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Weekly Parent Communications

Week Ending - 6th November



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Principal's Notes



Mrs Coy, Principal

This week, our Year 11 students embarked on their mock examinations. We wish them the very best of luck and encourage them to make the most of this important opportunity to prepare for their GCSE exams at the end of the academic year. Taking mocks seriously can help students build confidence, identify areas for improvement, and develop positive revision habits. Thank you to families for your continued support at home during this important period.

There is also plenty for students to look forward to over the coming weeks, including activities and events to mark Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week. We encourage all students to get involved and support these important initiatives.

In this week's communication, we have included information from the NHS/IntraHealth about the vaccinations available to children throughout secondary school. We encourage all parents and carers to take a look, as we do not want families to miss opportunities to protect their children against serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

Finally, due to rising food and ingredient costs, our catering provider, Chartwells, has made a small increase to the price of some food and drink items. Please note that meal deals will remain at £2.50. Further information can be found on our school website: Lowry School Meals



Pastoral – Mrs Griffith, Vice Principal

We are delighted to welcome our students back for what promises to be a wonderful half term, filled with celebration, achievement and festive cheer. It has been fantastic to see such a positive return to school, with students arriving eager to learn and excited for the opportunities ahead.

This half term brings a number of important events and opportunities for reflection. Next week, we will hold our annual Remembrance Service, taking time as a school community to honour and remember those whose lives have been affected by war and conflict. We will also be recognising two important national campaigns: Anti-Bullying Week, which promotes kindness, respect and inclusion, and Children in Need, which provides an opportunity for us to come together and support young people across the UK.

As we move towards the festive season, we are looking forward to an exciting programme of activities and celebrations. We are particularly excited to see what Mrs Earle has up her sleeve for our annual Countdown to Christmas Attendance Celebration, which is always a highlight for students and staff alike. Further details of our festive events will be shared soon, and we hope that students and families will join us in celebrating together as a school community.

We look forward to another successful half term and thank you for your continued support.



Personal Development – Miss Jones, Assistant Principal

Children in Need Fundraising Day – Friday 13th November - *Students are invited to get involved, have fun, and help us raise money for an incredible cause that supports children and young people across the UK.*

Wear something spotty - *Students are encouraged to wear a spotty accessory with their full school uniform. This could include spotty socks, headbands, hair accessories, badges, ties, or other suitable items.*

Fundraising Activities - *Throughout the day, students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, including:*

- *Pudsey Ping Pong Challenge*
- *Guess the Name of the Bear*
- *Guess How Many Sweets Are in the Jar*
- *Children in Need Accessory Stall*
- *Pudsey Bear Hunt around school*
- Cake Sale & *Pod pledges*

Activity costs will be 50p for some activities, and £1 for others and accessories - students may wish to bring a small amount of cash if they would like to participate in multiple activities.

Bake Sale – Donations Welcome - *We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, buns, or other sweet treats for our cake sale. Any donations should be brought to school on the morning of Thursday 13th November.*

Supporting a Great Cause - *Every penny raised will be donated to BBC Children in Need, helping to make a real difference to the lives of children and young people facing challenges across the UK. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. We look forward to a fantastic day of fundraising and fun.*



Quality of Education – Mr Hood, Vice Principal

We have been immensely proud of our Year 11 students this week as they completed their mock examinations. Watching them approach each challenge with such maturity, determination and resilience has been truly inspiring. They have supported one another, remained focused throughout the week and shown a genuine commitment to achieving their best.

Mock exams can be a demanding experience, but our students have, so far, risen to the occasion brilliantly. Their positive attitude, perseverance and hard work have been a credit to themselves, their families and our school community. We would like to congratulate every Year 11 student on the effort they have shown this week and thank them for the fantastic way they have represented the academy.

Students involved in our mentoring programme have continued to receive regular support from their staff mentors through dedicated check-ins throughout the mock examination period. These conversations have provided an opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss any challenges and ensure that students have access to any additional support they may need. This personalised guidance continues to play an important role in helping our students feel confident, supported and well prepared as they progress through Year 11.

We continue to offer free Saturday revision sessions in Science and Maths for all Year 11 students. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for students to strengthen their knowledge, develop their exam skills and receive additional support from subject specialists. Sessions run every Saturday, with students able to attend either 9am to 11am or 11am to 1pm. We encourage all Year 11 students to take advantage of these sessions as part of their preparation for their mock examinations.



Curriculum & Academic Excellence – Miss Hindle, Assistant Principal

Homework Reminder

Homework helps your child remember what they have learnt in lessons, prepare for assessments and build good study habits. Students who complete it regularly make more progress.

Here is how it works.

When is homework set and due?

Year Group	Set	Due	Subjects
Years 7 to 9	Friday	The following Friday, 4pm	English, Maths and Science every week. History, Geography and Spanish every two weeks.
Year 10	Friday	The following Friday, 4pm	English, Maths and Science every week. Option subjects every two weeks.
Year 11	Friday	Maths and Science: Thursday, 8am. English: Friday, 8am. Option subjects: Friday, 4pm.	English, Maths and Science every week. Option subjects every two weeks.

In Years 7 to 9, all homework is set online, mainly on Sparx and Seneca, so your child gets instant feedback. In Years 10 and 11, it is a mix of online tasks, coursework and exam practice.

Everything is in one place on our website: go to the Students tab and click Homework. You will find links to every platform and short guidance videos or you can click on this link: https://www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/homework

What help is available?

Homework club runs every lunchtime and after school in room L11, with teachers on hand and computers available. If your child is finding homework hard at home, please encourage them to come along.

What if homework isn't completed?

Students who miss the deadline will attend a homework detention:

- *Years 7 and 8: Tuesday, 3pm*
- *Years 9 and 10: Wednesday, 3pm*
- *Year 11: Thursday or Friday lunchtime*

If your child is absent that day, the detention moves to Thursday after school. We will text you on the Monday so you always have at least 24 hours' notice.

How can you help?

Give your child a quiet space to work, and encourage them to start early in the week so there is time to ask a teacher or come to homework club before the deadline.

If you have any questions, your child can speak to their subject teacher, or you can email me at molly.hindle@lowryacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.

YOUR IMMUNISATION JOURNEY

Year 7 (Age 11–12)

Flu Vaccine (Every Year)

- Quick nasal spray
- Halal Injection option
- Helps stop flu spreading in school
- Protects vulnerable families

Year 8 (Age 12–13)

HPV Vaccine
(Human Papillomavirus)

- Cervical cancer
- Head & neck cancers
- Other HPV-related cancers
- Flu Vaccine (Autumn/Winter)

Year 9 (Age 13–14)

3-in-1 Teenage Booster (Td/IPV)

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Polio

MenACWY

- Meningitis
- Septicaemia

Flu Vaccine (Autumn/Winter)

Year 10–11 (Age 14–16)

Catch-up vaccines available if missed:

- HPV
- MenACWY
- MMR
- Flu Vaccine (Autumn/Winter)

WHY IT MATTERS

- ✓ Keeps you in school and feeling well
- ✓ Protects your friends
- ✓ Prevents serious diseases
- ✓ Boosts your long-term protection

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NHS

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For more information, contact our team.

IntraHealth

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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:

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day
Poppies available in school for a small donation.

Friday 13th November
Children in Need
Fundraising events/activities throughout the day, including Cake Sale.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week
Various events/activities throughout the week.



Monday 23rd November
INSET Day
School closed for students.

Wednesday 9th December
Christmas Fair
4:30pm - 6:30pm
All welcome, all proceeds will go towards our Year 11 Prom.

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.

