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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

We're heading into one of the most exciting weeks of the year at the Academy!

Next Tuesday, 9th December, we'll be hosting our Christmas Fair - a fantastic afternoon of festive fun with stalls, activities, prizes to be won, and even student performances! Raffle tickets are just £1 per strip or 20p per ticket, and there are some amazing prizes up for grabs. Tickets can be purchased on the night or in school on Monday and Tuesday from Mrs Jones, Mrs Ruscoe, or Mrs Smith. All proceeds will go towards our Year 11 Prom, helping us reduce ticket prices for students - your support makes a real difference.

The whole Academy is also taking part in our Christmas Food Donation appeal, collecting items for our local food bank. Students will receive house points for every item donated, so please encourage them to get involved. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child comes to school prepared with a coat, hat, gloves, and other warm clothing. We want everyone to stay comfortable and healthy during these winter months.

Finally, we're excited to launch our "10 Days of Christmas" attendance incentive starting Monday! There will be prizes to be won every day in the run-up to Christmas - but remember, your child has to be in school to win. Let's finish the term strong!

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair next week.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Quality of Education

Curriculum Spotlight – Design and Technology

KS3 - Food Technology - Product Design - Textiles

What students are learning this half term



In each year the students move round three areas of design technology. They complete a 12 week course from each subject. Below is a brief description of what they will learn in each year group and each subject.

Year 7



Food - Year 7 students have been engaged in a unit of study focused on healthy eating and nutrition. The aim of this program is to help students understand the importance of a balanced diet, the role of different nutrients in the body, and how food choices can impact overall health and wellbeing.

Product Design - Students in Product Design have been working on a practical project to design and construct a Block Bot. This activity not only develops creativity and design skills but also emphasizes the importance of safe working practices when using workshop tools and equipment

Textiles - Year 7 students have been exploring the exciting world of textiles design and technology. As part of their learning, they have been introduced to fabric creation and 3D textile techniques, culminating in the design and production of their very own.

Year 8



Food - This project has given Year 8 students valuable experience in adapting recipes to suit personal preferences while enhancing nutritional value. Their work with Garlic Bread, Spaghetti Bolognese, Fajitas, and Chow Mein demonstrates growing independence in the kitchen and a deeper understanding of how food choices contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Product Design - The sustainable lamp project has given Year 8 students the opportunity to think and act like engineers, combining practical skills with environmental awareness. Their work demonstrates how design and technology can play a vital role in promoting recycling and sustainability, preparing them for future challenges in an eco-conscious world

Textiles - Year 8 students have been working on an exciting textiles project where they design and make a unique cushion inspired by Pop Art. This unit combines creativity with practical skill development, encouraging students to explore bold design ideas while learning a variety of surface pattern techniques.

Year 9



Food - Year 9 students have been developing their understanding of dietary requirements and food allergies through practical cooking lessons. This unit encourages them to think carefully about how food can be adapted to meet individual needs, while still being enjoyable and nutritious.

Product Design - Year 9 students have been extending their skills in Product Design by using more advanced machinery to complete precision work. Their project focuses on creating a tessellation pattern chopping board, combining mathematical design principles with practical workshop skills. The finished product is both functional and creative, giving students something they can proudly take home and use.

Textiles - Year 9 students have been exploring sustainability and environmental issues through their textiles work. This project challenged them to design and make a unique bag that not only demonstrates creativity but also highlights the importance of using sustainable materials and responsible design practices.

How you can Support at Home



Encourage your child to put their **Design and Technology (DT) skills** into practice at home. Whether it's helping out in the kitchen, fixing something with a screwdriver, or even repairing a teddy, they now have the confidence to tackle these tasks independently. They can also use their creativity to design and make thoughtful items, such as a handmade present for someone special.

Education With Character

Education with Character: The Lowry Way

At The Lowry Academy, we believe education goes beyond the classroom. Through enriching experiences, we help students develop the qualities that matter most—confidence, creativity, aspiration, resilience, and respect—our Lowry Values. This week, these values have been at the heart of everything we do.

