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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our Year 11 Christmas Fayre. It was a fantastic success, raising an incredible £800, which will go towards our Year 11 Prom in July! This is just the first of several fundraising events, and it was lovely to see so many of you attend. A special shout-out goes to our amazing Year 11 students, who showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the event.

Another big thank you to the families who have generously donated clothing and toiletries to our Pre-Loved Shop. We're currently in the process of setting it up. Your support makes such a difference to our community, and we're incredibly grateful.

This week, we also had a very successful Enrichment Day on Tuesday, where all year groups followed an immersive timetable filled with exciting topics. I was pleased to see our students engaging with new ideas, experiences and the many external visitors –it really brings learning to life!

I'm also pleased to let families know that if your child receives Free School Meals, you will receive vouchers to help during the Christmas holiday period. Thanks to the extension of the Household Support Fund, the Local Authority is providing £30 per child to support with food and the rising cost of living. These vouchers will be sent electronically. Please note that the cut-off date to register for Free School Meals and receive vouchers for the Christmas holidays is Friday, 13th December 2024. If you think your child might be eligible, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Finally, a quick reminder about the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 5th December, starting at 4:00pm. This will be an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, and I know our students are eagerly awaiting their mock exam results!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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12 Days of Christmas

Dear Parent / Carer,

It is with great excitement that I am writing to you today to inform you of our new attendance initiative '12 Days of Christmas' which begins on **Tuesday 3rd December 2024**. At The Lowry Academy, we promote exceptional attendance. In the run up to our Christmas break, our new exciting event will allow students to access a number of rewards and activities for each day they are in school.

We have several activities and rewards which include: hot chocolate at break time with friends, pizza with friends at lunch time and a movie afternoon. Other rewards include an assortment of gift vouchers, confectionary and a family hamper. We also have a range of exciting events for students to access at lunch time, these include: Christmas Bingo, Penalty Shoot Out and Karaoke! These are all accessible to students if they are in school over the 12 days.

We also have a huge, exciting prize at the end of our 12 days for our families. One lucky family will win and take home a 40-inch LED Television for everyone to enjoy over the Christmas break. To be eligible for this, students must achieve 100% attendance each day from **Tuesday 3rd December – Thursday 19th December**. A raffle will take place on our last day and our winning family will be chosen at random.

We regularly reward the hard work and resilience from our students for their attendance, but we also recognise the influence parents and carers have on our students and the positive impact that this has on their overall academic progress, therefore, we would like to say thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Johnson
Assistant Principal

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Christmas Food Drive

Dear Parent / Carer,

Next week marks the start of our Christmas Food Drive, an important tradition that reflects the caring and inclusive culture of The Lowry Academy.

We kindly invite you to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries to support families in need during the festive season.

This initiative is a meaningful way for us to come together as a community and make a positive impact.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

N Griffith

Mrs N Griffith
Vice Principal

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School based Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been asked by the Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team to re-share the following information with families regarding the immunisations for Year 9 students on 27th January 2025. Please do not forget to provide your consent via the link:



3-in-1 Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY are usually offered to children in Yr 9 approx. age 13-14. The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. The MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – which cause meningitis and blood poisoning (septicaemia).

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the school Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver these high school age vaccinations. These vaccinations are not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and ensure that your child is protected later in life, the DTP and MenACWY vaccinations are given alongside each other and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The school Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

STEP 1: FOLLOW LINK BELOW AND SELECT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

STEP 2: Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 3: Once you login you can read the information on this year's DTP and MenACWY vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse these vaccinations for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against these very serious diseases.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on 020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com



Please click the link below:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SaiTB2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Program please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

Imms.team5-19@nca.nhs.uk

0161 206 8821

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Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been asked by the Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team to remind parents to provide consent if you would like your child to have the flu vaccination in school on 9th December. The deadline to consent has been extended to 5th December, please see the information below.



