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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

As we move through another busy and positive week in school, I would like to draw your attention to an important upcoming change to our canteen payment system. We will be transitioning from ParentPay to Arbor Pay - full details can be found in this week's communications. Thank you in advance for your support with this change as we continue to streamline our systems for families.

Our Year 11 students are now entering the final stretch of their GCSE examinations, with their last exams taking place next week. As always, we are incredibly proud of their determination, resilience and hard work throughout this demanding period. We are very much looking forward to celebrating their achievements at their leavers' event next week.

This week, students have also been actively engaging with World Environment Day. Our student council environment ambassadors organised a fantastic sustainability stall in the centre of school, where they educated their peers and hosted a range of fun and informative activities. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and leadership around such an important global issue.

Looking ahead, there is much to celebrate as we approach the end of the academic year. We have a wide range of trips, events and celebrations planned, recognising the many achievements of our students across all areas of school life. It promises to be a fantastic end to the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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4th June 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Notice of early closure on Thursday 18th June

I am writing to inform you that school will close early at **1:45pm on Thursday, 18th June**, to allow for our annual event, where we celebrate our Year 11 officially leaving school.

Lunch will still be available for all students, with service beginning at **1:00pm**. Following lunch, students will be registered at **1:40pm** and then dismissed shortly afterwards.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Ms S Wells

Assistant Principal

Principal Mrs C Coy

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12 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Change to School Canteen Payment System (ParentPay to Arbor Pay)

We would like to inform you that we will be changing our school canteen payment system from ParentPay to Arbor Pay.

The changeover will take place on Friday 3rd July.

What you need to know:

- All existing Canteen balances on ParentPay will be automatically transferred to Arbor Pay.
- You do not need to take any action regarding your current balance.
- Please do not add any further funds to ParentPay after 11:00pm on Thursday 2nd July, to allow for a smooth transition.
- You will be able to add funds to your child's canteen account via Arbor Pay from Saturday 4th July.

Setting up Arbor Pay:

- Instructions on how to set up your Arbor Pay account will be shared next week.
- You will be able to start adding funds to your child's account via Arbor Pay from Saturday 4th July.

Support for families: If you experience any difficulties setting up your Arbor Pay account, students can still bring cash into school, which can be added to their account using the Reval machines on site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully

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Mr M Passey
Cluster Operations Manager

Principal Mrs C Coy

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Year 11 Preparation – Saturday School

	Saturday
	13th June 2026
9:00am to 11:00am	Science Miss Hindle
11:00am to 1:00pm	Science Miss Hindle

KS3 English and Maths Exam Schedule Summer 2026

To support your child's preparation for their end-of-year examinations, they have been provided with a revision booklet outlining the topics to be revised for each subject being assessed. An electronic copy of this booklet is also available at: www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/end-of-year-assessments and within your child's TEAMS area.

Exams (with the exception of English and Maths) will take place during timetabled lessons in the week(s) indicated below:

Year	Week beginning 11 th May	Week beginning 18 th May	MAY HALF TERM	Week beginning 1 st June	Week beginning 8 th June	Week beginning 15 th June	Week beginning 22 nd June
7	REVISE	REVISE	REVISE	REVISE & D&T Exam	REVISE & Comp Sci Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & History Exam Geography Exam RE Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & Maths Exams English Exams (in the Sports Hall) Science Exam
8	REVISE	REVISE		REVISE & D&T Exam	REVISE & Comp Sci Exam Science Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & History Exam Geography Exam RE Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & Maths Exams English Exams (in the Sports Hall)
9	REVISE	REVISE		REVISE & D&T Exams Science Exam	REVISE & Comp Sci Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & History Exam Geography Exam RE Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & Maths Exams English Exams (in the Sports Hall)

KS3 English and Maths Exam Schedule – Summer 2026

English and Maths exams will take place on the following days and will be sat in the Sports Hall between Friday 19th June and Wednesday 24th June.

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	19.06.26	22.06.26	23.06.26	24.06.26
Form Time				
Period 1 09:00 - 10:05	Y7 Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator (45mins) 09:10-09:55	Y7 English Reading (50mins) 09:05-09:55	Y7 English Writing (45mins) 09:10-09:55	Y7 Maths Paper 2 Non-Calculator (45mins) 09:00-09:55
Period 2 10:05 - 11:05				
BREAK				
Period 3 11:20 - 12:20	Y8 English Reading (50mins) 11:30-12:20			Y8 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (45mins) 11:30-12:15
Period 4 12:20 - 13:20		Y9 Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator (45mins) 12:30-13:15	Y9 English Reading (45mins) 12:30-13:15	
LUNCH				
Period 5 14:00 - 15:00	Y9 English Writing (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y8 Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y8 English Writing (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y9 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (45mins) 14:10-14:55

Quality of Education

Curriculum Spotlight – MFL

Why study Spanish?

Spanish opens doors to global opportunities: it's spoken by over 500 million people across five continents. Learning Spanish boosts communication, cultural awareness, and career prospects. Learning another language is an opportunity to connect to diverse communities worldwide and become global citizens.



