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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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12 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Change to School Canteen Payment System (ParentPay to Arbor Pay)

We would like to inform you that we will be changing our school canteen payment system from ParentPay to Arbor Pay.

The changeover will take place on Friday 3rd July.

What you need to know:

- All existing Canteen balances on ParentPay will be automatically transferred to Arbor Pay.
- You do not need to take any action regarding your current balance.
- Please do not add any further funds to ParentPay after 11:00pm on Thursday 2nd July, to allow for a smooth transition.
- You will be able to add funds to your child's canteen account via Arbor Pay from Saturday 4th July.

Setting up Arbor Pay:

- Instructions on how to set up your Arbor Pay account will be shared next week.
- You will be able to start adding funds to your child's account via Arbor Pay from Saturday 4th July.

Support for families: If you experience any difficulties setting up your Arbor Pay account, students can still bring cash into school, which can be added to their account using the Reval machines on site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully

M Passey

Mr M Passey
Cluster Operations Manager

Principal Mrs C Coy

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· Please make sure you can log in to the Arbor Parent Portal before Friday 3rd July:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

Further guidance on logging into the parent portal can be found here: **[Logging In to the Parent Portal & Parent App](#)**

· If you have any issues logging into the Parent Portal, please contact the school office.

Adding Money via Arbor Pay:

From Saturday 4th July, you will be able to add money to your child's canteen account using Arbor Pay via the Parent Portal or Arbor App.

To add money:

- · Log into the Arbor Parent Portal
- · Go to Accounts on the dashboard
- Select Meals (this will be available from 4th July)
- Click on the balance to open the account
- Select Top up Account
- Enter the amount and follow the on-screen instructions

Support for families: If you experience any issues using Arbor Pay, students can still bring cash into school, which can be added to their account using the Reval machines.

Important reminders

Do not add funds to ParentPay after 11:00pm on Thursday 2nd July.

All balances will be transferred automatically.

Arbor Pay will be available from Saturday 4th July.

Thank you for your cooperation in preparing for this change.

Matthew Passey

Cluster Operations Manager

KS3 English and Maths Exam Schedule Summer 2026

To support your child's preparation for their end-of-year examinations, they have been provided with a revision booklet outlining the topics to be revised for each subject being assessed. An electronic copy of this booklet is also available at: www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/end-of-year-assessments and within your child's TEAMS area.

Exams (with the exception of English and Maths) will take place during timetabled lessons in the week(s) indicated below:

Year	Week beginning 11 th May	Week beginning 18 th May	MAY HALF TERM	Week beginning 1 st June	Week beginning 8 th June	Week beginning 15 th June	Week beginning 22 nd June
7	REVISE	REVISE	REVISE	REVISE & D&T Exam	REVISE & Comp Sci Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & History Exam Geography Exam RE Exam Spanish Exam	REVISE & Maths Exams English Exams (in the Sports Hall) Science Exam
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KS3 English and Maths Exam Schedule – Summer 2026

English and Maths exams will take place on the following days and will be sat in the Sports Hall between Friday 19th June and Wednesday 24th June.

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	19.06.26	22.06.26	23.06.26	24.06.26
Form Time				
Period 1 09:00 - 10:05	Y7 Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator (45mins) 09:10-09:55	Y7 English Reading (50mins) 09:05-09:55	Y7 English Writing (45mins) 09:10-09:55	Y7 Maths Paper 2 Non-Calculator (45mins) 09:00-09:55
Period 2 10:05 - 11:05				
BREAK				
Period 3 11:20 - 12:20	Y8 English Reading (50mins) 11:30-12:20			Y8 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (45mins) 11:30-12:15
Period 4 12:20 - 13:20		Y9 Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator (45mins) 12:30-13:15	Y9 English Reading (45mins) 12:30-13:15	
LUNCH				
Period 5 14:00 - 15:00	Y9 English Writing (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y8 Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y8 English Writing (45mins) 14:10-14:55	Y9 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (45mins) 14:10-14:55

Quality of Education



Curriculum Spotlight – Art

Why study Art and Design?

Art and Design is much more than drawing and painting—it's about creativity, problem-solving, and communication.

