

Weekly Parent Communications



Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our Year 6 students into school over the past two days for their transition activities. They have made a wonderful impression—full of enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness. Our staff have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them, and we are already looking forward to seeing them again in September as they officially begin their journey with us in Year 7.

At the other end of the school, we prepare to say farewell to our Year 11 students next week as they come to the end of their time with us. Their Leavers' Assembly will take place on Tuesday, which is always a special occasion filled with memories laughter and shirt signings! A reminder that school will close early on Tuesday to allow all staff to attend the assembly and give Year 11 the send-off they truly deserve. Following this, we look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students at their Prom on Wednesday evening. This is always a highlight of the year and a fantastic opportunity for students to come together one final time in glamour and style!

In this week's communication, you will also find a letter about our upcoming Cultural Heritage Day on Tuesday 8th July. This is set to be a fantastic day, with a variety of events taking place to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community. If your child would like to take part in the Heritage Dress Parade, please ensure they speak to Miss Jones in good time to register their interest.

We've also included our third Quality of Education update, and I hope you are finding these helpful in understanding more about what your child is learning. Each week, we share the winning Forms for homework, and I'm delighted to tell you that in Sparx Maths, we were third nationally! This is an incredible achievement and reflects the hard work of our students and staff. Another key area in this week's update is the Curriculum Spotlight, which highlights the pages and topics that students should be focusing on. Parents, please do feel free to quiz your child on these pages —it's a great way to support their learning at home.

As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a busy and successful year so far, and I am proud of the achievements of all our students. We will be in touch again before the end of term with further updates and information.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards, Claire Coy





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Dear Parent/Carer,

Celebrating Cultural Heritage Day – Tuesday 8th July

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 8th July**, The Lowry Academy will be holding a **Cultural Heritage Day** as part of our Enrichment Day programme.

This special day will be a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultural backgrounds that make up our school community. With over 40 different nations of origin represented within our student and staff body, this is a brilliant opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the richness of our identities, traditions, and shared global connections.

The theme of the day is: **"Exploring cultural heritage – what it means, why it matters, and how it connects us all."**

Throughout the day, students will engage in activities designed to deepen their understanding of cultural heritage — from exploring music, language, food, and clothing to reflecting on personal and collective identity. We believe that learning about and appreciating different cultures helps build mutual respect, encourages curiosity, and fosters a strong sense of belonging and community.

Heritage Dress and Showcase Parade

As part of the celebrations, students are invited to attend school wearing **heritage dress** that reflects and honours their cultural background. This could be traditional clothing, colours, or accessories that represent a part of their identity or family history.

We will also be holding a **Heritage Clothing Showcase Parade** at the end of the day to celebrate all those who take part. Please note:

- This is **not a non-uniform day** students who are not wearing heritage dress should attend in full school uniform.
- Participation in the showcase parade is by invitation only. Interested students should speak with **Miss Jones** for further details and apply via the Microsoft Form shared on Teams for authorisation. This should be completed by Friday 27th June at the latest.

All students are invited to attend school wearing appropriate heritage clothing and will be provided with a pass permitting this upon completion of the Microsoft Form. Again, this should be completed no later than Friday 27th June. Passes will be issued to students On Friday 4th July. Please note that any students who are unsuitably dressed will be asked to return home and change.

Students in Year 8 and Year 9 should attend school in PE kit to support the activities taking place throughout the day. They have the option to change into heritage clothing when not completing these activities. This day aligns with and promotes our school values, and we look forward to seeing students celebrate who they are and where they come from. If you have any questions or would like to support the day in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Families,

Thank you to those of you who have recently signed up to use our Arbor App. We are pleased to see a steady increase in the uptake of the App, particularly by the parents and carers of our Year 9 and 10 students who have the week seen the biggest reduction in the number of lapsed users from last week!

Please remember the Arbor App is our primary platform of communication between school and home. The information available in the app is used to stay connected with us and to keep you up to date with your child's daily school life.

Our aim is to ensure every parent and carer has signed up to and make use of the Arbor App before we break for the summer holidays.



End of year reports will be sent out via the Arbor App on the 14th July, make sure you have the App installed to ensure you get your child's report

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Notifications

This week we will have a look at the notifications section of the Arbor App and how we use it to communicate with you.

"Push" Notifications

If you haven't turned off the permissions, the Arbor App will give you a "push" notification when we send you a message.



The quickest way to view the message is to tap on this notification, which will open the Arbor App. If you're already logged in, this should take you straight through to the message.

Find Messages Within the App

If you've not got push notifications set up, or you're not logged in when you tap on the message, you can still see when you have in-app messages to view at the bottom right of the main dashboard.



Whether or not a new message is highlighted with the red number, you can view your messages by tapping on the sicon.

Viewing Messages

This will take you to your account menu, from where you can tap to get to the messages section. You will then be able to see your messages on the page that this takes you to:

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You can view the full message by tapping on the message.

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In the future we will be starting to make more use of the Arbor App for messaging you about important information about your child.

We intend to use App Notifications to send out our end-of-year reports, so please make sure you are signed up to the app so that you don't miss out.

