on another. Regularly test, put wrong cards into a 'learn again', and get parent to test you!
3. **Cornell Notes:** Divide page into 3. Left column – write questions. Right column – key notes. Bottom – Summary of main ideas.

## Recommended Reads



**KS3:**  
**The Boy At The Back of The Class**  
By Ontali Q. Rauf



**KS4:**  
**You Don't Know What War Is**  
By Yeva Skalietska

Values link: Resilience

**Library updates / announcements:**

Collect 10 house points for each book that you read and 5 more when you submit a book review.

Access our Online Library:

[The Lowry Academy UK](#) - [The Lowry Academy UK](#)

## Teaching & Learning Reminders

**Homework Catch-up Detentions:** Year 8 Tuesday (3pm), Year 7– 9 Wednesday (3pm), Year 10 – Thursday or Friday (Lunchtime).

**Equipment for lessons** – 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, ruler, eraser.

# Rewards & House System

## Points Update

### House Points:

Pankhurst  
**165,655**

Kingsley  
**174,593**

Delaney  
**165,511**

Turing  
**169,193**



### Attendance Points

#### Year 7

67,491

#### Year 8

47,735

#### Year 9

73,526

#### Year 10

77,088



### Golden Tickets

#### Year 7

45,662

#### Year 8

31,693

#### Year 9

30,823

#### Year 10

17,416



### Values Cards

#### Year 7

10,585

#### Year 8

7,410

#### Year 9

7,500

#### Year 10

5,205

**Total points this year = 692, 199**

## Rewards & House Reminders

### Upcoming house events this term:

Date	Event
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	University Challenge (After School)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Enrichment Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	House Celebration Assembly/Event

Students can visit **The Celebration Station** every Tuesday and Thursday to share their fantastic work and collect Golden Tickets.

They can enter our raffle by posting their **Values Cards** in the blue post box to enter every Tuesday and Thursday.

Students can take part in our **weekly house events** to collect house points.

# Rewards & House System

## Celebrating success this week!

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the following students achievement in earning their **Bronze/Silver/Gold Award** for their continued hard work and dedication to school and achieving **1000/2000/3000** house points.

This award reflects their perseverance, positive attitude, and commitment to doing their best in everything they set out to accomplish. We are incredibly proud of our students for this accomplishment – it's a testament to their outstanding efforts and a wonderful example to others in our school community by consistently demonstrating our school values.

As part of this achievement, they have been presented with a Bronze/Silver/Gold Badge and a Certificate. We encourage them to wear their badge with pride as a symbol of their dedication and success. It represents all the effort they have put in and the positive impact they have made.

We are confident that this is just the beginning of their journey to achieving even greater milestones. Keep up the amazing work and remember that their dedication is truly inspiring to everyone around them.

We look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future. Well done and congratulations to;

### Bronze

Year 7  
**Sarah C**  
**Tyler G-T**  
**Dolton M**  
**Danaka S**  
**Ivan S**  
**Baiden S**

Year 8  
**Ava C**  
**Suad M**

Year 10  
**Maya S**

### Silver

Year 7  
**Retaj M**  
**Kevin N**

Year 10  
**Anjolaoluwa O**



## Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates, further information will be sent to families closer to specific events:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 11	All GCSE Exams End
	All Families	EAL Coffee Morning
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10	Salford College Trip
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	All Families	Salford Transition Days
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	All Families	Photographer in School
	Year 11	Leavers' Assembly (Students only)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	All Families	Photographer in School
	Year 11	Prom
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Families with SEND	SEND Coffee Morning
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All Families	INSET Day – School closed to students
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All Families	Enrichment Day
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All Families	Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	All Families	Gold Reward Trip Day

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