What Students are learning this half term and why it's Important

Year 7 students recently finished a topic on their town. They learnt how to describe their house and their town, as well as the different activities they can do there and where they would like to live in the future. This is a topic which will be revisited in Year 9 and Year 11.

Year 8 have just finished a unit on school and work, learning how to give opinions on things such as their school rules and describe what they would change about their school if they had the opportunity. They also had lessons on giving opinions about different career choices and discussing their future plans. These topics are covered again in Year 10.

Year 9's final topic this year was all about the environment and how we can help people in our local community. This links nicely to our school value of respect, and is a unit which is revisited in Year 11.

Year 10 also completed a unit on school, the world of work and future plans. They have also been preparing for their speaking exams.

Year 11 have been completing exam practise in all lessons after successfully completing their speaking exams last half term.

All students in Year 7-10 are sitting their end of year exams this week and next week. We wish them all the best of luck.

¡HOLA!

How you can support at home

- KS3 and Y10 – Completing Languagenut revision, working through the revision materials linked in the revision booklet
- Y10 – Completing tasks from their revision guides and workbooks
- Y10 – Revising vocabulary from their red books. Please ask to see their look, cover, write, check revision.
- Y10 – Revising and practising for their speaking exams. Please practise their flashcards with them.
- Offer to watch a film/TV programme in Spanish with your child. The language can be easily changed on most

Fun Spanish Challenge

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Fun Spanish Challenge

Ask your child:

Year 7 – To give their opinion about their town.

Year 8 – To give you examples of school rules.

Year 9 – To describe environmental problems in their city.

Year 10 – To give opinions about teachers.

Year 11 – To explain the present, past and future verb endings in Spanish.



In other news..

Our Y8 student Nathan entered the Anthea Bell Prize for young translators in Spanish where he needed to complete a set of translations and interpretation of texts in Spanish. He entered for level 3, and he has been commended by the Translation Exchange, the organising body of the Anthea Bell Prize. Well done and Congratulations!

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.

Education with Character: Student Leadership in Action



At The Lowry Academy, our commitment to Education with Character is brought to life every day through the actions, voices and values of our students. This term is a powerful reminder that leadership is not just about titles – it is about service, integrity and making a positive difference.



Environment day in Action

Student Council Environment Day events continued this week with a wide range of activities and initiatives. Students took part in a “Task in from Time” challenge, daily litter pick blitzes, and the sharing of sustainability facts throughout the week. Lunchtime sustainability fairs provided a great opportunity for students to exchange ideas, while the launch of a poster competition and “Planet Pledges” in the pods encouraged further engagement. Our Environment Ambassadors truly stepped up to the mark, demonstrating passion, enthusiasm, and leadership in promoting a more sustainable future across the school.

Student Leadership

Year 10 began the next stage of their leadership journey this week, attending interviews to join the Senior Student Leadership Team as Gold Ties and Prefects. Their applications clearly demonstrated their character and values in action, and the interviews themselves were a pleasure to observe. Students were confident, articulate, and passionate, showing a genuine desire to make a real difference within the school. The Year 9 Student Council also played an important role, stepping in as guest interviewers. They did a fantastic job, showing professionalism and insight while interviewing their peers.



Lowry House Escape Room Challenge

On Tuesday students from all four houses put their teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test this week in an exciting Escape Room challenge. Working together under pressure, they tackled a series of puzzles, clues, and tasks, demonstrating resilience, communication, and quick thinking throughout. The event created a real buzz, with students showing great determination and collaboration. It was fantastic to see so many participants embracing the challenge and supporting one another to succeed—well done to everyone involved!

These experiences together highlight our students’ commitment to character, values, and virtues in action—demonstrating teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and a shared desire to contribute positively to our school community.

As always, thank you for supporting our work on Education with Character. You can further strengthen these values at home by encouraging children to try new things, reflect on challenges, celebrate effort, and show kindness within the family and community. Together, we help our young people grow into confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals.

Education With Character

Celebrating Success this week

House Points Update:

Pankhurst
370,754

Kingsley
392,618

Delaney
371,736

Turing
408,828



Total Points

Year 7
392,395

Year 8
374,209

Year 9
244,429

Year 10
282,327

Year 11
248,858



Golden Tickets

Year 7
4,920

Year 8
3,550

Year 9
2,959

Year 10
3,103

Year 11
810



Values Cards

Year 7
3,125

Year 8
3,578

Year 9
3,297

Year 10
3,103

Year 11
1,827



Bronze Awards

Year 7
161

Year 8
161

Year 9
110

Year 10
170

Year 11
166



Silver Awards

Year 7
37

Year 8
43

Year 9
22

Year 10
6

Year 11
4



Gold Awards

Year 7
11

Year 8
5

Year 9
4

Year 10
0

Year 11
0

House Events This Term

10 House Points per event attended for you and your House!

House Events this term ...

This half term we have a fantastic line-up of House events designed to bring students together, spark creativity, and ignite a little friendly competition. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to see students getting involved and earning those all-important House points!

