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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. It has been a busy first week back at school! As I sit and write this on Friday morning, our Year 11 students are in the middle of their first written mock exam—English. Their attendance has been excellent, and they are all working hard, writing diligently on their exam papers. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and focus during this important time.

## Parking

For those of you who collect your children from school, you will be aware that our staff voluntarily perform a crossing duty, as Hilton Lane is an incredibly busy road. Our priority is ensuring that all children can cross safely. Please may I remind parents not to park on the crossing. The zigzag lines mark this area for safety reasons. Additionally, local residents have kindly asked that parents avoid parking in front of their driveways. We understand that it can be difficult to find a safe parking space on Hilton Lane, but we appreciate your cooperation in parking responsibly. Thank you for your support in keeping our students and the wider community safe.

## Academic Reviews

Recently, we have held our first Academic Review evenings for Years 7, 8, and 9. We hope that those of you who attended found them useful. As a reminder, these evenings replace the traditional parents' evening in the school hall, providing a more personalised approach to discussing students' progress. Shortly, we will be sending out a survey to gather your views on how we can continue to improve these evenings. However, if you have any immediate feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to email us. Your input is invaluable in shaping how we support our students and their learning.

## Uniform Standards

We are very proud of our uniform, but we have concerns regarding the length of some skirts. Staff frequently ask students to adjust their skirts to meet the academy's expectations. Some local schools have introduced a policy requiring students who wear skirts to also wear tights. I am reluctant to introduce this rule and kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child wears their uniform correctly. Your cooperation in maintaining our high standards is greatly appreciated. If you have any strong views on this, please do get in contact.

## Barcelona Trip Highlights

We were delighted to see the wonderful photos from our recent school trip to Barcelona over half-term—it looks like our students had an amazing time! It is fantastic to see them engaging in enriching experiences outside the classroom and making memories that will last a lifetime.

## Detentions

We have made some changes to how we allocate and organise school detentions. Starting next week, detentions will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. each Thursday. Please see the letter in this week's communications for more information.

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. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





Date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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## **Lowry Line Standards**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Over the half term break, you will have received information about our updated detention system. This letter aims to give you further information about this.

Our new detention system begins on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025; where we consolidate our whole school detentions into a single, central system. This allows us to clearly communicate detentions to both students and families, helping to prevent further escalations.

All Thursday detentions will be communicated to parents by 4pm on Tuesday of the same week. We hope that by allowing a good period of notice, you can support your child to attend detention.

A detention is issued only when a student breaches our Lowry Line standards more than once. These detentions may be given for the following reasons:

**1. Lateness to school (after 8:27 AM)**

Punctuality is essential as important messages are often shared at the start of the day. However, we understand that some students do travel a distance to us and on occasions, issues with public transport may arise. If a student is late because of public transport, we will take this into account.

**2. Uniform**

We strive to support students in meeting uniform expectations. We have spare uniform available and if an issue can be resolved before they enter the main building, no sanction is applied. However, if a student enters with incorrect uniform, a sanction will apply. Uniform plays a key role in our school identity and reinforces our high standards.

The first time a student does not meet either of these standards, we simply log this, remind them of our standards – no detention is issued.

A detention is only issued the second time a student does not meet these standards. If a student repeatedly fails to be punctual and wear correct uniform and has already been given a detention, they may be placed in our Reflection Room.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends their detention, as we believe this system is both clear and fair. In rare cases where an unavoidable medical appointment clashes with detention, we may request medical evidence. If a student misses the detention due to illness, it will roll over to the next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk).

Best regards,

Nicola Griffith  
**Vice Principal – Pastoral**

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## **World Book Day – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Dear Parent / Carer,

World Book Day 2025 is approaching fast, and we have lots of exciting events planned for our students, including staff dressing up, reading a short story in lessons and with our reading ambassadors, lots of book themed activities and competition, an author visit, a free £1 book token for all students and our very first house readathon.

Our fantastic library has thousands of books to choose from and plenty of space to read.

To help us celebrate in style we would like to invite all students in Years 7-10 to dress up as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All costumes are allowed, but homemade ones are always best!

