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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I write this, it's our INSET day and the academy is a little quieter than usual, with students enjoying the day at home. To help keep them busy and engaged, we've included some helpful information about homework in this week's newsletter. Homework is a key part of our approach to learning. It plays a vital role in helping students secure the knowledge they've gained in lessons and deepen their understanding. We know that students who complete homework regularly tend to be more successful in the long term, and we appreciate your continued support in encouraging them to develop good study habits at home.

That said, I'd like to offer an apology for any confusion caused around Geography homework this week. Some families received messages about detentions – please rest assured we decided not to run these. Instead, we're taking the opportunity to provide extra support to help students understand how to access and complete their homework successfully. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Last night, we held our Open Evening, and it was a fantastic event! We welcomed Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families from local primary schools to explore what makes The Lowry Academy such a special place. There were live lessons, tours of the school, and some inspiring speeches from our incredible Year 11 students. A huge shoutout to Pearl, Precious, Anjolaoluwa, and Tom, who all spoke on stage in front of a packed audience. Their confidence and pride in our school shone through – I almost didn't need to speak after them!

We've already received a high number of first-choice applications following the event. If you haven't yet submitted your application, please do so as soon as possible to help secure your child's place with us. And as always, if you'd like a tour or to see the school during the day, just get in touch – we're always happy to welcome you in.

Next week, I'm especially looking forward to our Year 7 Activity Day on Tuesday 7th October. It's a great opportunity for our newest students to build friendships, confidence, and have lots of fun. Fingers crossed for some good weather!

Finally, a quick reminder about the signage at our school gates: The entrance is a pedestrianised zone at the start and end of the school day. From Monday 13th October, we will be fully enforcing this policy. No vehicles will be allowed on or off site during these busy times to ensure student safety. Staff will also remain on site during these periods. Of course, if your child has mobility needs, please contact us and we'll be happy to make the appropriate arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to make The Lowry Academy a safe, welcoming, and high-achieving environment for every child.

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

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Homework – Important Information

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to detail how homework is set for your child at The Lowry Academy. We have been working to ensure that homework is purposeful for students and provide clarity regarding both how homework is being set and the frequency that it can be expected.

Homework is vital to ensuring success: our homework policy is grounded in reviewing the knowledge students have learnt in their lessons, which makes it more likely this knowledge will be retained in their long-term memory. It also supports revision for assessments and enables students to develop valuable skills in personal organisation. Students who regularly complete homework to a high standard make more progress than students who don't.

When will homework be set?

For years 7-9 students will be set homework on a Friday and due the following Friday by 4pm. All homework will be set using an online learning platform – Sparx, Microsoft Teams or Languagenut as this provides students with immediate learning feedback. Students in KS3 will complete homework from English, Maths, Science weekly with History, Geography and Spanish being set fortnightly.

At KS4, students will be set homework for all subjects with English, Maths and Science being weekly and option subjects following a fortnightly cycle. Homework will be a bespoke mix of utilising online platforms alongside coursework and exam consolidation practice to meet the requirements of each subject discipline. Homework will be set on a Friday and due a week later by 4pm. This is slightly different regarding year 11 - Maths and Science homework completion by Thursday 8am with English homework being due by Friday 8am.

More clarity, with information regarding homework expectations and completion, will be provided by a homework summary located on the school website ('students' tab with a link to 'homework') – it contains live links and guidance videos to access all homework in one place for clarity.

What support is available?

We of course understand that some students find homework a difficult task and are still developing these study habits. It is for this reason that we put as much support as possible in place in school to help them. Lowry Academy provides opportunities for homework completion every day at lunch and after school in L8 where students will have the support of teaching staff plus a full use of computers. We ask that you encourage your child to attend this support if they are struggling to complete any homework on their own at home.

What happens if a student doesn't complete their homework?

All pupils are expected to have completed their homework by 4.00pm the following Friday (Thursday / Friday 8am for Y11).

Here at the Lowry academy, we welcome your full support in ensuring all pupils complete their homework on time and will ask students who have not completed either homework to complete a compulsory homework detention. These will take place at the following times:

Years 7 & 9 – Tuesday (3pm)

Years 8 & 10 – Wednesday (3pm)

Year 11 – Thursday or Friday (Lunchtime)

If your child is absent on these days, they will be expected to attend a detention on a Thursday after school.

How will I know if my child has a detention?

We will send you a text on a Monday, to notify you if your child has a detention that week, reminding you of which day this will be on. We have made the decision not to run any detention on a Monday, so that we can give you at least 24 hours-notice.

How can you help your child with their homework?

Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week. Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher or at one of the homework clubs before the deadline if needed.

We hope you agree that homework will play an important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in their learning. If you have any questions regarding homework, students can freely ask their subject teacher or **please email me** – michael.mcguinness@lowryacademy.org.uk

On behalf of the Academy, we welcome your full support in ensuring that all students succeed at the Lowry Academy.

Yours faithfully,

M. McGuinness
Lead Practitioner
Senior Vice Principal

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Mental Health Awareness Day – Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Families,

As part of our support for Mental Health Awareness Day on Friday 10th October, The Lowry Academy will be taking part in “Hello Yellow” – a national initiative to show young people they’re not alone with their mental health.

