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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well, it has been another busy and positive week in school.

I would like to remind you that school will close early at 2pm on Thursday, 2nd October. This early closure will give us time to prepare for what promises to be our busiest ever Open Evening. We are thrilled to share that we have had a record number of families sign up, and we are so excited to showcase everything that makes The Lowry Academy special. During the evening, parents and visitors will have the opportunity to watch live lessons in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, and Spanish. There will also be a range of exhibitions and information stalls across the school to explore. I will be delivering a talk, joined by several of our inspiring student leaders, who will share their experiences and achievements.

Many of our students will be staying behind to support the event, whether through guiding families, assisting in departments, or speaking about life at The Lowry Academy. If your child has been invited to help, they will already have received a letter. Please ensure the confirmation slip is returned as soon as possible so that we can finalise arrangements.

Next Thursday, we will be holding a Macmillan Cake Sale. We would be so grateful for any cakes that students are able to bring in - whether homemade or shop bought - to help us support this excellent cause (please ensure no nuts are included and that a list of ingredients is provided). We would also encourage students to bring along a little spare change so they can enjoy the cakes on sale. Thank you in advance for your generosity, which we know will make a real difference.

We are also very excited to be welcoming award-winning children's author Tom Palmer at the end of next week. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear directly from an inspiring writer and to further encourage a love of reading.

Finally, there are still a few places available on our Valencia trip in February. We have worked hard to keep the price as low as possible, and this trip is always a truly exciting opportunity for our students to broaden their horizons and experience another culture. If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip included in this week's communication.

We are very proud of our students and staff, and we look forward to welcoming so many families through our doors on 2nd October. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





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19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that school will close slightly earlier than usual on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 in order for staff to prepare for our annual Open Evening. On this day, students will finish school at 2:00pm.

The Open Evening is an important opportunity for us to showcase the school to our future students and their families, and we are grateful for your support in enabling us to prepare fully for this event.

A reminder that Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is a staff INSET day, and the school will be closed to students.

School will resume as normal on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Fletcher  
**Senior Vice Principal**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to propose a school tour to Valencia, Spain to support our curriculum plans for Spanish and enhance learning experiences within the school. We have 5 places remaining in total.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- 3 days (2 nights) in Valencia.
- Departs on Monday 16th February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- Returns on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- The cost is £695 per pupil payable by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

This price includes:

- Outbound & Return Flights (Manchester-Valencia)
- One item of checked in luggage
- Bed & Breakfast accommodation in a central location
- Airport transfers and assistance in both the UK and Spain
- Travel Insurance
- All trips and visits whilst in Valencia

This trip is being offered to all students. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis upon return of the expression of interest consent slip below. These should be given directly to Miss Jones in the MFL department. We will contact you to confirm that your child has successfully been allocated a place and with further details about payment.

The itinerary for the trip will include but is not limited to guided visits of Valencia Old Town and a town trail, a guided tour of Mestalla FC Valencia and Las Fallas Museum and a visit to the Valencia Science Museum & Oceanographic aquarium. There will be plenty of opportunities to take in the sights of Valencia and experience Spanish culture.

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has adequate spending money for the trip and enough to cover both lunch and snacks for 3 days (approximately £10 per meal, per day). They will also require a current and valid passport with at least 6 months remaining from the departure date. Please note that non-UK passport holders may also require an additional visa for entry into Spain.

Payment of £695 would be no later than 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025. An initial deposit of £150 is required to secure a place once this has been confirmed and a payment schedule will be sent to you accordingly. Interim payments can be made at your discretion. All payments should be made directly via Parent Pay. This will be confirmed in writing for you with full instructions regarding payment once places have been allocated.

The trip is booked through PGL Group who work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. Should you require any further information about this exciting opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact me by email [sarah.jones@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jones@lowryacademy.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Sarah Jones**  
**Assistant Principal – Personal Development**

**Please complete and return this section to: Sarah Jones**

**MFL Valencia 2026**

I give permission for ..... to attend the **Valencia 2026** visit.

☐ Yes

I also give permission for my son/daughter to have their photograph taken as part of the day and may be used on the school website & newsletter etc. (tick as appropriate)

☐ No

Whilst I accept that all reasonable care and attention will be undertaken, I understand that the teachers cannot be held responsible for any accident beyond their control or any situation arising from the lack of following instruction or guidance.

**Emergency Details**

Name.....

Contact Phone Number .....

Does your child have any medical conditions/allergies etc or dietary requirements that need to be taken into consideration? YES/NO

If yes, please give details:

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.....

Signature of Parent/ Carer: .....

Date .....

# Quality of Education

## MiSST Instrument Handout – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 5.15pm – 6.45pm



Tuesday 7th October will be a truly exciting milestone at The Lowry Academy, as every Year 7 student receives their very own orchestral instrument through our partnership with the Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST). This special moment marks the beginning of an incredible musical journey, one that will inspire confidence, creativity and a sense of pride in every child. Playing an instrument is a privilege that opens doors to new skills, friendships and opportunities, and we cannot wait to see our students grow in both music and self-belief as they take this important step. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us from 5.15pm for this celebratory handout and share in this proud moment as our students begin their MiSST journey.

## Teaching & Learning Reminders



**Homework Catch-up Detentions:** Years 7 & 9 - Tuesday (3pm), Year 8 & 10 - Wednesday (3pm), Year 11 - Thursday or Friday (Lunchtime).

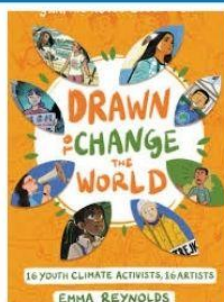
**Equipment for lessons** - 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, ruler, eraser.

