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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

As we approach the final week before the May half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on life at The Lowry Academy and share some important notices.

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 11 students, who are currently in the middle of their GCSE examination series. Their attitude and effort have been truly commendable. So far, the feedback from the papers they have sat has been really positive, and we have everything crossed that they will receive the fantastic results they thoroughly deserve this August. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging them at this important time.

This week's mailing includes a number of notices from Salford Local Authority. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the **measles update**, as cases are currently on the rise across Greater Manchester. Please do take a moment to read the guidance provided. You'll also find details of training opportunities from Salford Information, Advice and Support Service (SIASS), which may be of interest to some families.

It seems the lovely warm weather is finally here – at least for the next few days! While we make the most of it, we are reminding all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated. Students are not required to wear their blazers during this warmer spell, although they should still wear the rest of their uniform as normal.

A big thank you as well to families for your ongoing support with Sparx homework. I know many of you are very familiar with the routine by now! Our lunchtime homework club remains extremely popular, and I'm delighted to share that, across the United Learning group of schools, The Lowry Academy is in the **top 10 nationally** for Sparx homework completion rates. This is a brilliant achievement and reflects the commitment of our students – homework plays a vital role in supporting their learning and long-term progress.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Hot Weather and School Uniform Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the lovely hot weather is set to continue, we would like to inform you that students are not required to wear their blazers next week. However, all other uniform expectations remain in place.

We also recommend that students bring a water bottle to school each day to help them stay hydrated and comfortable in the heat. Additionally, applying sun cream is encouraged to protect their skin while enjoying outdoor activities.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,

Nicola Griffith
Vice Principal - Pastoral

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School Opening Time

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change to our morning routine. After the half term holiday on Monday 2nd June, the school gates will open at 7:30am instead of 7:00am.

This adjustment has been made so that gate opening times are in line with our main reception, which also opens at 7:30am. Aligning these times ensures that students arriving early can be properly supervised, supporting their safety and wellbeing.

We would also like to remind families that our Breakfast Club is available each morning from 7:30am. All students are welcome to attend and can enjoy a free breakfast, including cereal and bagels, in a calm and friendly environment before the start of the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work to ensure a safe and positive start to each day for all our pupils.

Your sincerely,

Mr A Salmon
Senior Pastoral Lead

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100% Attendance Streak

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce a new attendance initiative launching after the half-term break: 100% Attendance Streak.

From Monday 2nd June to Friday 18th July, students who achieve 100% attendance will be invited to a special Rewards Morning to celebrate their commitment and consistency. This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and reward students who make the effort to attend school every day.

In addition, students who have maintained 100% attendance for the entire academic year up to Friday 18th July will be invited to our Rewards Morning and will also receive a special recognition for their outstanding dedication.

Medical Appointments & Punctuality

Every school day counts. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, social development, and building positive habits for the future. We kindly ask that, where possible, medical and other appointments are scheduled outside of the school day to help students maintain their attendance streaks. Please be aware that if your child is late to school after 9am and receives a U code, this will remove their 100% attendance streak as this only counts for 50% attendance that day.

We do, however, recognise that there are some circumstances which are exceptional, and absence will be unavoidable. Therefore, these absences will be reviewed and if authorised, this will not impact your child's 100% attendance.

End of Year Rewards Event

Please also note that in order to attend the End of Year Rewards Event, students must have an overall attendance of 95% or higher from Monday 28th April 2025. This ensures that we are consistently encouraging and recognising good attendance throughout the year.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us promote the importance of excellent attendance. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best opportunity to succeed and enjoy the rewards of their hard work.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Johnson
Assistant Principal

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1000%

ATTENDANCE STREAK!

100% ATTENDANCE FROM MONDAY 2ND
JUNE - FRIDAY 18TH JULY - A REWARD
MORNING.

100% ATTENDANCE ALL YEAR UNTIL
FRIDAY 18TH JULY - A REWARD MORNING
AN EXTRA SPECIAL TREAT.

HOW MANY DAYS CAN YOU KEEP YOUR STREAK
#EVERYDAYCOUNTS!

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

Zinat H
Jameel O
Lola Radcliffe
Beatrix O
Alex C
Melanie D

Year 8

Omolola A
Zumer F
Nok-Yan L

Year 9

Sylvia C
Ann D
Codie S

Year 10

Savannah O
Ethan A

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

Year 8

Martha O

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Jones
Teacher of MFL
Literacy & Oracy Lead

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Training Opportunities for Parents

Dear Parent / Carer,

Salford Information, Advice and Support Service (SIASS) have asked us to share information with you regarding two separate events coming up for parents and carers (one online and one in-person). Please read carefully and book onto the right course(s).

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S EHCP

Wednesday 25th June, 10am-1pm, Eccles Gateway

This session will go over what each part of the EHCP means, what is written into this, how to understand what is written, how to express your views and all other things around what is written into an EHCP.

This is for parents and carers who have a child or young person who has an EHCP, or have someone going through the assessment process.

