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Weekly Parent Communications

Week Ending - 2nd October



Principal's Notes



Mrs Coy, Principal

Dear families,

It has been another busy and successful week at school.

Our Open Evening was a tremendous success, with over 600 visitors attending, making it our busiest Open Evening ever. The atmosphere throughout the evening was exceptional, and it was wonderful to see so many prospective families exploring our school and speaking with students and staff.

Even before the event took place, we had already received nearly 100 first-choice applications for places in next year's Year 7. Demand for places is extremely high. If you have a child currently in Year 6, or know someone who is considering applying, I would strongly encourage them to submit their application as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of the October application deadline, as I fully expect the remaining places to fill very quickly and late applicants may be disappointed.

A reminder that school is closed tomorrow for staff training. This date has been in our published calendar for some time. I hope our students enjoy the slightly longer weekend and return on Monday refreshed, ready, and raring to go for another successful week of learning.

We have also enjoyed some excellent sporting success over the past two weeks. Our netball team remains unbeaten, having won every match they have played so far this season. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and are hopeful they can continue this outstanding run in the upcoming tournaments. Congratulations to all of the students involved for their commitment, teamwork, and determination.

Today, a number of students are representing the school on a music trip as part of our MISST programme. We wish them a wonderful experience and look forward to hearing about their day when they return.

Our new Year 7 students have also recently attended their MISST welcome ceremony. As part of this, they will be learning to play the violin this year. During the ceremony, students had the opportunity to hear our new Head of Music, Mr Chapman, perform live on stage. His wonderful violin performance was a real highlight and a special treat for our newest students.

Finally, a word about homework, which is now firmly established for this academic year. Homework plays an important role in helping students develop valuable study habits, independence, resilience, and self-discipline; all skills that will benefit them throughout their education and beyond. Please do take the time to check that your child is completing their homework regularly. This support from home makes a significant difference and helps students avoid unnecessary sanctions, including detentions. I am pleased to report that homework completion rates are typically above 90%, and we are keen to maintain these high standards.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





Progress & Outcomes – Miss Wells, Assistant Principal

Year 11 mock examinations will begin immediately after the October half-term break. Mocks will take place in all subjects, with the exception of Spanish Speaking, which will be assessed during the week before half term (19th-23rd October).

A number of Year 11 students will be invited to attend our Saturday School sessions for Maths and/or Science. These sessions are designed to provide additional support and focused revision ahead of the mock examinations. The first session will take place on Saturday 10th October. Students who do not receive an invitation are also very welcome to attend and take advantage of this valuable revision opportunity.

At the beginning of next week, Year 10 students will receive their GCSE Target Cards. These cards will show each student's expected GCSE target grade in every subject. Students will be asked to keep their Target Card safe and stored in the top pocket of their blazer for easy reference. Once your child receives their card, we encourage you to take some time to discuss their targets with them and talk about how they can work towards achieving their goals throughout Key Stage 4.



Behaviour – Mr Foulkes, Assistant Principal

A huge well done to the majority of our students for making a fantastic start to this academic year. I would like to draw attention to parents and carers of students who regularly bring bikes to school. I have witnessed a minority of students riding their bikes dangerously outside of school once our day ends. This is concerning with the volume of traffic; a lack of helmets being worn and on occasion a disregard to rules of the road. Please have conversations with your child if they bring a bike to school about keeping themselves safe.



Personal Development – Miss Jones, Assistant Principal

This week in Careers, students explored the career of a solicitor, learning about the skills, qualifications and opportunities linked to careers in law, while making connections to subjects across the curriculum. Year 11 welcomed Bolton College to discuss the wide range of post-16 pathways available after GCSEs. In Character Education, students explored the virtues of honesty, kindness, justice and service, reflecting on how these qualities help build strong character and contribute to a positive community. Meanwhile, our Principal Students represented the school brilliantly by speaking at Open Evening about what it means to be a Lowry student and delivering assemblies on honouring our communities as part of Black History Month.

How parents can support at home: *Encourage your child to discuss their future aspirations, the skills they are developing in school and examples of honesty, kindness, justice and service in everyday life, helping them to make positive choices and build strong character beyond the classroom.*

Dates for Your Diary

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



Friday 2nd October

Inset Day

No students in school



Monday 5th October

Year 7 Grammar Stream Launch Event

4pm



Tuesday 6th October

Parent Information Evening – Berlin Residential

4pm



Wednesday 7th October

Parent Information Evening – Year 11 Conway Residential

4pm



Friday 9th October

MacMillan/Young Minds Bake Sale

Students are encouraged to bring in a small cash donation for a sweet treat.



Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's communications. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk.

