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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

What an exciting week at The Lowry Academy! A huge congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Team for winning the Salford Schools Football Tournament—and impressively, they didn't concede a single goal! Their teamwork, skill, and determination are a real credit to the school.

We also wish the very best of luck to our Year 11 students embarking on their residential trip to The Conway Centre today – we hope they have a fantastic experience.

Our Year 7 Grammar Stream has also had a fantastic start. This group of highly academically able students is studying a more challenging and in-depth curriculum after school from 3–4pm, covering STEM, German, Classical Literature, and Further Maths. We can't wait to see their progress this term!

A reminder about our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop: thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Together, we've already helped 25 families, and we continue to welcome donations of uniform in good condition, particularly hats, scarves, and coats as the colder weather approaches. If you would like to visit the shop, please email transitions@lowryacademy.org.uk to arrange a suitable time.

The deadline to apply for a High School place for September 2026 is Friday 31st October – just two weeks away! If you have a child in Year 6, please make sure to submit your application and encourage friends and family to do the same, selecting The Lowry Academy as their first choice (of course!).

Looking ahead, we are very excited for our next Staff vs Students E-Sports Match in our new E-Sports suite – a real half-term favourite for both staff and students!

As we approach the final week of this half-term, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance – every day counts in helping our students make the most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Mastery Sessions

Dear Parent/Carer,

From next week, Students in Years 7-9 will be given knowledge organisers to use in preparation for Mastery sessions, which will launch in Half Term 2. Mastery sessions will take place weekly during form time in the Sports Hall. Students will be given a page of their knowledge organiser the week before to self-quiz at home using the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' method.

To support your child at home, please ensure they complete their self-quizzing weekly using the correct 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' method, which is as follows:

Look - Students read the information assigned to them from one page of their knowledge organiser

Cover – Students will cover up the page of their knowledge organiser which contains the relevant information.

Write – Students answer a set of assigned questions, without looking at the information provided.

Check – Students go back to the original page of information and check how many answers they have answered correctly and make changes to those that were incorrect.

Form tutors will check this self-quizzing during form time to ensure students have completed it, and then a Mastery quiz will take place in the Sports Hall based on the self-quizzing students have done. If students commit to self-quizzing at home each week and participating fully in the Mastery sessions, it will have an impact on their school performance. The Educational Endowment Fund did some research into the benefits of student self-quizzing, and they found it can have up to a +0.87 impact on student outcomes, and those who regularly commit to self-quizzing at home perform 30% better on assessments than those who don't.

From **W/B 10th November**, Knowledge Organisers will become a compulsory part of school equipment for Year 7-9 students, and any students who do not bring their knowledge organiser on the Mastery Check Day, and their scheduled Mastery Day, will receive a Lowry Line. Any student that receives 2 Lowry Lines each week will receive an after-school detention that week.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in driving forward achievement at the Lowry Academy.

Kind regards,

Mr Hargreaves

Assistant Principal – Curriculum

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Key Stage 3 Academic Reviews Reminder
Thursday 23rd October 2025 and Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please be reminded that Academic Reviews for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are scheduled to take place on Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 6th November 2025.

Appointments have already been sent out via email and are also available on the Arbor App. These were shared before the summer for Years 8 and 9, and Year 7 parents were informed shortly after their child started school in September.

Academic Reviews have replaced the traditional Parents Evening for Key Stage 3 students. Each student has been assigned an Academic Mentor who will lead a 20-minute review meeting. This is an opportunity to discuss progress across all subjects, as well as wider contributions to school life. Parents/carers will receive a summary of 'next steps' to support their child's ongoing development.

Please ensure your appointment is in your calendar and contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Samantha Wells
Assistant Principal (Assessment Data and Interventions)

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School Photographer

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that the school photographer will be visiting The Lowry Academy on Tuesday 4th November to take individual photographs of students in Years 7 and 8. These photos are an important part of keeping our School Management System up to date and ensuring we have accurate records.

Once the photographs have been processed, parents and carers will be able to log in and view them online. You will also have the opportunity to purchase prints if you wish, allowing you to obtain a copy of your child's school photo should you choose to do so.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Lowry Academy

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Quality of Education

Curriculum Spotlight – Maths

Studying maths is important because it teaches us how to think clearly, solve problems creatively, and see patterns in the world around us. Mathematics is more than numbers. It's a language of logic and discovery that builds confidence in reasoning and decision making. Whether designing technology, managing finances, or understanding nature, maths empowers us to turn curiosity into understanding and challenges into opportunities. We teach a broad curriculum so that all students have the opportunity to successfully build on their skills in whatever path they take after GCSEs.

