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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. There is a theme to this week's letter... 'Clothing'.

This week the weather has certainly taken a cold turn—please encourage your child to wear a coat to school. While teenagers may not consider this the height of fashion, as adults we know that being warm and ready to learn is far more important. The recent snow and icy conditions has unfortunately led us to temporarily close our 5G pitch. Some students have had alternative PE lessons as a result. I apologise for this disruption, but as we know, England's winter weather can be unpredictable—and this year, it has arrived earlier than expected!

Students Wearing PE Kit to School

This term, we've been trialling students arriving at school in their PE kit. This is to maximise time in lessons by avoiding the need to change into and out of uniform.

The trial had a strong start, but recently, some students have been wearing items outside of the school's PE uniform policy. To continue this arrangement, it's important that all students arrive in the correct kit. In particular, I'd like to highlight:

- Boys – we ask that you wear plain black tracksuit bottoms – no logos or slogans on them please.
- Girls – we ask that you wear plain black sports leggings or tracksuit bottoms – again, no logos or slogans on them please.
- Non-school hoodies or zip up tops must not be worn. We have a winter PE top which can be worn.

Your support in ensuring students follow these guidelines is much appreciated and will help us make the most of their PE lessons. If you'd like to check our uniform requirements, you can see them on our website:

Pre-Loved School Uniform

In this week's communications, I'm excited to share plans to launch a Pre-Loved Student Clothing Shop at school! This initiative will help families by offering them free of charge and gently used uniforms, PE kits, shoes, trainers, and even personal hygiene items like deodorant and shower gel. Often, children grow quickly and may outgrow items that still have plenty of life left in them.

To kick start the project, we're offering a £5 Greggs voucher for the first 20 people who donate a full bag of items. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or handed to a member of staff. A huge thank you for supporting this fantastic community-based project. Also, if you know of any organisations or local businesses that would like to contribute, please contact Mrs. Smith - sarra.smith@lowryacademy.org.uk.

School Meal Price Increase

Unfortunately, rising costs have meant our catering contractor, Chartwells, needs to slightly increase meal prices from January. A letter explaining the reasons for this change is included in this communication. You can also see their new Spring term menus. I understand that price increases are never welcome, however, the school meal prices have not risen for quite some time (whilst there has been quite high food inflation). If you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit the Salford Local Authority website to complete an application.



Would you like a tour of school?

Finally, a reminder that you are very welcome to come and visit our school. You can pre-book a tour by emailing Mrs Duffy - bev.duffy@lowryacademy.org.uk. Tours usually take around 30 to 40 minutes and run mid-morning. It gives parents an opportunity to come in and see what we do and we are happy to answer any questions you may have. Where possible, we will visit your child's lesson. I look forward to seeing you.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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HPV Vaccinations

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team have asked us to remind parents of students in **Year 8** that the HPV catch up session is being held in school on **Monday 25th November**. If your child has not yet had their vaccination and you wish them to have this in school, please click the following link:

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

Please see information below from the Immunisations Team.



Salford Care Organisation
Northern Care Alliance
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Please click the link below.

<https://app.schoolscreeener.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 faithfully,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

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Y7 Re-Setting

Dear Parent / Carer,

As Year 7 students have now settled into school life, and have completed baseline assessments, we have re-set classes to ensure each child is in the correct set to ensure the pace of learning and scaffolding in lessons is appropriate for each child.

Therefore, some students may be in different classes from Monday. This is a process we undergo every year to ensure students are in the correct sets once we have all the information we need.

Should you have any queries about setting, please contact Miss Farrell (Head of English), Mr Rooney (Head of Maths) or Miss Hindle (Head of Science) via ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Aylward
Vice Principal

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School Standards

Dear Parent / Carer,

Next week, we will begin a drive on standards within school and wanted to communicate this with our families prior to the week commencing. The partnership between school and home is key to ensuring our students' success, and we appreciate your support in helping all students meet our expectations.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for academic success. Students who maintain good attendance (above 97%) at The Lowry Academy significantly outperform their peers nationally, thanks to the excellent teaching and support we provide. We expect students to attend every day and aim for that 97% attendance target. U codes (indicating lateness to school) and refusal to attend supportive Respite placements count against this figure, so it is important for students to arrive on time each day, regardless of their educational location.

Students who arrive to school late between 8.30am – 9.00am will receive a 30-minute detention after school on the same day. Students who arrive at the academy after 9.00am, will be issued with a U code and will also sit a 30 minute after school detention. Students who have 3 or more lates in a week, will also sit an after school detention on a Friday for one hour and will leave school at 4pm. Any student who misses an after-school detention for being late, will automatically be placed in detention on Friday after school for one hour. Any student who misses a detention with a valid reason provided by parents and carers, will re-sit the detention the following day.

