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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

This week has been another fantastic one for our students, with several teams representing the school with pride and determination in competitive sport.

On Monday, our Year 7 Boys Football Team secured an excellent victory in their match and now progress through to the second round of the GM Plate Competition – a superb achievement. The same day, our Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball Team delivered an outstanding performance, beating Star Academy 9–0 demonstrating excellent teamwork and skill. On Tuesday, our Year 9 and 10 Boys Basketball Team competed strongly in the UL Cluster Competition, finishing second overall – a result they should be extremely proud of. Well done to all students involved and thank you to the staff who continue to support and encourage our enrichment programme.

You will also find a letter in this week's communications outlining our work towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools. Supporting the wellbeing and mental health of our students and staff remains a key priority, and this award will help us further strengthen our provision across the school community. As part of this process, we are asking parents and carers to complete a short survey. Your feedback is extremely important in helping us identify what we are doing well and where we can improve.

If you have not yet done so, I would strongly encourage you to complete the survey by Friday 30th January. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views and for your continued support.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Wellbeing Award for Schools

We are pleased to share that our school will be working towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools. While we are proud of the positive environment we have already established, we are committed to continually improving the support and opportunities we offer for emotional wellbeing and mental health across our school community.

The Wellbeing Award for Schools promotes emotional wellbeing and mental health across the school community. It aims to make schools places emotional support by improving mental health provision for all pupils and staff. The award uses an evidence-based framework to drive positive change and ensure wellbeing sits at the heart of school life. Key areas include fostering a positive culture, involving stakeholders, supporting staff wellbeing, providing training, developing a clear vision and strategy, and building supportive networks.

As part of this process, we need your input. We kindly ask all parents and carers to complete a short survey. Your honest feedback will help us identify strengths and areas for development, enabling us to create a meaningful action plan that reflects the needs of our pupils, staff, and families.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. Your contribution is invaluable in helping us enhance our wellbeing provision for everyone. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please click on the link to complete the survey: [Click here](#)

Please complete the survey by Friday 30th January.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Jones
Senior Vice Principal (Secondment)



Year 11 Construction Plumbing Exams

Reminder!



A reminder that Year 11 Construction Plumbing Exams are taking place next week.

The assessment will take place in B4 during Periods 1 to 5, please see the timetable below for specific dates for each Form

Please ensure your child attends in full school uniform and on time.

Thank you for your support.

Dates:



Day	Date	Form
Monday	26 January	11C
Tuesday	27 January	11D
Wednesday	28 January	11B



Spanish Mock Exams

Year 11 Spanish Mock Exams are fast approaching!

Our Year 11 Spanish students are due to sit their speaking mock exams during the week commencing 9th February, and will be sitting their written exams after half term alongside their other mocks.

Here's how you can support your child to revise and prepare for their Spanish exams this week.

Last week all students chose the topic that will inform the photo description and general conversation portion of their speaking exam.

Please ask them about the topic they have chosen and sit with them to practise their conversation booklet/flashcards.

This week's homework is all about preparing for role plays and photo descriptions.

Higher tier students are invited to Period 7 on Tuesday this week in P5. You can find a link to a General Conversation booklet along with other useful revision materials here: [Year 11 Exam Information | Students | The Lowry Academy](#)



Quality of Education

Curriculum Spotlight – Geography

The aim of the Geography curriculum is to ensure that students can make sense of the world around them by understanding how the Earth has been shaped by human and physical processes, and how such processes interact, and how human beings have impacted the world in which we live. It also develops transferable skills useful in careers such as urban planning, environmental science, travel and tourism, and international relations.

What students are learning this half term



Year 7 – River Landscapes

Year 8 – Coastal Landscapes

Year 9 – Ecosystems

Year 10 – Changing Economic World

Year 11 – Urban Issues and Challenges

45 students in Year 9 will be visiting White Scar Caves this half term, exploring and learning about the longest show cave in England!



Why is this important?