Students should attend in full school uniform as normal, but are welcome to wear a yellow accessory to mark the day. This could be:

- A yellow hair bobble, clip, or bow
- A pair of yellow socks
- A yellow neck scarf

We look forward to seeing a splash of yellow across the school as we raise awareness and show our support.

Kind regards,

The Lowry Academy

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Rewards & House System

Points Update

House Points:

Pankhurst
44,421

Kingsley
43,736

Delaney
44,383

Turing
43,408



Total Points

Year 7

41,345

Year 8

40,249

Year 9

27,809

Year 10

33,269

Year 11

33,430



Golden Tickets

Year 7

634

Year 8

622

Year 9

543

Year 10

338

Year 11

199



Values Cards

Year 7

544

Year 8

510

Year 9

505

Year 10

401

Year 11

224

Total points this year = 175,948

Rewards & House Reminders

Upcoming house events this term:

Date	Event
Thursday 9th 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 still leading the way with this!

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

Student	Year	Points	Points to Bronze Award
Deeva N	9	544	456
Hameedah H	7	543	457
Adedayo O	7	540	460
Hannah I	9	536	464
Georgie R	8	526	474
Emma O	9	525	475
Viha S	8	521	479
Sienna A	7	500	500
Excel E	7	500	500
Pearl E	11	465	535
Milia N	7	458	542
Jamie-Lee W	7	439	561
Omar N	9	437	563
Clinton L	8	435	565
Jessica N	8	432	568
Kaylee P	7	431	569
Faith I	7	423	577
Sinead H	7	420	580
Sienna H	7	419	581
Glory A	9	413	587

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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 7 th October	Year 7	MiSST Instrument Ceremony
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 7	Activity Day
Thursday 9 th October	Year 11	Y11 Residential - Parent Briefing at 4:30pm
Friday 10 th October	All Families	Mental Health Day
Friday 17 th - Sunday 19 th October	Year 11	Revision Residential - The Conway Centre
Thursday 23 rd October	Years 7 - 9	Academic Review Meetings
Friday 24 th October	All Families	School closes for half-term at 3pm
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October	All Families	Half term

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see the information below from Salford City Council regarding the flu vaccine.

Salford City Council

Dear Parents,

If you have a child aged 2 or 3 years old you should receive a letter in September or October from your GP inviting your child for a free nasal influenza vaccination. We would encourage you to ensure your child receives this protective vaccine; this will help to prevent the spread of influenza in children and also in friends and relatives who may be at risk of complications from influenza. It will also prevent time spent away from work looking after a sick child, if applicable.

The nasal spray influenza vaccine is also available for all school aged children and offered routinely to all children in school. The vaccine is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. **This is not a needle** (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected influenza vaccine. The vaccine is very safe with few side effects and has been used for a number of years in the UK.

It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill, resulting in less time away from school, if they come into contact with the influenza virus. Its brand name is Fluenz.

Children are good at spreading influenza, because they tend to sneeze everywhere and don't use tissues properly or wash their hands. Vaccinating them may also protect others that are vulnerable to influenza such as babies, older people, pregnant women and people with serious long-term illnesses. A common complication of influenza can be bronchitis; occasionally this can become serious and develop into pneumonia and even cause death.

Questions and answers are on the back of this letter that will hopefully answer any queries you may have. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your GP, community pharmacist, school nurse or Health Visitor.

If anyone you know falls into the at-risk groups encourage them to have the influenza vaccine to prevent them becoming ill.

Yours faithfully



Gillian McLauchlan
Deputy Director of Public Health

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What is Influenza (flu)?

Flu is caused by a virus and cannot be treated with antibiotics. The most common symptoms of flu are fever, chills, headache, aches and pains in the joints and muscles, and extreme tiredness. Healthy individuals usually recover within 2 to 7 days but for some the disease can lead to hospitalisation, permanent disability or even death.

Can I avoid flu?

The best way to avoid catching and spreading flu is by having the vaccination before the flu season starts!

If I get flu how do I reduce the risk of spreading it to someone else?

To prevent spread: cover the mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough, dispose of the tissues and then wash your hands. "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it."

Who should have the flu vaccination?

Even if you feel healthy you should have the free flu vaccination if you are:

From 1 September 2025:

- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2025
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- secondary school aged children (from Year 7 to Year 11)
- all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6 months to less than 18 years

How do I get the flu vaccine?

The vaccines should be given during October or early November. If you fit the above criteria speak to your GP or Practice Nurse to book a vaccination appointment and get the best possible protection.

How effective is the flu vaccine?

The annual flu vaccination will protect you against flu this coming winter. No vaccine is 100% effective; however, people who have had the flu vaccine are less likely to get flu. If you do get flu despite having the vaccine, it will probably be milder than if you haven't been vaccinated.

Flu vaccines side effects – what are they?

The flu vaccine does not cause flu. However, you may experience some mild side effects after having the vaccine, such as a slight temperature and cold-like symptoms for a couple of days afterwards. The flu vaccine only protects against flu, but not other illnesses caused by other viruses such as the common cold.

Can the flu vaccine be given to my child at the same time as other vaccines?

Yes. The flu vaccine can be given at the same time as all routine childhood vaccines. The vaccination can go ahead if your child has a minor illness such as a cold but may be delayed if your child has an illness that causes a fever.

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