School aged Immunisation Service

As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, we are offering flu vaccine in both primary and secondary schools. This will be delivered in schools during the winter months.

Monday 9th December 2024



Nasal (recommended)

The nasal spray flu vaccination is most effective in preventing flu in children and recommended by the NHS

Please click [Yes - Nasal](#) to complete a nasal flu consent form



If your child cannot have the nasal flu vaccine due to religious beliefs or dietary reasons then there is an alternative available

Please click [Yes - Injectable](#) to complete an injectable consent form

No

If you do not wish your child to have either of these vaccinations.

Please complete a [No](#) form.

Please select one option per child. A parent or guardian ideally needs to respond with consent/dissent, but you do not have to. If you do respond then you MUST sign the response.

Included with this consent form is the NHS leaflet for you to read if you wish to know more about the vaccination, please go to www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2023.

This vaccination is not routinely given in your GP practice unless your child has a pre-existing long term health condition. All children are eligible for the vaccine in School.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN ELECTRONIC OR PAPER FLU CONSENT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, YOU DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE CONSENT AGAIN

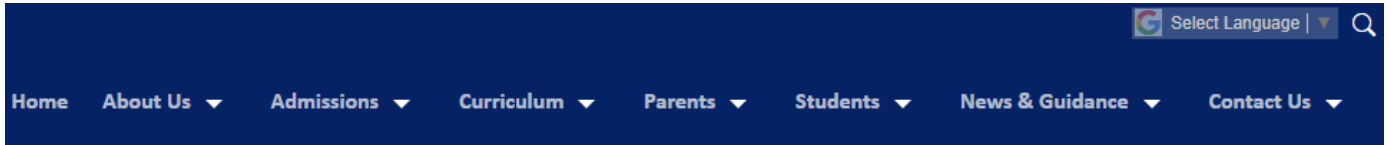
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Google Translate

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Lowry Academy is very proud to be a multicultural community. We have over 230 EAL enrolled students who, together, have over 40 different nations of origin. We want all our parents and carers to have full access to the information available on our website. If you need to view any information in a different language, we do have a Google Translate option available. You will find this at the top of our website, just click the down arrow button:



You can then choose the language you wish to view the website in:



This is available on any device and will help you keep up to date with school events, information on homework etc.



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Uniform Donations

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you so much for your donations for our Pre-Loved uniform shop. Please continue to send in uniform, coats, PE kit and shoes and trainers, but not normal clothes please.

We have had a good start with shirts, PE kits, coats and trousers donated so far.

We have 15 Greggs vouchers left, so if you do have the time to bag up any of the above please bring it into school for the attention of Mrs Smith in G4.



DONATE TO OUR PRE-LOVED SHOP

We are reaching out to ask for your generous donations to our Pre-Loved Shop!

Some of our families who join us have very little, and we know children outgrow uniform/clothing items quickly. If you have any items that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, and that are still in a good condition, please consider donating them to our free shop. We are looking for:

- Academy Blazers
- Blue V-Neck Jumpers
- White School Shirts
- Black Trousers
- Academy Skirts
- Ties
- Academy PE Kits
- Coats
- Hats/Scarves/Gloves
- Backpacks
- Shoes/Trainers
- Personal Hygiene Items

Your contributions will mean so much to our families in need.

Donations can be handed directly to the main office by yourself or your child.

Thank you for your support!

 **GREGGS**





As a small token of thanks, we are offering £5 Greggs Vouchers to the first 20 people to donate full bags!

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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
Thursday 5th December	Year 11	Parents Evening
Friday 6th December	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 9th December	All Families	Nurses in school – flu vaccination
Tuesday 17th December	All Families	Student Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th December	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
 Friday 20th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025   Christmas Holiday 		
Monday 6th January 2025	All Families	Planning Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
Thursday 16th January 2025	Year 10	Parents Evening
Monday 27th January 2025	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations
Friday 31st January 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students

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