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Weekly Parent Communications

Week Ending - 9th October



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Principal's Notes



Mrs Coy, Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support this half term. It has been a really positive few weeks, and it is a pleasure to see students settling into good routines and taking pride in their learning.

It has been another great week for our PE department, with victories in both football and netball. Well done to every student who represented the school.

Attendance has also been good this half term, and I'm pleased to see so many students doing better than they did last year. Being in school every day has a direct impact on how well students do, so thank you for the part you play in getting them here.

Year 11 Saturday School starts tomorrow. Miss Wells has the details below, but I want to stress one thing: the sessions are open to every Year 11 student, not only those who received an invitation. This is a big year, and a couple of extra hours on a Saturday morning can make a real difference by the summer.

In form time this week, students looked at the virtues behind good character: honesty, kindness, justice and service. Mrs Jones explains how you can carry those conversations on at home. Those everyday chats help more than you might think.

Homework is also a focus in this newsletter. Miss Hindle sets out when homework is set, when it is due, and what happens if it isn't completed, so that everyone knows what to expect. If your child is struggling with homework, please point them towards homework club. Getting help early is always better than missing a deadline.

As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch.



Progress & Outcomes – Miss Wells, Assistant Principal

*Our Year 11 Saturday School programme begins on **Saturday 10 October**, offering additional support in **Maths and Science** to help students maximise their GCSE success. The sessions run for two hours:*

- **Session 1:** 9:00am – 11:00am
- **Session 2:** 11:00am – 1:00pm

*A total of **105 Year 11 students** have been invited to attend. However, the sessions are also **open to all Year 11 students**, including those who have not received an invitation. We look forward to welcoming students and supporting them on their journey towards GCSE success.*





Curriculum & Academic Excellence – Miss Hindle, Assistant Principal

Homework helps your child remember what they have learnt in lessons, prepare for assessments and build good study habits. Students who complete it regularly make more progress.

Here is how it works.

When is homework set and due?

Year Group	Set	Due	Subjects
Years 7 to 9	Friday	The following Friday, 4pm	English, Maths and Science every week. History, Geography and Spanish every two weeks.
Year 10	Friday	The following Friday, 4pm	English, Maths and Science every week. Option subjects every two weeks.
Year 11	Friday	Maths and Science: Thursday, 8am. English: Friday, 8am. Option subjects: Friday, 4pm.	English, Maths and Science every week. Option subjects every two weeks.

In Years 7 to 9, all homework is set online, mainly on Sparx and Seneca, so your child gets instant feedback. In Years 10 and 11, it is a mix of online tasks, coursework and exam practice.

Everything is in one place on our website: go to the Students tab and click Homework. You will find links to every platform and short guidance videos or you can click on this link:

<https://www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/homework>

What help is available?

Homework club runs every lunchtime and after school in room L11, with teachers on hand and computers available. If your child is finding homework hard at home, please encourage them to come along.

What if homework isn't completed?

Students who miss the deadline will attend a homework detention:

- Years 7 and 8: Tuesday, 3pm*
- Years 9 and 10: Wednesday, 3pm*
- Year 11: Thursday or Friday lunchtime*

If your child is absent that day, the detention moves to Thursday after school. We will text you on the Monday so you always have at least 24 hours' notice.

How can you help?

Give your child a quiet space to work, and encourage them to start early in the week so there is time to ask a teacher or come to homework club before the deadline.

If you have any questions, your child can speak to their subject teacher, or you can email me at molly.hindle@lowryacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.



Personal Development – Miss Jones, Assistant Principal

In form time Character Education sessions this week, students explored how virtues are the building blocks of strong character and help us put our Lowry Values into action. Through discussion and reflection, they considered key virtues such as honesty, kindness, justice and service, exploring how these qualities guide decision-making, strengthen relationships and contribute to a positive school community. Students also reflected on which virtues they already demonstrate and identified areas they would like to develop further, reinforcing the importance of making positive choices every day. Parents can support this learning by talking to their child about the virtues discussed in school, encouraging them to recognise examples of these qualities in everyday life, and celebrating positive actions that show good character. Discussing difficult choices and modelling these virtues at home can help reinforce the importance of strong character and positive decision-making. Thank you for being part of our Character Education journey.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th October
Year 11 Conway Residential

Tuesday 20th October
London History Trip

Wednesday 21st October
Years 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco
4:45pm - 6:15pm



Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's communications. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk.