- Develops Creativity and Imagination

Art encourages you to think outside the box, explore ideas, and express yourself in unique ways. These skills are useful in every career, not just creative ones.

- Improves Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

Designing something requires planning, experimenting, and finding solutions. These are the same skills needed in science, technology, and business.

- Builds Confidence and Communication Skills

Sharing your work and explaining your ideas helps you become more confident and articulate—important for interviews, presentations, and teamwork.

- Opens Career Opportunities

Art and Design can lead to exciting careers in architecture, graphic design, fashion, animation, game design, advertising, and more.

- Supports Wellbeing

Creative activities reduce stress and help you express emotions in a positive way.



What Students are learning this half term and why it's Important

Year 7 – Students are finishing off a project about the artist Jim Dine. They have looked at methods of drawing and mark making as part of this. Currently they are experiencing the use of mark making in different ways and as a result produced work using embroidery and clay.

Year 8 - Students are exploring how different artists approach the theme of architecture. They have worked in the style of several artists already and now looking at the work of Ian Murphy. They are learning how a research page should look like in art and creating their own responses. For the next part of the project they will create work in the style of the artist looking at buildings from the local area of Salford and Manchester.

Year 9 - Students are revisiting the theme of portraiture, this they also tackled in year 8. To draw a portrait is very technical and requires mastery. They have learnt how to draw individual facial features, they have also learnt how proportions work in a face. Currently they are looking at celebrities to draw and working towards creating a pop art style portrait.

Year 10 – Students are working on the theme of animals throughout the year. This term they are focussing on preparing for their mock exams. They have specific plans to work through from looking at new imagery, researching new artists, developing new ideas and experiments to prepare them for a finished outcome in their 5 hour mock!

Year 11 – Course completed!

In art, all learning is sequential. In year 7, students learn the fundamental skills such as colour theory, use of line and mark making, how composition and space is used in work. Creating textures to give feeling and mood. Creating tone to give light and dark elements to work. Once a foundation is gained then the subsequent years build on this knowledge with more complex ideas, techniques and challenge. Our aim in KS3 is to build a well-rounded student who has experienced a multitude of different styles and techniques. We are also preparing those that chose the subject to be equipped and prepared for the rigours of GCSE.



How you can support at home

- Encourage your child to practice drawing, either through imagination or from observation. Ask them what the focus of the drawing is before they do it. For example, are they studying the texture of an object and how can this be communicated?
- Can you take your child to an art gallery? This builds interest and passion in the subject.
- Yr10 students should always be adding to their coursework at home. This would be extra pieces with become part of their portfolio. In order to get the highest grades, building on the portfolio outside of the classroom environment leads to success.

Fun Art Challenge

Ask your child:

Year 7- Practice painting something using a limited palette!

Year 8 – Look in a mirror and try to draw yourself!

Year 9 - Research a new artist and try to create art in their style.

Year 10 – Build on your coursework at home, it adds marks to your GCSE. That's fun!



Education With Character

The Lowry Way

At the Lowry Academy, we believe education goes beyond the classroom. Through enriching experiences, we help students develop the qualities that matter most - Confidence, Creativity, Aspiration, Resilience, and Respect - our Lowry values. This week, these values have been at the heart of everything we do.

Education with Character: Student Leadership in Action



This week, our student leaders once again exemplified what it means to lead with character as they supported our incoming Year 7 students at the Summer Transition Disco. From the moment families arrived, our students were warm, welcoming, and full of enthusiasm. They represented The Lowry Academy with pride, ensuring that both students and parents felt comfortable and excited about joining our community. Throughout the evening, they demonstrated our core values in action—greeting guests, chatting with new students, serving refreshments, leading games, and even taking centre stage in the karaoke! They truly were a credit to the school.

They were fantastic role models—friendly, kind, helpful, and supportive—and represented the school with confidence and pride. Their contribution made a real difference in helping our new students feel part of the community.

We are incredibly proud of all of the students involved. Their commitment to supporting others and embodying our values is exactly what Education with Character looks like in practice.

