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Weekly Parent Communications

Week Ending - 16th October

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Principal's Notes

Mrs Coy, Principal

It has been another great week at The Lowry Academy. Our Year 11 Drama students enjoyed an exciting trip to Chester to watch the iconic Blood Brothers, while our girls' netball teams continued their excellent start to the year, winning all of their fixtures this week.

Today, our Year 11 students set off on their residential trip to Conway. We wish them a fantastic weekend filled with new experiences, lasting memories and, hopefully, some dry weather!

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome Year 4, 5 and 6 students to our Transition Halloween Disco. With only a very small number of tickets remaining, we expect the event to sell out very soon and it promises to be another brilliant evening. We also have plenty of rewards, treats and golden tickets to give out over the coming weeks as we continue to recognise and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students.

Progress & Outcomes – Miss Wells, Assistant Principal

Year 11 Mock Exams

GCSE Spanish students will complete the speaking assessment component of their course next week. Following the half-term break, all Year 11 students will begin their mock examinations in all other subjects.

We would like to wish every student the very best of luck in their upcoming assessments and examinations. We are confident that their hard work and preparation will help them achieve their potential.

Year 11 Half-Term Revision Sessions

To support students in their preparation for the upcoming Mock Examinations, a programme of revision sessions will be available in school during the half-term break. These sessions will provide valuable opportunities for students to consolidate their learning, strengthen their understanding of key topics, and build confidence ahead of the mock exam period.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend as many sessions as possible to ensure they are well prepared when they return to school after half term. The timetable for half term revision sessions can be found: www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/year-11-exam-information.

KS3 Academic Reviews

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers and students who have appointments scheduled for their Academic Review on Thursday 22nd October between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. To help appointments run smoothly, please arrive a few minutes before your allocated time to allow for a prompt start.

A second session of Academic Review appointments will take place on Wednesday 4th November.

Pastoral – Mr Riley, Associate Assistant Principal

This week shall be our students first full enrichment lesson, which is an exciting time for students to be trying something totally different. Look out for our social channels for snapshots of the activities.

In our sporting enrichment activities, we have had yet another fabulous week of sporting performances which saw both our football and netball teams record victories.

- *Year 10 Netball beat Buile Hill 10-8*
- *Year 8 Netball beat Irlam 6-1*
- *Year 9 Netball beat Irlam 5-2*
- *Year 8 Football beat Salford City Academy 2-0*
- *Year 11 Football beat Ellesmere Park 8-1*

Great results and performances across all our teams this week, pushing our cocurricular enrichment opportunities and leading in our leagues!

Personal Development – Miss Jones, Assistant Principal

This week, students attended a powerful assembly delivered by No More Knives, focusing on the dangers and lasting consequences of knife crime. The session encouraged students to reflect on the impact that carrying a knife can have on individuals, families and communities, while challenging misconceptions and promoting positive decision-making. Students were reminded of the importance of seeking support from trusted adults, managing conflict safely and standing up to peer pressure. The assembly reinforced our commitment to developing responsible, respectful and resilient young people, and linked closely to our Lowry values by encouraging students to make choices that keep themselves and others safe. Parents and carers can support this message at home by talking openly with their child about personal safety, discussing how to respond to peer pressure, encouraging them to speak to a trusted adult if they have concerns, and reinforcing the importance of making positive choices both in and out of school.

I am also delighted to share some exciting news from our Rewards Programme. ***This week, we celebrated our first group of students who have achieved the Bronze Award.*** *Reaching Bronze Award status is a significant milestone and reflects the excellent choices these students make every day. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing many more students reach this goal over the coming weeks.*

Finally, I'd like to share an inspiration story about Year 9 Student Amy who demonstrates incredible character in everything that she does. Amy's achievements are truly exceptional. Through her volunteering with children and young people, including those with SEND, leading dance activities, directing performances, fundraising for local youth provision, and successfully securing £1,000 to deliver a Women's Empowerment Event, she has already demonstrated a level of leadership, initiative and social responsibility beyond her years. These accomplishments, combined with the care and compassion she shows towards her family and the positive impact she has on those around her, reflect a young woman of outstanding character. Amy consistently uses her talents, energy and determination to lift others up and create opportunities for those in her community. She is a credit to her family, our school and the wider community, and she serves as an inspiring example of what can be achieved when kindness, service and ambition come together. We have no doubt that Amy will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of others and achieve great things in the future.

Curriculum & Academic Excellence – Miss Hindle, Assistant Principal

Mastery – Next Week's Focus: Spanish

Next week, students will be focusing on Spanish during their Mastery sessions. We would really appreciate your support in helping your child prepare at home. Please ask your child to show you their Knowledge Organiser and the self-quizzing they have completed. You can also help by asking them some of the questions from their Knowledge Organiser to see what they can remember. Even just 5–10 minutes of quizzing together can make a big difference!

The pages students should focus on are:

- *Year 7: Self-quizzing on page 213, with questions on page 216.*
- *Year 8: Self-quizzing on pages 216 and 218, with questions on pages 217 and 219.*
- *Year 9: Self-quizzing on pages 148 and 150, with questions on pages 149 and 151.*

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build their confidence and develop good revision habits!

Grammar Stream – Attendance Reminder

We are really pleased with how our Grammar Stream is progressing and the opportunities it is providing for our students! We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that all students who are part of the Grammar Stream should be attending every session. Each session is carefully planned to help students build on their learning, develop new skills and challenge themselves. Regular attendance is really important to ensure students don't miss out and can make the most of this fantastic opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to attend!

Attendance, Transition & Community – Mrs Earle, Assistant Principal

Next week is our very first Attendance Super Week!

Students are being challenged to achieve 100% attendance for the week for the chance to win raffle prizes and enjoy some spooky trick-or-treat surprises around school.

Every half term, we traditionally see a dip in attendance as the holidays approach. However, learning in every lesson remains just as important. That's why we're encouraging everyone to join in the fun as we head into spooky season, enjoy the celebrations, and most importantly, avoid missing valuable learning that could leave them playing catch-up after the break.

Let's make sure the holidays get off to a great start!

***P.S.** Rumour has it that Mrs Coy has given permission for the music between lessons to have a Halloween makeover. I'm sure it will be absolutely thrilling...*

Dates for Your Diary

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

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th October
Year 11 Conway Residential

Tuesday 20th October
London History Trip

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's communications.

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