Friday 19th June – Guess the Country with Miss King

Friday 26th June – Guess the Sound Round 2 – with Miss Ballantyne

Thursday 2nd July – Spelling Bee with Miss Shackleton

Wednesday 8th July – Paper Planes with Miss Stubbs

House Winners Celebration Event

If you have any ideas for house events that you would like to see next month, please pass these to our student council and house captains.

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 16 th June	Year 7	Science Kings Centre Trip
Thursday 18 th June	Year 11	Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 25 th & Friday 26 th June	Year 6	Year 6 Transition Days
Friday 26 th June	Year 10	College Taster Day
Monday 29 th June	Year 10	Mock Interviews
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 7	MiSST Residential Parent's Evening
Tuesday 30 th June	KS3	Salford Children's Book Awards
Thursday 2 nd July	All Families	Sports Day
Friday 3 rd July	Year 11	Prom
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 7	Grammar Stream Celebration Evening
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 7	MiSST Residential
Friday 10 th July	Year 10	North West Computer Museum Trip
Thursday 16 th July	All Families	Final Day of Half-Term 6



Lowry Fest 2026

Saturday 11th July 2026 12pm - 3pm

We would love for you to join us for an afternoon filled with fun, community spirit, and celebration.

LowryFest 2026 will bring together families, students, staff, and the wider community for a fantastic day of entertainment, activities, food, and stalls. It's set to be a memorable occasion and with your support, we hope to make it bigger and better than ever.

We're Looking for Stall Holders and would like to invite the following to host a stall and be part of the event:

Local businesses
Community groups and organisations
Creative individuals and makers

Whether you sell products, offer services, run activities, or simply want to showcase what you do, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with local families and be part of something special.

Please help us spread the word because the more people involved, the better. Together, we can make LowryFest 2026 a day to remember.

Interested in Having a Stall?

Please complete our Stall Holder Expression of Interest Form and tell us a little more about what you would like to offer:

Registration Form:
LowryFest 2026 Stall Holder Registration Form

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Email: ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk
Telephone: 0161 529 5200 (Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:00pm)

Please ask to speak with Sarra Smith, Transition and Community Lead.

We look forward to welcoming you to LowryFest 2026!



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Lowry Fest 2026

CALLING ALL STALLHOLDERS!

We're looking for local businesses, makers, crafters, food vendors and community stalls to join us for a fun-filled summer event!

Interested in having a stall?

Please email ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk



or

Call our school number on **0161 529 5200** and ask to speak to Sarra Smith.



 **Saturday 11th July 2026**

 **12pm – 3pm**

 **The Lowry Academy,
Hilton Lane, Worsley,
M28 0SY**



School Fair ■ Summer School Fair ■ Summer School Fair



Pre-Loved Shop



The Pre – Loved Shop that we launched last year proved the kindness and generosity that our parents and carers always share when it comes to supporting our school events, our food bank, fundraisers and our community at large.

So far this year we have helped over 40 families and now we find our pre-loved uniform running low.

If you have any pre-loved or unused uniform including blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, ties and also P.E kit, please can you send it in to school with your child or bring in your donations to our main office. Feet grow quickly, so any shoes or trainers will also be gratefully received.

We are also creating some hygiene packs so if you have spare toiletries you can send in to us we would be most grateful.

We will be accepting uniform donations from Monday June 8th until the end of the academic year so please check your wardrobes and drawers and send in what you can. All donations will be gifted a bag of sweet treats in return as a thank you.

Please know how much we value and appreciate your support. The need for assistance is greater than ever, with many families turning to us for help with the cost of school uniforms, especially those who have recently arrived in our country and have little support available as they settle into a new community.

Thank you in advance for taking the time and making the effort to continue to support us with this initiative.

Mrs Smith, Transition and Community Lead



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WALKDEN IN BLOOM

Join us for

LITTER PICKS

with Walkden in Bloom!



EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH



13 JUNE



11 JULY



8 AUGUST



12 SEPTEMBER

All welcome!
Let's make a
difference.



Let's keep
Walkden
beautiful
together!



Meet at:

Hug in a Mug @ 10:30am

2 High Street, Walkden, M28 3JH



all equipment provided,
free refreshments afterwards,
good mood guaranteed! ♥

Salford City Council



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Drop in!

Salford's Neurodiversity Network

A space for you to come and talk to services, meet other parents and families, learn about strategies and ask questions linked to your child's neurodevelopmental needs.



Monday 15th June 2026

Drop in between 9.30am and 11:30am

Pendleton Gateway, 1 Broadwalk

Pendleton

M6 5FX

What's on this month?

- Drop in to talk, ask questions, and access support from Salford services
- Meet other parents/families and have a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
- Bring in toys you don't use that are in good condition for a **"Toy Trade"** and swap it with a different one
- Opportunity to win prize vouchers!



Who is the Neurodiversity Network for?

The Neurodiversity Network sessions are for parents / carers of a neurodivergent child. Your child does not require a diagnosis for you to attend.

Why come along?

- A first point of contact to support your child's neurodevelopmental needs
- Get advice tailored to your child and family's needs
- Connect with others and build your support network
- Discover local services and resources



Sessions will be held across Salford each month

Contact us for more information: adminneurodevelopment@salford.gov.uk