Thank a Teacher



Student Council Environment Day events continued this week with a wide range of activities and initiatives. Students took part in a “Task in from Time” challenge, daily litter pick blitzes, and the sharing of sustainability facts throughout the week. Lunchtime sustainability fairs provided a great opportunity for students to exchange ideas, while the launch of a poster competition and “Planet Pledges” in the pods encouraged further engagement. Our Environment Ambassadors truly stepped up to the mark, demonstrating passion, enthusiasm, and leadership in promoting a more sustainable future across the school.

Education with Character: Living Our Values



Across this week’s events, students clearly demonstrated our Lowry values:

- Aspiration – stepping up as role models and showing appreciation for staff
- Confidence – leading activities, welcoming families, and organising events
- Creativity – engaging peers and writing thoughtful, personal messages
- Respect – supporting younger students and expressing gratitude to teachers
- Resilience – sustaining energy, positivity, and responsibility throughout

These experiences together highlight our students’ commitment to character, values, and virtues in action—demonstrating teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and a shared desire to contribute positively to our school community.

As always, thank you for supporting our work on Education with Character. You can further strengthen these values at home by encouraging children to try new things, reflect on challenges, celebrate effort, and show kindness within the family and community. Together, we help our young people grow into confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals.

Education With Character

Celebrating Success this week

House Points Update:

Pankhurst
379,072

Kingsley
401,300

Delaney
380,292

Turing
418,019



Total Points

Year 7
402,279

Year 8
382,909

Year 9
250,480

Year 10
289,698

Year 11
251,653



Golden Tickets

Year 7
5,032

Year 8
3,603

Year 9
3,015

Year 10
1,915

Year 11
817



Values Cards

Year 7
3,238

Year 8
3,643

Year 9
3,410

Year 10
3,255

Year 11
1,827



Bronze Awards

Year 7
161

Year 8
164

Year 9
110

Year 10
171

Year 11
171



Silver Awards

Year 7
42

Year 8
44

Year 9
22

Year 10
8

Year 11
5



Gold Awards

Year 7
11

Year 8
5

Year 9
4

Year 10
0

Year 11
0

House Events This Term

10 House Points per event attended for you and your House!

House Events this term ...

This half term we have a fantastic line-up of House events designed to bring students together, spark creativity, and ignite a little friendly competition. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to see students getting involved and earning those all-important House points!

Friday 26th June – Guess the Sound Round 2 – with Miss Ballantyne

Thursday 2nd July – Spelling Bee with Miss Shackleton

Wednesday 8th July – Paper Planes with Miss Stubbs

House Winners Celebration Event

If you have any ideas for house events that you would like to see next month, please pass these to our student council and house captains.

Education with Character

Celebrating success this week!

Silver Award

Congratulations to the students below who have achieved their Silver Award this week!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 10	Year 11
Emily E	Melanie D	Kira K	Adam I
Maisie M		Eliza W-B	
Essa M			
Morgan O			
Mohammed A			

Bronze Award

Well done to the students below who have attained their Bronze Award this week!

Year 8	Year 10	Year 11
Sajda A	Lilly H	Taha A
		Toluwashina
		Ava W

Nearly There!

**The following students are now the closest to achieving their bronze, silver or gold award!
1,000 points needed for Bronze, 2,500 points needed for Silver & 5,000 points needed for Gold!**

Student	Year	Points	Student	Year	Points
Grace I	10	991	Faith R	9	797
Bobbi P	9	972	Mersad H	10	784
Nevaeh R	8	960	Hannah C	10	754
Evie H	10	959			
Kacper W	8	944		SILVER	
Ava B-H	8	931	Genet R	8	2474
Samar A	7	917	Abdullah A	8	2471
Zane P	10	913	Danielle A	7	2470
Muhammad	10	909	Alexis G	10	2468
Bailey W	10	902	George M	7	2462
Nataniel V	10	878			
Scarlett H	10	843		GOLD	
Mohamed G	7	832	Hannah I	9	4986
Riley R	8	829	Excel E	7	4967
Dillan W	7	822	Rebecca S	9	4901
Amelia M	9	815	Adiya E	7	4662
Lilly B	10	803	Anabella E	8	4649