House Event

On Thursday, our Houses came together for an exciting **Bridge Building Challenge**, showcasing teamwork, ingenuity, and determination. Students were tasked with designing and constructing a bridge using limited materials, testing both their engineering skills and collaborative spirit.

This event wasn't just about building bridges—it was about building character. Throughout the competition, our students demonstrated the **Lowry Values** in action:

- **Confidence** – Teams approached the challenge with self-belief, presenting bold ideas and standing by their designs.
- **Creativity** – Innovative solutions emerged as students experimented with shapes, structures, and techniques to achieve maximum strength.
- **Aspiration** – Every group aimed high, striving to create the strongest and most impressive bridge possible.
- **Resilience** – When designs didn't go as planned, students adapted quickly, learning from setbacks and pushing forward.
- **Respect** – Collaboration was key, with students listening to each other's ideas and valuing every contribution.

The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, problem-solving, and a healthy dose of competition. Congratulations to all participants for making this event a true celebration of character and teamwork!

Author Visit

We were thrilled to welcome James Campbell, acclaimed author and comedian, to our school for a special event with Year 7. James delivered an engaging assembly that had students laughing, thinking, and feeling inspired about the power of storytelling.

Following the assembly, Year 7 students took part in a creative writing workshop, where James shared practical tips and imaginative techniques to spark ideas and bring stories to life. His unique blend of humour and insight encouraged students to write boldly and explore their creativity with confidence.

This visit was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with a professional writer and deepen their love for reading and writing. A huge thank you to James Campbell for making the day so memorable!

Student Leadership in action

This week, students went head-to-head in interviews for key leadership roles. Year 7 candidates impressed during interviews for Silver Ties and Form Leaders, while shortlisted Student Council applicants in all year groups are now preparing their election campaigns. Next week, they'll present their ideas in assemblies delivering their ideas before the big vote. We can't wait to announce our new student leaders during the end-of-term celebration assemblies and look forward to the impact that they will make!

Education With Character

Celebrating Success this week

House Points Update:

Pankhurst
138,490

Kingsley
140,383

Delaney
137,406

Turing
137,234



Total Points

Year 7
141,250
Year 8
127,097
Year 9
86,439
Year 10
101,101
Year 11
97,628



Golden Tickets

Year 7
2,097
Year 8
1,690
Year 9
1,432
Year 10
915
Year 11
508



Values Cards

Year 7
1,706
Year 8
1,572
Year 9
1,471
Year 10
1,257
Year 11
980



Bronze Awards

Year 7
37
Year 8
27
Year 9
11
Year 10
6
Year 11
2

Upcoming House Events



Education with Character

Celebrating success this week!

Silver Award

Congratulations to our first student to achieve their Silver Award!



Student

Milia N-N

Year

7



Bronze Award

Well done to the students below who have attained their Bronze Award this week!

Student	Year
Sarah C	8
Ching Nam C	8
Mariarma G	9
Nicola K	10
Faruq M	7
Viha S	8
Ayodeji S	8
Khloe A	10
Isabelle C	7
Francis E	8
Cody H	7
Zinat H	8



Student	Year
Leteselassie K	9
Omar M E	7
Retaj M	8
Pentecostal N	8
Morgan O	7
Jessica P	7
Alice P	7
Harry P	7
Henry S	10
Tyler S	8
Freya S	7

Nearly There!

The following students are now the closest to achieving their bronze award very soon!

1,000 points needed for Bronze!



Student	Year	Points	Student	Year	Points
Audrey O	8	992	Kelby-Sue D	9	963
Merhawi K S	10	988	Rebecca S	9	963
Gosaye P	7	984	Levy T	8	960
Kira K	10	978	Kirby-Lei D	9	949
Omar N	9	974	Ethan N	9	943
Joseph O	9	972	Noku M	8	942
Ella A	7	971	Omar A	7	938
Sienna S	9	968	Lexi-Jean C	10	937
Omar T	8	968	Ade A	10	936
Buyi D	9	963	Nevaeh H	8	936



Christmas Fair – Raffle Tickets

Dear Families,

Raffle Tickets are being sold in school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Please send cash in with your child if you would like them to purchase tickets. The price will be £1 for a strip or 20p per ticket.