Uniform

Most parents are aware of our high expectations regarding uniform. Our uniform is a key aspect of our school culture, and we expect students to adhere to our policies. Details can be found on our website, but here are some key points to reiterate:

- The school blazer is not optional and must be worn at all times. Students may remove it during lessons with the classroom teacher's permission, but it must be worn in the corridors. Please ensure that sleeves are rolled down.
- Skirts must be of an acceptable length and display at least four royal blue stripes.
- Trousers must be plain and straight legged; flares or tight trousers are not permitted.
- Only plain black socks are allowed (no bows or frills).
- Trainers are not permitted as footwear. Acceptable examples are available on the school website.
- Hair must be a natural colour and conventionally cut.
- Piercings are limited to one small set of studs; no other jewellery is allowed.
- False or coloured nails are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not allowed.
- Only natural makeup is allowed.

Last academic year, we introduced The Lowry Line policy, which states that failure to comply with any of the above will result in a lunch time same-day detention at lunchtime.



In addition, we have implemented PE uniform days to maximise learning time by reducing the time spent in changing rooms. On PE days, students are asked to wear their PE kit to school. Key points to note are:

- The school blazer must be always worn over the PE kit. Students may remove it during lessons with the classroom teacher's permission, but it must be worn in the corridors. Please ensure that sleeves are rolled down.
- Tracksuit trousers or shorts must be black. They must not have any stripes or large logos on them.
- School uniform must be carried in bags in case of wet weather as they will change back to normal uniform at the end of the lesson.
- In addition, earrings will have to be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back. This is for Health and Safety reasons and is recommended by the PE association.

Corridors

We have worked hard to create calm corridors to support our most vulnerable learners and ensure that our climate for learning is protected, especially as our numbers have grown. Students are expected to walk on the left, following their badge, towards their lessons. Transition music helps them arrive on time, and the expectation is that they are seated and ready to learn when it ends. To protect our learning environment, late students will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will receive a same-day Reflection.

Toilets

Students are permitted to use the toilets during social times and lesson changes. This provides six opportunities to visit the facilities throughout the school day when staff are on duty. If a child has a medical condition that requires more frequent toilet use, a pass will be issued upon presentation of medical evidence. Please see the Heads of Year for more information.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted in the building for both behaviour and safeguarding reasons. We understand that students may carry mobile phones for safeguarding reasons, so we ask that these are switched off and kept in bags for the entire school day. If a student is seen using their phone on school premises, including outdoor spaces, it will be confiscated, and an adult will need to collect it.

Confectionery Restrictions

A growing number of students are bringing caffeinated or fizzy drinks to school. Both of these are banned on the Lowry site due to the impact that they have on behaviour and well-being. Chewing gum is also becoming more prevalent and will lead to a warning if found.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Heads of Year.

Mrs. N. Griffith
Vice Principal

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Uniform Donation Request

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are launching a Pre – Loved Shop at a time of year that is all about the kindness and generosity that our parents and carers always share when it comes to supporting school events, our food bank, fundraisers and our community at large.

Please know that this is never taken for granted and the need is there more than ever as so many of our families reach out to us for help with the cost of their uniforms especially those who arrive new to our country with little support available for them.

If you have pre-loved or unused uniform including blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, ties and also items suitable to be worn for P.E please can you send it in to school with your child or bring in your donations to our main office staff on the school reception or Mrs Smith in room G4.

Feet grow quickly as do our children so any shoes or trainers will also be gratefully received.

As the weather is so cold if you have any old coats, shoes, scarves and gloves this will also really help our families.

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

We will be accepting uniform donations from Monday November 26th and throughout the academic year so please check your closets and drawers and send in what you can.

The first 25 families to donate will be given a £5 Greggs voucher.

Many thanks in advance for taking the time and making the effort to support this new initiative.

Mrs Sarra Smith

Transition & Community Lead

DONATE TO OUR PRE-LOVED SHOP

We are reaching out to ask for your generous donations to our Pre-Loved Shop!

Some of our families who join us have very little, and we know children outgrow uniform/clothing items quickly. If you have any items that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, and that are still in a good condition, please consider donating them to our free shop. We are looking for:

- Academy Blazers
- Blue V-Neck Jumpers
- White School Shirts
- Black Trousers
- Academy Skirts
- Ties
- Academy PE Kits
- Coats
- Hats/Scarves/Gloves
- Backpacks
- Shoes/Trainers
- Personal Hygiene Items

Your contributions will mean so much to our families in need.