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 25 th & Friday 26 th June	Year 6	Year 6 Transition Days
Friday 26 th June	Year 10	College Taster Day
Monday 29 th June	Year 10	Mock Interviews
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 7	MiSST Residential Parent's Evening
Tuesday 30 th June	KS3	Salford Children's Book Awards
Thursday 2 nd July	All Families	Sports Day
Friday 3 rd July	Year 11	Prom
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 7	Grammar Stream Celebration Evening
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 7	MiSST Residential
Friday 10 th July	Year 10	North West Computer Museum Trip
Thursday 16 th July	All Families	Final Day of Half-Term 6

Summer Safety Message

Important safety message from Salford City Council

As the school holidays approach, please make sure you and your children understand the dangers of jumping from bridges and swimming in Salford Quays, as well as rivers, lakes, reservoirs and other open water.

Too many young people have already lost their lives. Please help us prevent any more tragedies.

Key safety facts:

- The water in the Quays, rivers and lakes remains dangerously cold, even on the hottest days.
- Jumping into cold water can cause cold water shock, triggering an involuntary gasp reflex. This affects even strong swimmers.
- Gaspings in water increases the risk of inhaling water and drowning. Jumping from height also forces the body deeper underwater, increasing danger.
- There may be hidden hazards beneath the surface that can cause injury or prevent resurfacing.
- If you swim outside an organised session with lifeguards, you are relying on your family/friends/members of the public to save you if you get into difficulties.
- Because of all these dangers there is a Public Spaces Protection Order in place which makes it against the law to jump from bridges and/or swim in Salford Quays except during organised swimming sessions with lifeguards where there is a safe ratio of lifeguards to swimmers.
- The bridges are monitored by CCTV and regular joint council/police safety patrols walk the area who will advise young people of the dangers.
- Anyone identified jumping from bridges may receive a warning letter and a home visit from the police.
- In previous years, several young people aged under 18 received a warning letter and home visit from the police while adults have been issued £100 fixed penalty notices for breaching the Public Spaces Protection Order.

The Quays is a wonderful area to visit and enjoy but we don't want that visit to end in tragedy.

