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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at The Lowry Academy, full of opportunities for our students to learn, celebrate, and get involved.

We were especially delighted to welcome award-winning children's author Tom Palmer into school. Tom led an inspiring assembly for all of Year 7 and then met with smaller groups of students for more in-depth conversations. His stories about his own journey as a writer were both encouraging and motivating, and we know that many of our students left feeling energised to read more widely and even try their hand at writing themselves.

This week has also been European Languages Week, with a variety of activities taking place around the school. Students have been taking part in language challenges, enjoying different foreign language songs played on the tannoy at lunchtimes, and today we are looking forward to our Languages Market, where students will proudly represent their countries and share aspects of their culture with others. It is always a highlight of the year and a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity of our school community.

On Thursday, our school community also supported the Macmillan Cake Sale. Whether you brought in a sweet treat or kindly made a cash donation, your generosity helped us raise over £260 for this important cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Finally, a few reminders about next week:

- Thursday 2nd October – Open Evening. Please note that school will close at 2pm for students.
- Friday 3rd October – Staff INSET Day. School will be closed to students.

Thank you as always for your continued support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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26th September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to remind you that school will close slightly earlier than usual on Thursday 2nd October 2025 in order for staff to prepare for our annual Open Evening. On this day, students will finish school at 2:00pm.

The Open Evening is an important opportunity for us to showcase the school to our future students and their families, and we are grateful for your support in enabling us to prepare fully for this event.

A further reminder that Friday 3rd October is a staff INSET day, and the school will be closed to students.

School will resume as normal on Monday 6th October 2025.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Fletcher
Senior Vice Principal

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We now have only 3 places remaining for the upcoming school tour to Valencia, Spain to support our curriculum plans for Spanish and enhance learning experiences within the school.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- 3 days (2 nights) in Valencia.
- Departs on Monday 16th February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- Returns on Wednesday 18th February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- The cost is £695 per pupil payable by 5th December 2025

This price includes:

- Outbound & Return Flights (Manchester-Valencia)
- One item of checked in luggage
- Bed & Breakfast accommodation in a central location
- Airport transfers and assistance in both the UK and Spain
- Travel Insurance
- All trips and visits whilst in Valencia

This trip is being offered to all students. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis upon return of the expression of interest consent slip below. These should be given directly to Miss Jones in the MFL department. We will contact you to confirm that your child has successfully been allocated a place and with further details about payment.

The itinerary for the trip will include but is not limited to guided visits of Valencia Old Town and a town trail, a guided tour of Mestalla FC Valencia and Las Fallas Museum and a visit to the Valencia Science Museum & Oceanographic aquarium. There will be plenty of opportunities to take in the sights of Valencia and experience Spanish culture.

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has adequate spending money for the trip and enough to cover both lunch and snacks for 3 days (approximately £10 per meal, per day). They will also require a current and valid passport with at least 6 months remaining from the departure date. Please note that non-UK passport holders may also require an additional visa for entry into Spain.

Payment of £695 would be no later than 5th December 2025. An initial deposit of £150 is required to secure a place once this has been confirmed and a payment schedule will be sent to you accordingly. Interim payments can be made at your discretion. All payments should be made directly via Parent Pay. This will be confirmed in writing for you with full instructions regarding payment once places have been allocated.

The trip is booked through PGL Group who work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. Should you require any further information about this exciting opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact me by email sarah.jones@lowryacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Jones
Assistant Principal – Personal Development

Please complete and return this section to: Sarah Jones

MFL Valencia 2026

I give permission for to attend the **Valencia 2026** visit.

☐ Yes

I also give permission for my son/daughter to have their photograph taken as part of the day and may be used on the school website & newsletter etc. (tick as appropriate)

☐ No

Whilst I accept that all reasonable care and attention will be undertaken, I understand that the teachers cannot be held responsible for any accident beyond their control or any situation arising from the lack of following instruction or guidance.

Emergency Details

Name.....

Contact Phone Number

Does your child have any medical conditions/allergies etc or dietary requirements that need to be taken into consideration? YES/NO

If yes, please give details:

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Signature of Parent/ Carer:

Date

Quality of Education

Curriculum Spotlight – History

Why study History?

History helps students understand the world they live in today by exploring the past. It develops critical thinking, empathy, and the ability to analyse evidence—skills that are valuable for further study, work, and everyday life.

What students are learning this half term

- **Year 7** – The Norman Conquest: How William took control of England in 1066.
- **Year 8** – Henry VIII and the Reformation: Henry's Break from Rome and the impact on Christianity in England.
- **Year 9** – The First World War: Causes of the War, Life in the trenches and how the war shaped modern Europe.
- **Year 10** – Medicine Through Time: Medieval and Renaissance Medicine.:
- **Year 11** – Superpower Relations and the Cold War: Tension between the USA and the Soviet Union.

Why this is important

Studying these topics helps students see how events in the past shaped society, politics, and culture today. For example, Year 8s work on the Reformation leads to discussions about the different religions in England today and how religious tension have been created over time.

How you can Support at Home

- Ensure your child completes their History homework – Homework is set once a fortnight on Microsoft Teams, and 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.
- Discuss what they have been learning with them and ask them questions – showing this interest will help keep them engaged.

Fun History Challenge – Ask your Child!

Yr 7

Which city was the capital of the Islamic Empire around 1000AD? (**Baghdad**)

Yr 8

What was the name of Henry VIII's first wife? (**Catherine of Aragon**)

Yr 9

Who's assassination was the spark that led to the outbreak of WW1? (**Archduke Franz Ferdinand**)

Yr 10

What was the name given to the 'bad air' that people thought caused disease in medieval England? (**Miasma**)

Yr 11

Which two Japanese cities did the USA drop atomic bombs on to end WW2? (**Hiroshima and Nagasaki**)

Rewards & House System

Points Update

House Points:

Pankhurst
32,889

Kingsley
32,996

Delaney
33,624

Turing
32,476



Total Points

Year 7

30,526

Year 8

20,815

Year 9

20,781

Year 10

24,608

Year 11

25,234



Golden Tickets

Year 7

461

Year 8

439

Year 9

404

Year 10

260

Year 11

162



Values Cards

Year 7

435

Year 8

420

Year 9

338

Year 10

268

Year 11

143

Total points this year = 132,033

Rewards & House Reminders

Upcoming house events this term:

Date	Event
Thursday 2nd October	Games on yard/Pods
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.

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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
Hameedah H	7	421	579
Deeva N	9	409	591
Hannah I	9	397	603
Excel E	7	379	621
Emma O	9	378	622
Georgie R	8	365	635
Viha S	8	365	635
Gloria A	9	340	660
Pearl E	11	335	665
Riley R	8	332	668
Sinead H	7	327	673
Buyi D	9	326	674
Faith I	7	324	676
Sienna H	7	321	679
Dara W	7	316	684
Adedayo O	7	315	685
Jamie-Lee W	7	315	685
Milia N	7	312	688
Kelby-Sue D	9	310	690
Omar N	9	302	698

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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 30 th September	Year 11	Deadline for final payment of Y11 Residential
Thursday 2 nd October	Parents of Y5/6 Students	Open Evening
Thursday 2 nd October	All Families	National Poetry Day
Friday 3 rd October	All Families	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 7	MiSST Instrument Ceremony
Thursday 9 th October	Year 11	Y11 Residential - Parent Briefing at 4:30pm
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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