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Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming our students back into school **from 5th September** and hope you all had a restful Summer break. Please see below for the dates that each year group will return to school:

- **September 5th 8.30am – Year 7 and 11 in school.**
- **September 6th 8.30am – Year 7, 10 and 11 in school.**
- **September 7th 8.30am – All year groups in school.**

A reminder that the school day has changed and will run from **8:30am – 3:00pm**.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you of our high standards at The Lowry Academy: All students are expected to attend school every day; any students who are late to school will be issued with a detention.

The Academy Uniform Policy states ‘shoes only’. Trainers are not allowed to be worn as part of the uniform. Please refer to the ‘September Ready Booklet’ for acceptable and non-acceptable examples. Students are expected to arrive at school wearing or carrying blazers and are expected to put their blazers on before entering the school building. Students must **not** return to school with any of the following:

- False eye lashes (please arrange for these to be removed before their return to school).
- False nails (please arrange for these to be removed before their return to school). Coloured nail varnish is also not permitted.
- Piercings other than a small stud in the ear. Other facial piercings are not permitted.
- Unnatural hair colours (please arrange for these to be removed before their return to school).
- Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. Students should only bring water into school. We suggest all students have a refillable water bottle, which can be refilled at one of our water fountains. Fizzy drinks will be confiscated and placed in the bin.

All students are expected to be equipped for lessons. They will be expected to have a pencil case with two black pens, two green pens, two pencils and a ruler for every class. If a student loses or forgets their equipment, they will have the opportunity to purchase replacements at the start of each school day.

All students will be expected to have a school bag with enough room to hold their equipment, schoolbooks, revision guides and PE kit when needed. Students are expected to bring their complete PE kit on the days they have PE. Handbags are not permitted. Examples can be found in the ‘September Ready Booklet’.

Mobile phones will not be allowed at any point during the school day. They must be switched off before a student enters school. Any mobile phone seen or heard will be confiscated until the end of the school day. This includes phones visible in the shirt or front of blazer pockets.

Principal Mrs C Coy



Homework and Independent Learning

Upon our return, we will be starting as we mean to go on in terms of our high expectations of our students. Therefore, we will be reinforcing the importance of independent Learning (homework) with our students throughout assemblies and form-time.

The new Homework Timetable is available on our website, please have a look -

(<https://www.lowryacademy.org.uk/students/homework>) along with useful videos and instructions on accessing and completing homework. All homework is set on Microsoft Teams. If your child doesn't have access to a computer at home to complete online homework, they can use a school computer after school each day.

Homework is vital to ensuring your child's success: our Homework Policy is grounded in reviewing the knowledge students have learnt in their lessons, which makes it more likely this knowledge will be retained in their long-term memory. It also supports revision for assessments and enables students to develop valuable skills in personal organisation. We will be issuing all students in KS3 with a "Knowledge Organiser" containing all of the information they need to remember for each subject and a "Self-Quizzing" Homework Book – please encourage your child to keep hold of these, and bring them to school every day. A key part of their homework will be to revise what they have learnt in class, so we look forward to seeing their Homework Books fill up with all of their self-quizzing notes!

Students who regularly complete homework to a high standard make more progress than students who do not. They are also rewarded as per our Rewards System. We look forward to working together with parents and carers in supporting our students to complete their homework, to enable them to achieve their potential.

We will be using the first half-term to support our students in developing good homework habits and give them time to get used to the routine. After October Half-Term, we will be introducing homework detentions if your child does not complete their homework.

Pastoral Structure

We have also made some changes to our pastoral structure. Each Year Group is now led by a Head of Year who will be the main point of call for all Behaviour, Welfare and Attendance issues. Below is who you should contact if you have any concerns about your child:

- Year 7 – Mr Rutledge Simon.Rutledge@lowryacademy.org.uk
- Year 8 – Miss Connors Leanne.Connors@lowryacademy.org.uk
- Year 9 – Mr Litchmore Reoearl.Litchmore@lowryacademy.org.uk
- Year 10 – Mr Gemmel Ricky.Gemmel@lowryacademy.org.uk
- Year 11 – Mr Kenny Jake.Kenny@lowryacademy.org.uk

Mr Trumble will continue to work with Year 11, however, his new role will focus on the academic progress of the year group - Paul.Trumble@lowryacademy.org.uk Our students will be made aware of this new system during assemblies in the first week of term.

Mr McDonagh - Thomas.McDonagh@lowryacademy.org.uk has been appointed as Assistant Principal SENDCo and will oversee our SEND Provision at The Lowry Academy.



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The partnership between school and home is vital in ensuring your child's future success, so we would appreciate your support and we will update you on your child's progress at each step via phone calls from staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Pastoral Team if you have any queries or would like any more information regarding the above.

Yours faithfully,

S Fletcher

Mr S Fletcher
Vice Principal

Principal Mrs C Coy

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