Donations can be handed directly to the main office by yourself or your child.

Thank you for your support!

 **GREGGS**

As a small token of thanks, we are offering £5 Greggs Vouchers to the first 20 people to donate full bags!



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School Meals

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see the letter below from our catering provider Chartwells, along with the new menus for the Spring term.



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 raising the meal price at your child's school to £2.50 from £2.20 effective from January 25. The cash tariff will also see some changes increasing in line across the board.

Our meal deal will be available at the new price of £2.50 ensuring all pupils can access these balanced deals which include a main meal and dessert, or a packed lunch deal with other offers available each day. We will launch a new menu in line with this increase to ensure the pupils have a wide selection of options available each day.

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

For more information on Chartwells please visit www.chartwells.co.uk

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WEEK 1 MENU

CHOICE One

CHOICE Two

GRAB & GO options

	SPICE IS NICE	
MON	Chicken Tikka Masala    Served with Wholegrain Rice and Spiced Cauliflower	Vegetarian Bolognese    with Wholewheat Pasta
	BURGER BAR	BURGER BAR
TUE	Beef Burger  Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob	Veggie Burger  Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob
	CLASSICS	CLASSICS
WED	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Baguette  Served with Roast Potatoes and Roasted Autumn Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese 
	STREET	STREET
THUR	Chicken Katsu   Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Chilli    with Wholegrain Rice
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	Quorn Sausage Roll  Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas

HOT DISHES:





Paninis
Pasta and Sauces
Freshly Baked Pizza (Mondays and Thursdays)

Jacket Potato with various toppings and Salmon Mayo

SALADS:

Chicken and Bacon Pasta Salad
Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad  
Pesto Pasta Salad   

SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES:

Chicken Mayo Sandwich 
Chicken Salad Sandwich 
Cheese Baguette 
Tuna Mayo Baguette
CLT Baguette 

WRAPS:


















BBQ Chicken Wrap   
Chicken Cesar Wrap   
Pepper and Houmous Wrap   

WEEK 2 MENU

CHOICE *One*

CHOICE *Two*

GRAB & GO *options*

	CLASSICS	CLASSICS
MON	Chicken Sausage and Mash  Served with Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage and Mash  Served with Vegetables and Gravy
	FEASTIVAL	
TUE	Chilli Beef Cheese Nachos   Served with Salad	Sweet and Sour Vegetables    with Wholegrain Rice
	FAVOURITES	HOT DELI
WED	Roast Beef  Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Roasted Rainbow Vegetables with Houmous   Served with Flatbread Fingers
THUR	Chicken Tikka Masala    with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Cottage Pie   with Vegetables and Gravy
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons  Served with Chips, Baked beans and Peas	Cheese and Onion Bake  Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas




HOT DISHES:

Paninis
Pasta and Sauces
Freshly Baked Pizza (Mondays and Thursdays)
Jacket Potato and Toppings










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WRAPS:
















Pepper and Houmous Wrap   
BBQ Chicken Wrap   
Chicken Cesar Wrap   

WEEK 3 MENU

CHOICE One

CHOICE Two

GRAB & GO options

	STREET	
MON	Buffalo Chicken  Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges, Mixed Salad and Ranch Dressing	Veggie Burrito    with Chipotle Wedges and Sweetcorn
	PAN ASIAN	PAN ASIAN
TUE	Korean Glazed Chicken Flatbread  Served with Satay Sweetcorn	Teriyaki Vegetarian Wrap    Served with Satay Sweetcorn
	HOT DELI	HOT DELI
WED	Chicken Sausage Stuffing Baguette  Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges	Sticky BBQ Quorn Pitta  Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges
THUR	Chicken and Broccoli Pie  Served with Mash and Veg	Vegetable Tikka Masala   Served with Wholegrain Rice and Veg
	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons  Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	Vegetable Tikka Sausage Roll  Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas




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Pasta and Sauces
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BBQ Chicken Wrap   
Chicken Cesar Wrap   

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
Monday 25th November	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV catch ups
Tuesday 26th November	All Families	Enrichment Day in School
Thursday 28th November	Year 11	Christmas Fair in School 4pm – 5pm
Thursday 5th December	Year 11	Parents Evening
Friday 6th December	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 9th December	All Families	Nurses in school – flu vaccination
Tuesday 17th December	All Families	Student Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th December	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
 Friday 20th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025   Christmas Holiday 		
Monday 6th January 2025	All Families	Planning Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
Thursday 16th January 2025	Year 10	Parents Evening
Monday 27th January 2025	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations
Friday 31st January 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students

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