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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we complete our first full week of the academic year, I am pleased to tell you that students have settled into our routines, lessons are calm and purposeful, and attendance has been excellent. My thanks to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support and encouragement of school.

Our Year 7 students are beginning to navigate the school building (getting slightly lost less and less) and it's pleasing to see their confidence increase everyday. Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have commenced their after-school classes, (Period 6), which provides them with additional tuition each day to support their GCSE preparations.

Please find a below a few timely reminders for your information:

ParentPay System – This is our secure cashless payment system, ParentPay, is used for school lunches and trips. If your child purchases their lunch, please ensure their account is topped up. At the start of year, many children had a low balance on their account. In cases where you may forget, please don't worry—your child will still receive food, and we will arrange the payment later. If your child receives free school meal, you still need to set up a ParentPay account, for paying for trips and visits. All new Year 7 parents will need an account. You can find details of how to set up ParentPay [here](#)

If you think your child might qualify for free school meals, please apply using [this link](#). This not only provides your child with a daily lunch but also brings additional funding to the school through the Pupil Premium.

Reward Booklets -This year we have re-launched our reward system to make it easy to understand and more inclusive; we want to reward students for doing the right thing. All students have received a Rewards Booklet which they should keep in a blazer pocket, students collect teacher signatures for their achievements. We need your help in keeping this safe, and ensuring it is not accidentally washed, as it is not washing machine-proof! Rewards can be traded for items in our in school Rewards Shop and also qualify for end of term rewards activities.

PE Kits - We have had an increasing number of students choosing to wear their PE kit to school on days they have PE lessons. This helps maximize their time in class and ensures they are prepared. Thank you for your support in this matter.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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School Information

RSE Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at the Lowry Academy, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives our young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From Easter 2021 the Department for Education made Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools. We send this letter every academic year to remind our parents of this and ask any new parents of Year 7 students to read our policy, and contact us with any queries you may have on this.

What does the guidance mean?

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will allow young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all students in the class. How will this be delivered?

This guidance forms part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body.

For more detail about the PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for students to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

What if I have questions?

To remind and introduce new parents to this policy and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like you to review the policy and the statutory content of the relationships and sex education programme.



The policy also contains important information for parents who may wish to withdraw their children from these classes.

As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. If you would like to find out more or make any comments or provide feedback on this policy, please contact the PHSE Co-ordinator, Miss Miller-Allen (ask.lowry@lowryacademy.orh.uk). Alternatively, please provide your comments in an envelope for the attention of Miss Miller-Allen.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr D Hargreaves
Assistant Principal

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School Information

Free School Meals / Parent Pay

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are aware that there have been issues with Parent Pay and Free School Meals this week and we thank you for your patience with this. Please be assured that the system issue has now been rectified however if you are having any issues getting set up on Parent Pay please let us know as soon as possible.

We provided **all** Year 7 students with a free meal on the first day. If you would like your child to be able to purchase food in school you will need to add money to their Parent Pay account. Students can buy toast and snacks during morning break and can get a meal deal at lunchtime.

A meal deal is £2.20. Your child can choose a hot meal with a cookie or a bottle of water, or a slice of Pizza with a cookie and a bottle of water. Paninis and cold sandwiches are also included as a meal deal choice. Any additional food or drink purchased will be charged accordingly and deducted from your Parent Pay account.

Free School Meals are only available at lunchtime. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and wishes to buy food during their morning break or additional food at lunchtime, they will need to have money on their Parent Pay account, and any extra food or snacks purchased will be deducted from the account. Students can check their balances using their fingerprints on the machines positioned close to the canteen or sports hall. Your child needs to place their fingertip firmly on the reader to make sure it scans correctly. Please be aware that that you can set a daily limit on Parent Pay so that your child does not spend too much money in any one day. We have had a few instances this week of students purchasing additional items, and we would advise parents to be aware of daily limits to avoid this happening in the future.

To check if your child is eligible for a free school meal please make enquiries through Salford Council and they will be able to advise [Free school meals•Salford City Council](#). If you are eligible, you also apply for school holiday vouchers from September 20th on the Free School Meals page of the website.

During term time all students can access our free breakfast club and choose from a variety of items such as bagels, cereal and fruit. This is available in the school canteen between 7.30am and 8.10am.

If you are a Year 7 parent or carer who needs support with Parent Pay or the application for free school meals please contact Mrs Smith on transitions@lowryacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S Smith

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School Information

Sept 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

Imms.team5-19@nca.nhs.uk

0161 206 8821

Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination (HPV) is usually offered to children in Yr 8 approx. age 12-13. During recent years we have widened the programme to now include boys and girls, through the extension of the programme it has already started to strengthen the protection offered to young people of Salford and will continue to prevent more cases of HPV related cancers in the future.

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the School Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver this first high school age vaccinations. This vaccination is not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and this is to ensure that your child is protected later in life, The HPV vaccination is a **ONE DOSE course** of injections and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The School Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

STEP 1: Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 2: Once you login you can read the information on this year's HPV vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse the **ONE DOSE course** of HPV vaccine for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against this very serious disease.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on 020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com

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Please click the link below.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SiHPV2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Programme please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.


Yours sincerely,


Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

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College Timetable




DID YOU KNOW?  To access a Level 3 BTEC course, students require a Grade 5 in Maths and English.

<p>Sep</p> <p>Colleges will visit The Lowry Academy in assemblies. Open Day Events start.</p>	<p>Oct</p> <p>Open Days commence and applications are open.</p>	<p>Nov</p> <p>Mock Exams, that create predicted grades for Colleges, start.</p>	<p>Dec</p> <p>Application Deadline for Loreto/Xaverian.</p>
<p>Jan</p> <p>Application Deadline for Salford/Bolton. College interviews begin.</p>	<p>Feb</p> <p>College interviews continue.</p>	<p>Mar</p> <p>You will start to receive decisions from Colleges.</p>	<p>Apr</p> <p>If successful you will be invited to a course consultation.</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Exams begin.</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Exams finish. 'New Student Days' start.</p>	<p>July</p> <p>'New Student Days' continue.</p>	<p>Aug</p> <p>GCSE Results Day. Enrolment Appointments will be sent out.</p>

To access A Level courses, students will need to achieve at least a Grade 6 in the subjects they want to study. Apprenticeship Providers will expect a Grade 5 in both Maths and English.

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Diary dates

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

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Thursday 3rd October	All Families	Open Evening for Primary School children in Years 5 & 6
Friday 5th October	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Wednesday 16th October	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV vaccination
Friday 18th October	All Families	School closes for half-term at 3pm
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	All Families	Half-Term
Monday 28th October	All Families	School re-opens, all students to be in school for normal registration time
Wednesday 30th October	Year 7 – 9	Key Stage 3 Halloween Disco
Thursday 31st October	Year 7	Settling in Evening

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