What students are learning this half term

- **Year 7:** Numeracy skills, order of operations, introduction to algebra
- **Year 8:** Powers and roots, prime factorisation, rounding, fractions
- **Year 9:** Decimal manipulation, estimation, related calculations, HCF and LCM of large numbers, fraction calculations
- **Year 10:** solving equations, rearranging formulae, straight line graphs, simultaneous equations, volume
- **Year 11:** Year 11 teachers deliver a bespoke scheme of learning for each class to identify and address specific gaps in knowledge to best equip them in their formal examinations

Why this is important

Studying these topics gives students a broad range of mathematical skills which are transferable and allow students to apply logical thinking and reasoning to problems.

Numerical skills allow people to make basic life decisions, from money management to event planning, whilst algebra allows people to generalise ideas and use basic formulae.

Powers and roots are used in many different careers, such as engineering, medicine, finance and computer science. Rounding allows people to make estimations which can be used in everyday tasks such as shopping.

HCF and LCM is used by suppliers, in music composition, timetabling and well as many other logistics problems. Solving equations is used in everyday life without people even realising, but also trains the brain to think logically, identify patterns, and devise solutions, which is useful in all areas of life.

How you can Support at Home

- Ensure your child completes their Sparx homework on time every week. Sparx algorithm gets to know each student and adapts their tasks to make them bespoke and work on the topics they have knowledge gaps in. Homework is released to students every Friday at 4pm and is due Thursday 8am (Y11) or Friday 4pm (all other year groups).
- Talk to your child about the importance of Maths to access the next steps after finishing school.
- The best way to improve in Maths is to do more Maths!

Fun Maths Challenge – Ask your Child!

Yr 7:

What does BIDMAS stand for?

Brackets Indices Division Multiplication Addition Subtraction

Yr 8:

What is a prime number?

A number with only 2 factors, 1 and itself

Yr 9:

Which operations require fractions to have a common denominator?

Addition and subtraction

Yr 10:

What is the general equation of a straight line?

$y = mx + c$

Education With Character

Celebrating Success

Growing Character Through Our Core Values

At The Lowry Academy, we believe that character development is just as important as academic success. Our five core values guide everything we do, and we help students live these values through everyday actions, choices, and relationships. We want our students to "Do the right thing, for the right reason - even when no one is watching."

Why It Matters

Character education helps students flourish - not just in school, but in life. It builds confidence, empathy, and a sense of purpose. At The Lowry Academy, we're proud to partner with you in helping every child become the best version of themselves.

House Points:

Delaney
67,232

Pankhurst
66,443

Kingsley
66,407

Turing
65,430

**Bronze Awards
Achieved This Week...**

Deeva N

Milia N



Together, we are shaping not just successful students, but principled, thoughtful citizens of the future.

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 leading the way with this. 1000 house points needed to get your bronze award!

Name	Year	Points	Points to Bronze
Deeva NT	9	1045	Attained
Milia NN	7	1022	Attained
Adedayo P	7	979	21
Freya Elise S	7	944	56
Hannah I	9	867	133
Georgie R	8	866	134
Emma O	9	851	149
Sienna A	7	827	173
Emily D	8	791	209
Hannah F	7	769	231
Hameedah H	7	751	249
Jetemi B	7	744	256
Glory A	9	700	300
Viha S	8	699	301
Erick R	8	684	316
Jamie-Lee W	7	681	319
Kaylee P	7	669	331
Pearl E	11	661	339
Excel E	7	648	352
Nana BA	8	645	355

Thank you for being part of our character journey.

Education With Character

House Update

Our 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 every Tuesday and Thursday.

Students can take part in our **weekly house events** to collect house points.

Upcoming House Events...



Introducing Our Year 7 House Captains!

Next week, we'll be announcing our new Year 7 House Captains! These students have shown **Ambition, Respect, and Resilience**—stepping up as role models who will lead by example, support house events, and inspire others. Their leadership journey is a fantastic example of **Education with Character** in action.

10 House Points per event attended!

Coming Soon: House Family Fortunes! Thursday 23rd October

Our next house event brings a fun, interactive challenge to the stage! Teams will go head-to-head to guess the most popular answers in our very own version of the iconic gameshow.

This isn't just about trivia—it's about showing **Ambition, Respect, and Resilience** as students work together to represent their house with pride. Students can speak to their House Captains to sign up and join the fun!

The Classic Gameshow
with a Lowry Twist!



Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/d82daa64>

The vaccinations will take place at school on the 8th December 2025. The link will close on the 2nd December 2025.

If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 1, option 7.

Kind regards,

The Lowry Academy

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Winter Menus

Dear Parents/Carers,

The next few pages of this newsletter contain important updates from Chartwells, our catering provider.