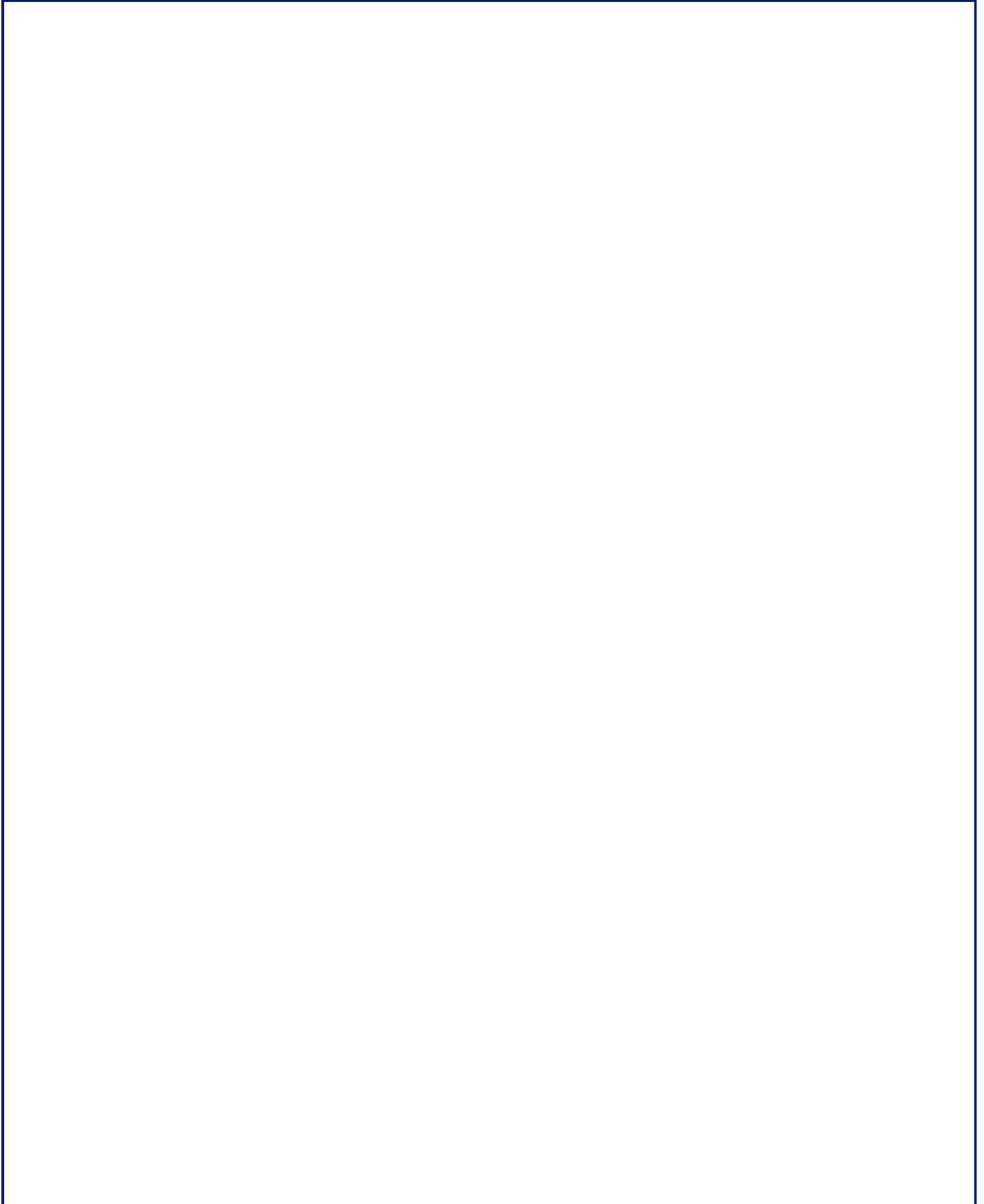
It is also important to remember that many people call the Quays home and anti-social behaviour and littering can have a significant impact on residents. Being respectful and considerate helps ensure everyone can enjoy the Quays safely this summer.

To see activities for young people in Salford, please see the My City Salford webpages for information about what is on <http://directory.salford.gov.uk/>

Please also following the Facebook pages below;

@Claremontandweaste Facebook page www.facebook.com/claremontandweaste/?fref=nf

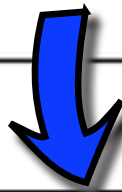
Or @Ordsallandlangworthy Facebook page www.facebook.com/OrdsallandLangworthy/



Change to School Canteen Payment System. ParentPay to Arbor Pay.

Statistics

Attendance (2025/2026) 99.4% This year: 99.4% (99.4%) Last term: 99.4% (99.4%)	House Point - this term 838 This year: 838 points Last term: 245+ points	Negative Point Scale - this term 0 This year: 0 points Last term: 0 points
Negative Behavioural Incidents - this term 0 This year: 2 incidents Last term: 2 incidents		
Guardian Consultations No guardian consultations for		
Accounts :Meals :Balance: £12.00		
Activities :Trips		
School Shop :School Shop Products		



Summer Total Payments: £0.00

Term: Summer 2026 Top up account

View: All Sections

Week beginning 15 Jun 2026: £0.00

Monday	£0.00
Tuesday	£0.00
Wednesday	£0.00
Thursday	£0.00
Friday	£0.00

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Top-Up Details

Customer account: (Meals)

Bill payer*

Payment amount* £

Narrative

Add to basket Pay now

Account top-up: (Meals)
£25.00

Contact information
Email: email@example.com

Payment method
Card
Card information
1234 1234 1234 1234
MM / YY CVC
Cardholder name
Full name on card
Country or region
United Kingdom

Pay

Powered by stripe | Terms | Privacy



Lowry Fest 2026

Saturday 11th July 2026 12pm - 3pm

We would love for you to join us for an afternoon filled with fun, community spirit, and celebration.

LowryFest 2026 will bring together families, students, staff, and the wider community for a fantastic day of entertainment, activities, food, and stalls. It's set to be a memorable occasion and with your support, we hope to make it bigger and better than ever.