Spaces are limited- it will be first come, first served. You can book via the online form

<https://forms.office.com/e/4cetVny1Yy> or use the QR code below



EDUCATIONAL TRANSITIONS TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ONLINE

*This training session will be held online via **Microsoft Teams** on **Tuesday 27th May 2025** at **6pm-8pm** and again at **8pm-10pm**.*

This SIASS training is for parents and carers. It outlines key educational transitions, such as from early years to primary, from primary to secondary, and from secondary to further education. It includes discussions on how schools can support transitions, transitions policies, and what families can do to help.

Book online via the form <https://forms.office.com/e/5EmYexMX7U> or use the QR code below



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Half-term Activities

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to share with you details from Salford City Council regarding the local Play Streets offer for the upcoming half-term.



Salford Community Leisure ForHousing

Play Streets Is back!

Free activities for children and young people
including sports, arts and crafts, games and much more.
All participants get a free packed lunch!

When?
Wednesday 28th May
1pm-3pm

Where?
Wharton and Cleggs Lane Church
Cleggs Lane, Little Hulton M38 9RW

Who's it for?
Children aged 5 - 11 years

Places are limited so please book in advance by:
call Chloe/Alex on 07746645349
<https://eequ.org/book/playstreets-wharton-and-cleggs-lane-whit-with-salford-community-leisure-7271>

All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult



Salford Community Leisure ForHousing

Play Streets Is back!

Free activities for children and young people
including sports, arts and crafts, games and much more.
All participants get a free packed lunch!

When?
Friday 30th May
10am-12pm

Where?
The Den, Unit 20 & 21 Lower Ground Floor
Victoria Street, Walkden M28 3AD

Who's it for?
Children aged 5 - 11 years

Places are limited so please book in advance by:
call Chloe/Alex on 07746645349 or follow link
<https://eequ.org/book/whit-ht-playstreets-at-the-den-with-salford-community-leisure-3214>

All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

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Water Safety

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the warmer days, Salford City Council has asked us to share an important message regarding water safety. It is vital that both parents and students are aware of the potential risks associated with water activities during hot weather. Please take a moment to read the following guidelines carefully to ensure everyone's safety.

Salford City Council

We know it's tempting to head for rivers, lakes or Salford Quays to cool off in the water in hot weather.

But do you and your children know the dangers?

Even on the hottest day any open water is cold. The water at Salford Quays is deep and very cold all year round. That's why it is not safe to swim at Salford Quays except as part of an organised, supervised session where the numbers of people can be managed and safely monitored by the right number of lifeguards. It's impossible to have enough lifeguards to allow everyone to swim safely outside these sessions.

Cold water shock

As soon as you go into cold water, your body goes into shock. It's a natural, automatic reaction and you can't avoid it. Children and young people are particularly vulnerable.

- Cold water shock makes you gasp – you could get water in your lungs, particularly if you've jumped in
- Cold water shock can make you panic – you could swallow water and drown.
- Cold water shock can cause heart failure - even in young people
- Cold water numbs your muscles - making it harder to swim and rescue yourself

Enjoy holiday fun instead

We want everyone to enjoy visiting Salford Quays safely so you will find lots of fun activities for young people on [mycity Directory](#).

There will be more summer holiday activities too. Look out for details to come.

Greater Manchester Police and Salford City Council officers will be on patrol again this year warning people of the dangers of swimming in the Quays. Anyone identified jumping from a bridge into the water will receive a warning letter or fixed penalty notice delivered by Greater Manchester Police.

Please make sure you and your children understand the dangers of cold-water shock, keep out of any deep, open water and stay safe.

Thank you
Salford City Council

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Measles Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been asked by Public Health Salford to share some important information with you regarding Measles. Please read the information below and the poster on the following page.



Public Health
England

Measles cases are rising in Greater Manchester.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. It can be a very unpleasant illness and in some children can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation.

Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent serious illness. Two doses of the vaccine gives lifelong protection against measles, mumps and rubella. The MMR vaccine is given at one year old and again at either 18 months or three years and four months (depending on their DOB) in readiness for starting school.

We urge parents to check their child's MMR immunisations are up to date with both doses by checking your child's immunisation record (Red book) or by contacting their GP surgery.

If your child is not vaccinated, please contact your GP for an appointment. Anyone can get measles if they haven't been vaccinated so if you as parents and carers are not vaccinated we would urge you to book an appointment.

For more information about measles, see the [Measles – NHS](#)

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UK Health
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Greater
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Integrated Care
Partnership

MEASLES

is circulating in Greater Manchester

Symptoms



Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months



If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery



Know the symptoms! Keep people with symptoms away from others



Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP

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
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May	Year 7 – 10	NGRT testing all week
Friday 23rd May	All Families	Students finish for half-term
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025 Half-Term Holiday		
Monday 2nd June	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
Wednesday 4th June	Year 8 & 9	ACES World of Work trip to Liverpool University
Wednesday 25th June	Year 11	All GCSE Exams End
Thursday 26th June	Year 10	Salford College Trip
Thursday 26th June – Friday 27th June	All Families	Salford Transition Day

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