## Recommended Reads



**KS3**  
**The Lord of The Flies Graphic Novel**

A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors, a group of schoolboys. By day, they explore the dazzling beaches. By night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast and of what they've lost.



**KS4**  
**Drawn to Change the World**  
By Emma Reynolds

Emma Reynolds shines a spotlight on sixteen incredible youth activists from around the world who are fighting to protect the planet and all life on Earth.

**"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."**  
W.B. Yeats

**Visiting Author Tom Palmer will be in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

## Home Learning



**Homework isn't about "more work" - it's about better learning.**

- **+5 months' progress:** Pupils who regularly complete homework make, on average, five months of additional progress (EEF).
- **Improves memory** – revisiting work after class makes it easier to recall later.
- **Boosts understanding** – gives you extra practice so knowledge "sticks" better.
- **Closes gaps** – gives you a chance to catch up if something didn't click in class.
- **Encourages resilience** – working through challenges builds problem-solving skills.

Access our online library - [The Lowry Academy UK](https://www.thelowryacademy.co.uk)

## Celebration Station



Our Celebration Station is held every Tuesday and Thursday lunch time.

This is an opportunity for all students to show us work that they are proud of and talk about this with our Student Leaders.

The focus next week is work that shows a strong start in all subjects with a focus on independent practice.



# Rewards & House System

## Points Update

### House Points:

Pankhurst  
**20,349**

Kingsley  
**20,626**

Delaney  
**21,193**

Turing  
**19,926**



### Total Points

#### Year 7

18,707

#### Year 8

17,801

#### Year 9

12,778

#### Year 10

15,725

#### Year 11

17,135



### Golden Tickets

#### Year 7

266

#### Year 8

285

#### Year 9

234

#### Year 10

181

#### Year 11

114



### Values Cards

#### Year 7

290

#### Year 8

220

#### Year 9

232

#### Year 10

142

#### Year 11

96

**Total points this year = 82,213**

## Rewards & House Reminders

### Upcoming house events this term:

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Games on yard/Pods
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	House Dodgeball
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	House Tower building challenge
Thursday 2nd October	Games on yard/Pods
Thursday 16th October	House table tennis
Thursday 23rd October	House Family fortunes

Students can visit **The Celebration Station** every Tuesday and Thursday to share their fantastic work and collect Golden Tickets.

They can enter our raffle by posting their **Values Cards** in the blue post box to enter every Tuesday and Thursday.

Students can take part in our **weekly house events** to collect house points.



# Rewards & House System

## Celebrating success this week!

Well done to our top 20 students who have the most house points this year so far, and a special congratulations to Year 7 who are leading the way with this!

1,000 house points needed to get your bronze award!

Student	Year	Points	Points to Bronze Award
Georgie R	8	260	740
Hameedah H	7	259	741
Buyi D	9	239	761
Hannah I	9	222	778
Deeva N	9	215	785
Sienna H	7	209	791
Kaylee P	7	200	800
Dara W	7	199	801
Hollie M	7	196	804
Excel E	7	194	806
Samira S	9	194	806
Viha S	8	191	809
Kelby-Sue D	9	190	810
Jamie-Lee W	7	189	811
Pearl E	11	181	819
Millie K	7	179	821
Nahla M	8	179	821
Hannah F	7	178	822
Brody C	7	178	822
Rosie R	7	174	826





# Cake Sale

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**



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Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been asked to share the following flyer from Salford Youth Hub. Young Shoots is a new photography social club running every Thursday from 6-8pm at Bridgewater Youth Centre, Little Hulton.

This is open to all young people – no experience needed:

# YOUNG SHOOTS SOCIAL CLUB



## SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

GO OUTDOORS, CAPTURE LOCAL WILDLIFE  
AND HIDDEN CORNERS OF SALFORD

SHARE YOUR SHOTS AND IDEAS  
WITH OTHERS IN A CHILLED, CREATIVE SPACE

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST CURIOSITY**

THURSDAYS, 6-8PM  
BRIDGEWATER YOUTH CENTRE  
LITTLE HULTON

CONTACT **ROB FULTON**  
TEL **07812 760767**  
EMAIL **ROBERT.FULTON@SALFORD.GOV.UK**



# THE VALUES LAB

## Growth & Teamwork in Action

Tian Cheng Temple Youth Engagement

Calling all youths age 10 to 17!

What's a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than having fun, learning and playing?

Exciting games and activities await as we learn how to nourish our mind, body and soul!



**21 September 2025**

Sunday

2pm - 5.30pm



**Tian Cheng Temple**

Madams Wood Rd, Worsley,  
Little Hulton, Manchester M28 0JUE

Contact **Cathy (+44 7952 951036)**  
or **Cindy (+44 7752 545590)** to  
sign up today!







Join us for

# Vegan Fest

**Charity Market & Vegan Food**

20 September 2025

Saturday

10.30am to 4pm

Tian Cheng Temple

Madams Wood Road, Worsley, Little Hulton, Manchester, M28 0JU

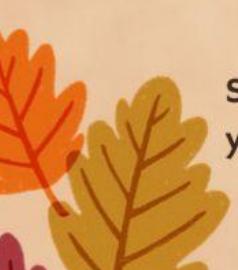


Enjoy a day of fun activities, hot food, pastries, desserts, handmade jewelry and baskets, and much more!

Free entry

Scan the QR code or access the link below to purchase your coupons. Each coupon comes with £10 value to be used at any food stalls

<https://tinyurl.com/veganfestcharity>



## 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	All Families	European Languages Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	All Families	Author Tom Palmer Visit
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	All Families	European day of Languages
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11	Deadline for final payment of Y11 Residential
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents of Y5/6 Students	Open Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Families	National Poetry Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	All Families	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7	MiSST Instrument Ceremony
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	All Families	School closes for half-term at 3pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	All Families	Half term

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