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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we come to the end of another busy and productive week at the Academy, I'd like to take a moment to share some of our highlights and updates with you.

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 11 students, who have now officially begun their GCSE exams in the Sports Hall this week. They've made a fantastic start, and we are proud of the calm, focused way they've approached these early assessments. Their first whole-cohort core exam - English Literature - is on Monday, and in preparation, our brilliant English Department will be in school tomorrow (Saturday) offering additional revision sessions. We strongly encourage students to attend if they are able.

We know that the exam season can be a stressful time, not only for students but for families too. Please remember that we are here to help in any way we can - don't hesitate to reach out to us if you or your child need support, guidance, or just someone to talk to.

For our KS3 parents/carers, you will have received emails this week regarding their upcoming mock exams. All students have received revision booklets and had assemblies to help them understand what to expect, how to prepare, and what materials they will need. We encourage students to begin their revision early and make use of the resources provided.

This week, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting trip to Chester Zoo, following on from their recent climate change and sustainability workshops. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life, and the students represented the Academy brilliantly.

We were also delighted to welcome musicians from the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) into school. They led an inspiring workshop with a group of our students and gave a live performance

during lunchtime, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you and your families enjoy the sunshine over the weekend. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Warm regards, Claire Coy



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Key Stage 3 End of Year Mock Exams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Information regarding the forthcoming Key Stage 3 End of Year Mock Exams has been emailed to you today.

Please note that the exams will take place during the week beginning 23rd June 2025. This week, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have received their revision booklets, along with essential information that will assist them in planning and preparing for these important assessments.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Yours faithfully,

Miss Samantha Wells

Assistant Principal (Assessment Data and Interventions)



Celebrating Success this Week - Bronze and Silver Awards

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the following students in earning their Bronze or Silver Award for their continued hard work and dedication to school and achieving 1,000 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 is 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 or Silver 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** Award Winners:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 10
Zosia A	Abner C	Hosey O
Ethan A	Carmen L D R	
Ching Nam C	Ethan N	
Amrik D		
King N		

Well done and congratulations to **Silver** Award Winners:

Year 8 Deeva N T

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Jones Teacher of MFL Literacy & Oracy Lead



Parent Pay - Year 7 Students

Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to bring to your attention that many Year 7 parents and carers have not yet signed up for a ParentPay account. This account is essential for adding funds to your child's account for school trips or for purchasing food within school.

If you require a code to sign up or if you are experiencing difficulties signing into your existing account, please do not hesitate to contact us at ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sarra Smith

Transition & Community Lead



Supporting Pupils' Mental Health

Parents and Carers Webinar 12th May at 4pm

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to share with you details from The Anna Freud Centre, who will be hosting a mental health and wellbeing webinar specifically designed for parents, carers, and teachers. This session will take place on Monday, 12th May at 4pm and will be guided by experienced trainers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain insights into mental health and wellbeing, and we encourage you to register your interest through the link below. Participants will also have the chance to submit any questions they may have prior to the session.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lyB7OzDxNkCiCd9_O8wlcD-kfYSdJeZCmg2M7WldEldUN0pQSU1LQVFVQ0ZBSTI5RDdQUFM3MzI3Ry4u

Should you sign up but find yourself unable to attend, do not worry. A recording of the session will be made available to all registrants.

Please feel free to share this information with other parents and carers within our community. Your engagement is invaluable in supporting a positive mental health culture.

Yours faithfully,

The Lowry Academy



The Voice of Young People Parents and Carers Webinar 16th June at 6pm

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from the countrywide interest in Adolescence, Kooth have advised us that they have seen an increase in parents/carers becoming more aware of the well-being of their children and young people.

In response to this, Kooth have asked us to share information about a virtual webinar around the wellbeing of young people specifically for parents and carers in Salford. This informative session will take place on Monday, 16th June at 6pm.

The webinar will provide insight into Salford-specific data obtained from the #BeeWell survey and Kooth, highlighting important topics, themes, and prevalent issues affecting our young people today. Furthermore, it will outline the free, anonymous mental health support available through Kooth and Qwell, ensuring that both young individuals and adults can access the assistance they may need.

To register for the webinar or to receive a recording of the session, please click the link below: Kooth Parent & Carer Webinar - The Voice of Young People.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our young people.





English (ESOL) and Spanish Lessons for Parents

Dear Parents / Carers,

At The Lowry Academy, we offer **English (ESOL)** and **Spanish** lessons for parents of all levels – whether you are just starting out or looking to improve your existing skills.

If you are interested and would like more information about these classes, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sulowska at monika.sulowska@lowryacademy.org.uk.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our lessons!

Yours faithfully,

Monika Sulowska

Leader and Teacher of EAL





Walkden in Bloom

We have received a request from Salford Council to inform you about an upcoming event, the Walkden in Bloom litter pick. This community initiative will take place on Saturday, 10th May, starting at 10:30am. Participants are invited to meet at Hug in a Mug before getting involved in this important effort to beautify our neighbourhood.

We encourage you to participate and make a positive impact in our local environment.



Walkden in Bloom Community Litter Pick





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		
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 10	Geography Fieldwork Trip		
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd May	Year 7 – 10	NGRT testing all week		
Friday 23 rd May 2025	All Families	Students finish for half-term		
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025				
Half-Term Holiday				
Monday 2 nd June 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration		
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Year 11	All GCSE Exams End		
Thursday 26 th June	Year 10	Salford College Trip		