Prizes include Salford FC Tickets, a Slow Cooker, Mechano sets, a Generation Doll, Christmas Boxes, Pamper Box, Cuddly Toys and much more!

The prize winners will be announced at our Christmas Fair next Tuesday 9th December.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Smith
Transition & Community Lead**



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A VERY LOWRY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, cakes, raffle prizes, face painting, festive games, arts and crafts, books and lots more.

Special performances from our School Rock Band, Production Cast and the Lowry Voices Choir.

Tuesday 9th December
4pm – 6pm

All proceeds
will go towards
our Year 11
Prom!



All donations will be greatly appreciated - so please bring some cash to spend!

Christmas Food Bank Appeal

As the festive season approaches, we're reminded that Christmas is about more than gifts - it's about kindness, compassion, and community. Sadly, for many families in our area, this time of year brings extra challenges.

We believe no one should feel alone or go without during the holidays. That's why we partner with **Community Little Hulton** for our annual **Christmas Food Bank Appeal**. This is our chance to come together and make a real difference for those who need it most.

We are asking for your help by donating non-perishable food items.

We kindly ask that items are in-date and suitable for storage (no alcohol or fresh food). Students can bring donations to their form rooms during registration.

Suggested items:



Canned goods



Cereals, pasta, rice



Tinned meat or fish



Tea, coffee, sugar



Biscuits and snacks



Dog and cat food



**Final Donations:
Monday 15th December**



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Dates for your Diary

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

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Monday 8 th December	All Families	Nurses in School - Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 9 th December	All Families	Christmas Fair 4pm - 6pm
Friday 19 th December	All Families	Last Day of Term - Students Finish at 12pm
 Christmas Holidays		
Monday 5 th January 2026	All Families	INSET Day - School closed to Students
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	All Families	Students return to School at normal time
Wednesday 7 th January 2026	Year 9	Nurses in School - DTP/MenACWY vaccinations

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Dear Families,

Salford City Council have asked us to inform families regarding The Department for Education's (DfE) Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF).

On 22,23 and 28 and 29 December children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals, can access a range of free activities including baking and cooking, arts and crafts, sports, music and more. All sessions include lunch.

Parents can book children on at www.salford.gov.uk/HAF up to 17 December.

Places are also available for children who don't get free school meals but meet the following criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

- assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- young carers
- looked-after children or previously looked after children
- children with an EHC plan (education, health and care)
- children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who are not eligible for free school meals
- children who have low attendance rates at school or who are at risk of exclusion

If anyone has any difficulties making a booking please contact the Health Improvement Team via health.improvement@salford.gov.uk or 0800 952 1000 (option 2) Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.

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HOLIDAY FUN AT BRIDGEWATER!

RETRO GAMING | CURIOUS CRITTERS | LEGO ART



12-4PM



MONDAY 22ND - TUESDAY 23RD
DECEMBER



SIGN UP
USING THE
QR CODE

BRIDGEWATER YOUTH CENTRE
LITTLE HULTON, M38 9WD



Call below number
for support!

07746445349

Available Mon, Tues, Fri



When?

Monday 22nd December 1pm - 3pm

Where?

Wharton and Cleggs Lane Church
Cleggs Lane, Salford M38 9RW

Who's it for?

Children aged 5 - 11 years old

All children under 8yrs must be accompanied by an adult

Come along and enjoy festive fun with plenty to do including arts and crafts, games and more! Food will be provided. Limited places available.

Priority will be given to children eligible for benefit related free school meals

Please book using QR code or use <https://eequ.org/experience/7271>



Mustard
Tree

Creative SHOWCASE

17.12

MUSTARD TREE
LITTLE HULTON

Haysbrook Avenue, M28 0AU

10AM - 2PM

19.12

MUSTARD TREE
ECCLES

13-15 Southway, M30 0LJ

10AM - 3PM



Join us for Christmas celebrations at
our Salford hubs, with art displays
from our creative classes!

**TOMBOLA & BINGO
FREE ENTRY, ALL WELCOME**

Elevate
Salford

Mustard Tree

Charity number: 1135192