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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. This week, we have been fully immersed in the final mock examinations for our Year 11 students. Their attitude, effort, and resilience have been excellent. I know that exams can be stressful for young people, but mock exams are incredibly important as they help us identify gaps in learning. I want to take this opportunity to thank parents, for continuing to ensure that your child is attending the booster sessions and Saturday schools. I'm also excited to share that we have already booked the prom for our Year 11 students, which will take place in July. It's always such a special occasion, and we're sure this year will be no exception.

In addition to the exams, this week we had over 20 of our Year 7 and Year 8 ACES students take part in a debate competition at Manchester Academy. Their performance was fantastic, winning three out of eight debates! Often, our younger students find themselves debating against older students from other schools, but they continue to excel, and I couldn't be prouder of them. Our Year 9 students have also been choosing their subject options for GCSE. Exciting times for them, and Mrs Aylward will then do a huge piece of work behind the scenes to ensure that we give as many students as possible their first choices.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day, and I've included a couple of photos showcasing the wonderful outfits worn by both students and staff. Alongside this, we've had a variety of activities and competitions throughout the week, promoting a love of books and reading.

This week also saw the launch of our new schoolwide detention system. Detention will now take place every Thursday from 3 to 4 pm. Please be assured that if your child is required to attend, you will receive notification by the Tuesday before.

Lastly, we are excited to welcome our new students for September 2025. We've already begun preparations for the incoming Year 7, Class of 2030 – which sounds very far into the future! All of our new families should have received a welcome letter, and we are looking forward to a full Year 7 cohort in September.

Finally, I'm pleased to inform you that the Household Support Fund is continuing at Easter so the Local Authority will be providing funding to support with food and cost of living increase for children eligible for Free School Meals. This will be £30 per child for the Easter holiday period. The agreed cut off date for you to register for Free School Meals and receive vouchers for the Spring term holidays will be Friday 21 March 2025.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Valencia Trip February 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

MFL Valencia Trip – February 2026

We are excited to propose a school trip to Valencia, Spain to support our curriculum plans for Spanish and enhance learning experiences within the school. We have 30 places available in total.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- 3 days (2 nights) in Valencia.
- Departs on Monday 16th February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- Returns on Wednesday 18th February 2026 (Precise details TBC)
- The estimated cost is £695 per pupil payable in instalments.

This price includes:

- Flights to and from Valencia from a local airport
- One item of checked in luggage
- Travel whilst in Valencia
- Half board accommodation in a central location
- Airport transfers and assistance in both the UK and Spain
- Travel Insurance

This trip is being offered to all students in Years 7-10. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis upon return of the expression of interest consent slip below. These should be given directly to Miss Jones in the MFL department. We will contact you to confirm that your child has successfully been allocated a place and with further details about payment.

The itinerary for the trip will include but is not limited to guided visits of Valencia Old Town and a town trail, a guided tour of Mestalla FC Valencia and Las Fallas Museum and a visit to the Valencia Science Museum & Oceanographic aquarium. There will be plenty of opportunities to take in the sights of Valencia and experience Spanish culture.

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has adequate spending money for the trip and enough to cover both lunch and snacks for 3 days (approximately £10 per meal, per day). They will also require a current and valid passport with at least 6 months remaining from the departure date. Please note that non-UK passport holders may also require an additional visa for entry into Spain.

Payment of £695 would be due 12 weeks before the departure date. An initial deposit of £150 is required to secure a place once this has been confirmed and a payment schedule will be sent to you accordingly. Interim payments can be made at your discretion. All payments should be made directly via Parent Pay. This will be confirmed in writing for you with full instructions regarding payment once places have been allocated.



The trip is booked through NST (PGL Group) who work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. Should you require any further information about this exciting opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact me by email sarah.jones@lowryacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Sarah Jones
Teacher of MFL
Literacy & Oracy Lead

MFL Valencia Trip February 2026 Expression of Interest

Student's name:

Form Group:

I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter on this trip. I commit to making full payment of £695 as required by the school and discussed on an individual basis when required. I will pay the required deposit of £150 once a place on the trip has been confirmed.

Name.....

Signature.....

Please return this completed slip Miss S Jones in P8 Modern Foreign Languages.

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Pre-Loved Uniform Shop – Winter Coats Needed

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the warmer sunnier days hopefully continue to bless us, you may be getting ready to pack away your winter clothing.

If any coats, shoes or school jumpers won't make it to next autumn / winter as your child continues to grow, we would be grateful if you could send them into school with your child for our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. This will really help us as we can begin to stock up on warmer clothing in preparation for next year.

For every donation received, 10 house points will be awarded. Please bring any items to Mrs Smith in G4.

Your support with this is, as always, so appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Smith
Transition and Community Lead

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Final Spaces for our 'Flavour of Home' Cooking Classes

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a few spaces left for our first cooking class here in school next Wednesday, 12th March from 4pm until 6pm.

Under the expert guidance of Mrs Maddocks, families will be making delicious bowls of tomato soup and freshly baked bread.

There are a few places for our Chicken / Vegetable Curry night on 19th March and a few for Lasagne on 26th March.

If you and your child would like to cook any of these recipes together with a small group of other parents and children, please contact sarra.smith@lowryacademy.org.uk to book your place.

We look forward to you joining us!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Smith
Transition and Community Lead

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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
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Y8 – Y11	Nurses in School – mop up session
Thursday 27th March 2025	Year 11	Parents Evening
Tuesday 1st April 2025	All Families	Enrichment Day
Friday 4th April 2025	All Families	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday Monday 7th April 2025 – Monday 21st April 2025		
Monday 21st April 2025	All Families	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School closed to Students
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration

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