We're Looking for Stall Holders and would like to invite the following to host a stall and be part of the event:

Local businesses
Community groups and organisations
Creative individuals and makers

Whether you sell products, offer services, run activities, or simply want to showcase what you do, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with local families and be part of something special.

Please help us spread the word because the more people involved, the better. Together, we can make LowryFest 2026 a day to remember.

Interested in Having a Stall?

Please complete our Stall Holder Expression of Interest Form and tell us a little more about what you would like to offer:

Registration Form:
LowryFest 2026 Stall Holder Registration Form

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Email: ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk
Telephone: 0161 529 5200 (Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:00pm)

Please ask to speak with Sarra Smith, Transition and Community Lead.

We look forward to welcoming you to LowryFest 2026!



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Lowry Fest 2026

CALLING ALL STALLHOLDERS!

We're looking for local businesses, makers, crafters, food vendors and community stalls to join us for a fun-filled summer event!

Interested in having a stall?

Please email ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk



or

Call our school number on **0161 529 5200** and ask to speak to Sarra Smith.



 **Saturday 11th July 2026**

 **12pm – 3pm**

 **The Lowry Academy,
Hilton Lane, Worsley,
M28 0SY**



School Fair ■ Summer School Fair ■ Summer School Fair



Pre-Loved Shop



The Pre – Loved Shop that we launched last year proved the kindness and generosity that our parents and carers always share when it comes to supporting our school events, our food bank, fundraisers and our community at large.

So far this year we have helped over 40 families and now we find our pre-loved uniform running low.

If you have any pre-loved or unused uniform including blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, ties and also P.E kit, please can you send it in to school with your child or bring in your donations to our main office. Feet grow quickly, so any shoes or trainers will also be gratefully received.

We are also creating some hygiene packs so if you have spare toiletries you can send in to us we would be most grateful.

We will be accepting uniform donations from Monday June 8th until the end of the academic year so please check your wardrobes and drawers and send in what you can. All donations will be gifted a bag of sweet treats in return as a thank you.

Please know how much we value and appreciate your support. The need for assistance is greater than ever, with many families turning to us for help with the cost of school uniforms, especially those who have recently arrived in our country and have little support available as they settle into a new community.

Thank you in advance for taking the time and making the effort to continue to support us with this initiative.

Mrs Smith, Transition and Community Lead



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WALKDEN IN BLOOM

Join us for

LITTER PICKS

with Walkden in Bloom!



EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH



13 JUNE



11 JULY



8 AUGUST



12 SEPTEMBER

All welcome!
Let's make a
difference.



Let's keep
Walkden
beautiful
together!



Meet at:

Hug in a Mug @ 10:30am

2 High Street, Walkden, M28 3JH



all equipment provided,
free refreshments afterwards,
good mood guaranteed! ♥

Salford City Council



ForHousing



Drop in!

Salford's Neurodiversity Network

A space for you to come and talk to services, meet other parents and families, learn about strategies and ask questions linked to your child's neurodevelopmental needs.



Monday 15th June 2026

Drop in between 9.30am and 11:30am

Pendleton Gateway, 1 Broadwalk

Pendleton

M6 5FX

What's on this month?

- Drop in to talk, ask questions, and access support from Salford services
- Meet other parents/families and have a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
- Bring in toys you don't use that are in good condition for a **"Toy Trade"** and swap it with a different one
- Opportunity to win prize vouchers!



Who is the Neurodiversity Network for?

The Neurodiversity Network sessions are for parents / carers of a neurodivergent child. Your child does not require a diagnosis for you to attend.

Why come along?

- A first point of contact to support your child's neurodevelopmental needs
- Get advice tailored to your child and family's needs
- Connect with others and build your support network
- Discover local services and resources



Sessions will be held across Salford each month

Contact us for more information: adminneurodevelopment@salford.gov.uk



PLAYERS WANTED



U14's Girls

(Y9 from September)



All positions and abilities welcome



Train Wednesdays 7-8pm, AO Sports Arena BL3 1SD



Play Sundays in Bolton & Bury League

**We focus on enjoyment
and development**



Contact Ash Jones
on 07791754495



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