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Next Week

Next week we will taking a deeper dive into the behaviour data available, focusing on the different rewards your child can earn and the information about them that you can see in the Arbor App.

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Quality of Education

Sparx Leaderboard

Homework competition is by 4pm on Friday (Thursday 8am for Year 10). Winning Forms:





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Overall Best Form: **7D**

Access Homework: <u>Homework | Students | The Lowry Academy</u>

Celebration Station

Excellent use of Lowry Revision Strategies.



Next week's focus: Your best piece of work this year!

Curriculum Spotlight

Mastery - next week's focus:

8B

- Year 7 History Page 44
- Year 8 History Page 44
- Year 9 Science Page 37

Curriculum in Action:

Students should be revising End of Year Exams using 'The Lowry Way' of Revision:

- Look, Cover, Write, Check: Look at a key fact/section, cover up the information, write it down from memory, check answer and correct. Then repeat over several days!
- 2. **Flashcards:** Write question on one side and answer on another. Regularly test, put wrong cards into a 'learn again', and get parent to test you!
- Cornell Notes: Divide page into 3. Left column write questions. Right column – key notes. Bottom – Summary of main ideas.

Recommended Reads

KS3:



Quiet Storm By Kimberly Whittam -Winner of the Salford Children's book Awards 2025



Steady for This By Nathanael Lessore - a funny, light-heaterd read for after your assessments.

Values link: Resilience

Library updates/announcements: Collect 10 house points for each book that you read and 5 more when you submit a book review.

Access our Online Library: <u>The Lowry Academy UK - The Lowry Academy UK</u>

Teaching & Learning Reminders

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

KS4:

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

Rewards & House System

Points Update



Rewards & House Reminders

Upcoming house events this term:

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 3 rd July | Games on Yard (Lunchtime) |
| Tuesday 8 th July | Enrichment Day |
| Thursday 10 th July | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 15 th July | House Celebration Assembly/Event |

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!

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the following students achievement in earning their **Bronze/Siver/Gold Award** for their continued hard work and dedication to school and achieving **1000/2000/3000** house points.

This award reflects their perseverance, positive attitude, and commitment to doing their best in everything they set out to accomplish. We are incredible proud of our students for this accomplishment – it's 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/Silver/Gold 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 | | Silver |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 7 |
| Adam A | Hamza A | Oladipo A | Michelle O |
| Anya B | Ruby B | Anjola A | Amy K |
| Nataniel C | Buyi D | Khloe A | |
| Рорру Е | Jace F | Mariana C | Year 8 |
| Nevaeh H | Elle K | Alex C | Christopher Pedro R |
| Fatou J | Cabhan L | Mure D | David Grant U |
| Layla J | Folagbade M | Lillie D | Fleurette W |
| Amy K | Roman W | Habeebah H | Fleurette w |
| Olivia M | Bryan E | Natalia K | |
| Data P | Yasin M | Cayden K | Year 9 |
| Erick R | Tahmina N | Chanya L | Kira K |
| Levy T | | Andrew M | Alexis G |
| Gracie W | | Dara O | Hezio P |
| Firas A | Year 10 | Peyton R | |
| Ali I | Cole K | Victorija V | |
| Zoe I | Folahanmi O | Fallon W | |
| Maria M | Tom S | Joseph J | |
| Kevin P | Prince-Franck J V | Ellis O | |
| Kokob Kibrom S | | Temeghem T | |
| Ali S | | 2 | |
| Layla T | | | |
| Emily W | | | |
| Charley W | | | |
| Bobby W | | | |





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28 July to 29 August 2025

Free summer







#HAF 2025



holiday activities for 4 to 16 year olds in Salford





Salford's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is a package of support for children and young people on benefits related Free School Meals.

Whether its arts and crafts, dance, sports or drama, Salford's **#HAF2025** programme has something for everyone! A wide range of organisations have come together to deliver a range of activities across Salford.

HAF is free for school-aged children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Find out more at www.salford.gov.uk/HAF

If you don't receive benefits, you may be able to attend some of the clubs. A small number of places are available for other eligible groups. Additionally, some clubs also offer paid places alongside HAF-funded ones, charges may differ from club to club.

If you have 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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Salford City Council



PROJECT ance

----- SUMMER 4-16 DANCE CAMP

Join us for a summer of fun dance lessons that will get you competition ready! The sessions will cover a variety of categories such as set routine, solos, duos & teams. These sessions will work towards a project dance competition! £16 PER SESSION!

LOCATION DUKESGATE ACADEMY EARLESDON CRES, LITTLE HULTON, M38 9HF





HAF bookings for this site are taken through Salford Council's booking system EEQ

Visit the council's website for the link to book!

HAF FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE!

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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 |
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| Tuesday 1 st July | Al Families | Photographer in School |
| | Year 11 | Leavers' Assembly (Students only) |
| Wednesday 2 nd July | All Families | Photographer in School |
| | Year 11 | Prom |
| Thursday 3 rd July | Families with SEND | SEND Coffee Morning |
| Friday 4 th July | All Families | INSET Day – School closed to students |
| Tuesday 8 th July | All Families | Enrichment Day |
| Thursday 10 th July | All Families | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | All Families | Gold Reward Trip Day |

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