Each topic studied in the curriculum will provide pupils with the knowledge to be able to think like geographers, empowering them to critically engage with current and future geographical debates beyond the classroom. We also aim to provide students with a sense of their own place within their world, with an awareness of Little Hulton locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

How you can Support at Home



- Ensure your child completes their Geography homework – Homework is set once a fortnight on Microsoft Teams (KS3) and practice exam questions (KS4). This is based on knowledge studied in current learning or previous learning, It is vital this is done to ensure students remember core information to be successful in assessments.
- Get them to revise the key information using their knowledge organisers and the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' technique.
- Encourage curiosity about the world—look at maps, discuss travel, and explore different cultures.
- Watch geography-themed documentaries together – a recommendation is Planet Earth 3 on BBC.
- Talk about current events and their geographical implications.

Fun Geography Challenge



Ask your child:

Yr 7 - How do rivers change the landscape around us?

Yr 8 - What is the most effective way to protect the coastline? And why?

Yr 9 – Tell me about the structure of the rainforest. Why are plants able to survive in the tropical rainforest?

Yr 10 – Explain why there is a development gap in the world.

Yr 11 – Explain why rates of urbanisation are increasing around the world.

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

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.

House Event of the Week: Lowry Family Fortunes!

This week, our students took part in the highly competitive and hugely entertaining Lowry Family Fortunes House event. Teams from across the school battled it out to guess the top survey answers, think under pressure, and work together to secure vital House points.

The event was a brilliant celebration of The Lowry Academy Values:

- ★ Aspiration – Teams aimed high, thought strategically, and pushed themselves to reach the top of the leaderboard.
- 💬 Confidence – Students stepped up to the buzzers with real self-belief, ready to represent their House in front of their peers.
- 🧠 Creativity – Many of the trickier questions required imaginative thinking and clever connections—our students rose to the challenge!
- 👏 Respect – Every match showcased excellent sportsmanship, with students supporting their teammates and applauding their opponents.
- 💪 Resilience – Even when the scores were tight or answers were unexpected, teams kept going with determination and a positive attitude.

A huge congratulations to the winning team, who secured a fantastic haul of points for their House. And well done to every student who took part—lots of House points were awarded across all teams for participation, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

This week's event was a wonderful reminder of the character, community spirit, and joy that define our House system.

Coming Up Next Week...

Next week, students will take part in our whole-school House Connect 4 Challenge—a fast-paced, strategic competition that brings our community together while celebrating The Lowry Academy's core values.

Students from every year group will compete in friendly House tournaments, developing both their thinking skills and the personal qualities we nurture every day.

- ★ Aspiration – Students plan ahead, aim high, and strive for success in each match.
- 💬 Confidence – Taking part builds self-belief as students represent their House with pride.
- 🧠 Creativity – Players think imaginatively, spot patterns, and adapt strategies under pressure.
- 👏 Respect – Good sportsmanship is central: students encourage one another and play fairly.
- 💪 Resilience – Matches offer chances to bounce back from setbacks and keep going with determination

The Connect 4 Challenge promises to be a highlight of the term—full of energy, friendly rivalry, and character-building moments. We look forward to sharing photos and results with you soon, and to celebrating the achievements of all our students as they demonstrate what it means to live our values every day.

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
196,845

Kingsley
197,957

Delaney
193,560

Turing
193,674



Total Points

Year 7
210,328

Year 8
178,049

Year 9
119,454

Year 10
142,493

Year 11
133,040



Golden Tickets

Year 7
2,994

Year 8
2,217

Year 9
1,883

Year 10
1,179

Year 11
623



Values Cards

Year 7
2,129

Year 8
2,130

Year 9
2,033

Year 10
1,504

Year 11
1,295



Bronze Awards

Year 7
91

Year 8
75

Year 9
39

Year 10
25

Year 11
10



Silver Awards

Year 7
8

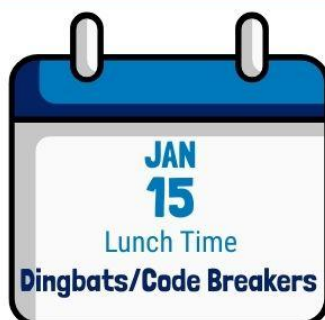
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Year 11
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House Events – HT3



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

Education with Character

Celebrating success this week!

Silver Award

Congratulations to the students below who have achieved their Silver Award this week!