First, you will find a letter from Chartwells outlining the upcoming changes to our school menus and providing details about pricing. This is followed by the updated price list.

Finally, we have included the new Winter Menu, which has been thoughtfully designed with input from our Student Leadership Team to ensure a nutritious and appealing selection for the colder months.

Thank you for your continued support as we enhance our food offering and maintain the high standards of our school meals.

Best wishes,

The Lowry Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our culinary and nutrition teams are continually working hard to develop dishes and menus that are packed with nutrients, while providing choice and delivering on quality. As always, our menus will continue to provide children a choice of nutritious meals, while catering for those with allergies, and providing great value for money.

Over the last few years, we have maintained the prices for students in the canteen but like all UK businesses, we have been experiencing significant inflationary pressures. As has been widely reported in the media, these pressures have particularly impacted the price of food. We have been absorbing these costs through menu changes and negotiating with our suppliers.

To continue delivering a high-quality service that meets the School Food Standards, we will be freezing the meal price of £2.50 at your child's school but the cash tariff will see some changes increasing on some individual items from November 3rd 2025.

Our meal deal will remain at £2.50 ensuring all pupils can access a balanced meal deals which include a main meal and dessert, or a packed lunch deal with other offers available each day.

The new Autumn/Winter menu has been created in collaboration with the student leadership team feedback & they have played an integral part in the menu process.

All menus will continue to provide students a choice of nutritious and delicious meals, while complying with the Government's nutritional guidelines. We want to assure you that the decision to take this action was not taken lightly. We will always continue to do all that we can to provide you the best possible value for money.

Kind Regards,
Chartwells

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FOOD UNION

Deli

Basic Sandwich	£1.70
Deli Sandwich	£2.15
Baguette	£2.35
Cold Wrap	£2.20
Cold Pasta Pot	£2.00

Break

Bacon Bap	£1.65
Topped Bagel	£1.75
Veggie Muffin	£1.75
Waffle/Pretzil	£1.25
Toasted Bagel	£0.90
Smoothie	£1.35
Toast with Spread	£0.40

Desserts

Homemade Traybake	£1.00
Homemade Muffin	£1.00
Cookie	£1.00
Waffle	£1.25
Jelly Pot	£1.00
Dessert Pot	£1.00
Biscuit	£0.75
Mini Cheddars	£1.10

Drinks

Mineral Water	£0.90
Radnor Still/Fizz 330ml	£1.20
Juice Burst	£1.45
Yazoo Milkshake	£1.45
Radnor Tetra	£1.05
Viva Milkshake	£1.10

Meal Deals

Main Meal + Dessert or Water

Pasta & 1 Topping + Traybake or Water

Jacket Potato & 1 Topping + Traybake or Water

Margarita Pizza + Traybake + Water

Basic Sandwich + Traybake + Water

Only £2.50

Lunch

Main Meal Meat	£2.20
Main Meal Veggie	£2.20
Plain Pasta	£1.20
Pasta & Cheese	£2.30
Pasta & Sauce	£2.30
Pasta Sauce & Cheese	£2.50
Jacket Potato	£1.15
Jacket Potato & Beans	£2.30
Jacket Potato & Cheese	£2.30
Jacket Potato & Tuna	£2.30
Margarita Pizza	£1.62
Pizza & Topping	£1.90
Panini	£2.40
Additional Toppings	£1.15

Salad

Fruit	£0.30
Pineapple Pot	£1.00
Fruit & Strawberry Yoghurt Pot	£1.00
Large Salad Bar	£2.30

WEEK 1 MENU

CHOICE *One*

CHOICE *Two*

GRAB & GO *options*

	CLASSIC	SPICE IS NICE
MON	CHICKEN SAUSAGE AND MASH with Vegetables and Gravy 	YELLOW VEGETABLE CURRY with Wholegrain Rice   
	BURGER BAR	BURGER BAR
TUE	JERK CHICKEN BURGER with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Salad 	BLACK EYED BEAN BURGER with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Salad 
	CLASSIC	CLASSIC
WED	ROAST CHICKEN with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy 	SPICED SWEET POTATO AND CHICKPEA ROAST with Wholegrain Rice and Salad   
	STREET	STREET
THUR	CHILLI CON CARNE with Wholegrain Rice and Vegetables  	YAKISOBA SOYA NOODLES with Vegetables  
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN GOUJONS with Chips and Baked Beans or Peas 	BBQ QUORN BITES with Chips and Baked Beans or Peas 

HOT DISHES:

Paninis
Pasta and Sauces
Freshly Baked Pizza
Soup and Bread
Jacket Potato and Toppings

SALADS:

Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 
Pesto Pasta Salad   
Chicken and Bacon Pasta Salad

SANDWICHES/ BAGUETTES:

Egg Salad Sandwich
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Tuna Mayo Baguette
BLT Baguette

WRAPS:

Pepper and Houmous Wrap   
BBQ Chicken Wrap   
Chicken Cesar Wrap   

WEEK 2 MENU

CHOICE *One*

CHOICE *Two*

GRAB & GO *options*

	SPICE IS NICE	SPICE IS NICE
MON	CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA with Wholegrain Rice and Vegetables 🍲❤️🌱	SPINACH AND CHICKPEA DAHL with Wholegrain Rice, Vegetables and Mint Raita 🌱🍲❤️
	BURGER BAR	BURGER BAR
TUE	SRIRACHA CHICKEN BURGER with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Salad 🌱	TIGER BHAJI BURGER with Baked Garlic Wedges and Salad 🌱
	CLASSIC	CLASSIC
WED	ROAST TURKEY with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy 🌱	SWEET CHILLI VEGETABLE NOODLES With Satay Sweetcorn 🌱❤️
	STREET	STREET
THUR	FIRECRACKER BEEF with Wholegrain Rice and Vegetables 🍲❤️🌱	VEGETABLE JAMBALAYA with Green Beans 🌱
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN GOUJONS with Chips and Baked Beans or Corn on the Cob 🌱	CHEESE, ONION AND POTATO SLICE with Chips and Baked Beans or Corn on the Cob

HOT DISHES:

Paninis
Pasta and Sauces
Freshly Baked Pizza
Soup and Bread
Jacket Potato and Toppings

SALADS:

Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 🍲❤️
Pesto Pasta Salad 🍲🌱❤️
Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad 🍲🌱

SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES:

Egg Salad Sandwich
Chicken Salad Sandwich 🌱
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Tuna Mayo Baguette
BLT Baguette

WRAPS:

BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍲❤️🌱
Chicken Caesar Wrap 🍲❤️
Pepper and Houmous Wrap 🌱🍲❤️

WEEK 3 MENU

CHOICE *One*

CHOICE *Two*

GRAB & GO *options*

	BURGER BAR	BURGER BAR
MON	BURGER BOX with Crispy Potatoes and Salad 	BEETROOT AND FETA BURGER with Baked Spiced Wedges and Salad
	STREET	STREET
TUE	MINCE BEEF PIE with Mashed Potato, Vegetables and Gravy 	VEGETABLE NOODLE POT with Salad
	CLASSIC	CLASSIC
WED	ROAST CHICKEN WINGS  with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	MAC CHEESE VEGGIE BOLOGNESE with Margherita Pizza Pinwheel and Salad
	ITALIAN	ITALIAN
THUR	BEEF LASAGNE With Margherita Pizza Pinwheel and Salad 	OPEN CAJUN VEGETABLE FAJITA with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Vegetables  
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	BATTERED FISH with Chips and Baked Beans or Mushy Peas	CHEESY BEAN BURGER with Chips and Baked Beans or Mushy Peas 

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BLT Baguette

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BBQ Chicken Wrap   
Chicken Cesar Wrap   
Pepper and Houmous Wrap   

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
Wednesday 22 nd October	Years 4 - 6	Halloween Disco for Primary Schools
Thursday 23 rd October	Years 7 - 9	Academic Review Meetings
Friday 24 th October	All Families	School closes for half-term at 3pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	All Families	Half term
Monday 3 rd November	All Families	Students return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 7	Photographer in School
Thursday 6 th November	Years 7 - 9	Academic Review Meetings
Monday 10 th - Friday 21 st November	Year 11	Mock Exams

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OCTOBER HALF TERM



When?

10am - 12pm

Monday 27th October

Where?

Wharton and Cleggs Lane Church
Cleggs Lane, Little Hulton, M38 9RW

Who's it for?

Children aged 5 - 11 years (*younger siblings welcome*)

All children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult

BOOK HERE or come on the day
<https://tinyurl.com/mr47mps8>



Family Fun in Parr Fold Park!

Saturday 25th October | 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Parr Fold Park, Walkden

Join Salford Community Leisure's Active Communities Team
and the Friends of Parr Fold Park for a spooky family-
friendly evening before the Binaural Sound & Projections
Walk delivered by Breaking Barriers later in the night
(6.30pm / 7.30pm / 8.30pm).

What's On:

Creepy Crafts

Face Painting

Glitter Tattoos

Tombola

Name the Monster

The Pavilion cafe accepts cash & card.

Please note small charges apply to some activities which are cash only.

Book your Sound & Projections Walk here:

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**BREAKING
BARRIERS**