Student	Year
Isabella L	7
Dara W E	7

Bronze Award

Well done to the students below who have attained their Bronze Award this week!

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	Year 10
Zarmeen A	Dominion A E	Melanie D S	Manyla K	Yazn A	Taha A B
Simona B	Brody C	Ayesha K	Liza L	Suad M	Yonatan M
Leo B	Pearl C	Alif Muhammed S	Kevin P	Seher N	Robin A
Rocco-Jake K	Jensen F	Sarina S	Genet R	Alisha C	Carly K
Dotty M	Brooke G	Tiyanna V	Zahra S	Lucas C	Roman S
Essa M	Emma M	Zosia A	Baran V		
Liddia R	Bobby M	Ella B	Kaiden W		
Tristan V	Becky N	Amrik D			
					Year 11
					Ruby T

Nearly There!

The following students are now the closest to achieving their bronze or silver award very soon!

1,000 points needed for Bronze - 2,500 points needed for Silver!

Student	Year	Points	Student	Year	Points
Gormley, Marley	10	996	Elageb, Mustafa	7	960
Olisa, Amia	10	991	Shepherd, Lily-Rose	7	960
Baltatescu, David	9	988	Brook, Maddison	8	959
Calderbank, Bella	9	988	McNamara, Milo	7	959
Dean, Lovelle	9	986	Stewart, Tom	11	958
Teweldemedhin, Naemi	8	986	Cole, Luca	9	957
Saunders, Rocco	7	978	Harib, Awis	10	957
Nazari, Tahmina	9	977	Atherton, Sienna	7	2,497
Harrison, Leon	8	974	Ikumalo, Jessica	7	2,378
Lyons, Cabhan	9	970	Idiaye, Hannah	9	2,355
Luba, Gejza	8	968	Eni, Excel	7	2,319
Ang, Ethan	8	966	Ng, Jessica	8	2,282
Wilson-Bleakley, Eliza	10	961			

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Salford Care Organisation
Northern Care Alliance NHS Group

School Nurse Drop-Ins

Wednesday lunch time

Location: Room R2

**Your School nurse is
Carla**



Please come and see us if you need support with Keeping Healthy, Immunisations, Emotional Health, Sexual Health, Drugs and Alcohol, Smoking/Vaping or just come and say hello!!

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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
Tuesday 27 th January	All Families	Holocaust Memorial Day
Thursday 29 th January	Year 11 (24/25 Cohort)	GCSE Certificate Collection Event 4pm-5pm
Monday 2 nd February	All Families	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 3 rd February	All Families	Parent Meeting - Valencia 4-5pm
Thursday 5 th February	Year 10	Parents Evening
Tuesday 10 th - Thursday 12 th February	All Families	School Production - Evening Performance
Friday 13 th February	All Families	Finish for Half-Term at 3pm



Contact us:

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COSY WINTER CONVERSATION CLUB



WEDNESDAYS
18:00-20:00

When?

- 07/01/2026
- 14/01/2026
- 21/01/2026
- 28/01/2026
- 04/02/2026
- 11/02/2026
- 18/02/2026
- 25/02/2026



Where?



Walkden Gateway

Community Room 2

Smith St, Walkden

M28 3EZ



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Cosy Winter English Classes

Join our Free English sessions this winter!

Learn everyday English, make new friends, and build confidence in a warm, welcoming space.

 **Starting: 1st December - Finishing: 23rd March**

 **Worsley • The Lowry Academy, M28 0SY**

Warm up your
English this winter!

Entry 2/Entry 3 Classes
Mondays: 18:00-20:00

Entry 1 Classes
Saturdays: 9:00-11:00

Pre-Entry Classes
Saturdays: 11:15-13:15

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'Speak Up, Belong Together'

Free community workshops on hate crime awareness
by **Speak and Belong CIC**

16 Feb 2026 - Session 1: Understanding Hate Crime
10:00-14:00 - The Lowry Academy (M28 OSY)

18 Feb 2026 - Session 2: Speak Up and Take Action
10:00-13:00 - The Lowry Academy (M28 OSY)

20 Feb 2026 - Session 3: Creative Workshop
10:00 - 13:00 - Walkden Gateway (M28 3EZ)

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