Further ideas and costume inspiration can be found here [Families - World Book Day](#)

Here is a photo of the fun last year:



We are looking forward to seeing how creative our students can be this year!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Jones  
**Literacy & Oracy Lead**

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## **Y11 Mock Exam Attendance**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the mock exam period for our Year 11 students, I wanted to take a moment to highlight the importance of attendance and punctuality during this crucial time. Mock exams began on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Mock exams play a vital role in preparing students for their final GCSEs. They provide an opportunity to experience exam conditions, refine revision strategies, and identify areas that need improvement. The results also help teachers tailor their support to ensure each student is fully prepared for their final exams. There is a clear and proven link between excellent attendance and strong GCSE exam performance. Students who attend school consistently benefit from uninterrupted learning, regular teacher support, and full access to exam preparation resources.

Studies show that students with high attendance are more likely to achieve higher grades, as they develop better study habits, gain confidence in their subjects, and have more opportunities to ask questions and clarify misunderstandings. By prioritising attendance, students give themselves the best possible chance of success in their GCSEs and beyond.

To help students get the most from this experience, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they attend every exam and arrive at school on time. Punctuality is essential - it allows students to begin their exams feeling calm and focused, rather than rushed or stressed. Consistently arriving on time also helps to build good habits that will serve them well in their studies and future careers.

We understand that this can be a stressful period for students, and your encouragement and reassurance at home can make a significant difference. Establishing a good routine, ensuring they get enough rest, and providing a quiet space for revision will all contribute to their success.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Johnson  
**Assistant Principal**

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## Free Promwear Service

Dear Parent/Carer,

Body Mind Educate and Salford Step into Action have contacted us regarding their free promwear service for any families concerned about the cost of your child's upcoming prom. Please see the information below for further details:



**FREE PROMWEAR SERVICE**

*Are you a parent concerned about the cost of your child's upcoming prom? BodyMind Educate and Salford Step into Action, with the incredible support of our community, are thrilled to announce our FREE PROMWEAR SERVICE Is BACK! Our diary is now open and accessible to all young people attending prom in 2025 and their families. We have a beautiful selection of prom attire:*

- ♥ Dresses in sizes 4 to 26
- ♥ 2 and 3 piece suits in small to large men's
- ♥ Shirts and ties
- ♥ A lovely range of shoes, bags, and jewellery.

*This service is completely free and there is no criteria to meet. Our aim is to ensure every young person can shine on their special night. For more information, please contact us.*

Please email,  
Register@salfordsia.co.uk  
Becky@bodymindeducate.com  
For further information on how you can donate and all appointment enquiries

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**Salford SEND Information Day**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Salford Parent Carer Forum have asked us to share the following invitation to their annual SEND Information Day. This event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with services, professionals, and organisations that support children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND in Salford.



**SALFORD PARENT CARER FORUM**



**Salford SEND Information Day**

We are delighted to invite you to our 3rd Annual SEND Information Day. The day is designed for families to meet services, and share valuable information and resources to support their children. This promises to be an amazing day with something for everyone.

CAMHS - Neurodev team - You Can - OT - Community nurses - SEN team - SIASS - Local Offer - Salford Youth Service- Wheels for all - Jump Space - Healthwatch - Post 16 Education - Transitions - Learning Support - Salford Community Leisure - Early Help - Starting Life Well - Forest School - Employment support - MAPAS - Gateways - Greystones - Endorphins - Children with Disabilities team- and many more

 Salford Parent Carer Forum

Saturday 1st March 25 - 11am till 2pm  
 Hospitality Suites, Salford Community Stadium  
 (formally AJ Bell), Stadium Way, Eccles. M30 7EY

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## **Salford Supported Internships Webinar for Parents and Carers**


Dear Parent/Carer,

Salford Information, Advice and Support Services have asked us to share the following link with parents to learn more about supported internships in Salford and how they can help young people with learning disabilities or autism take their first steps into employment.

Supported internships are work-based learning programmes designed to help young people with special educational needs (SEN) gain the skills, confidence, and experience they need to move into paid work. With the right support, young people can thrive in the workplace – and supported internships offer a structured way to achieve this.

This **free** online information session is aimed at parents and carers of young people with learning disabilities or autism. It will cover:

- what supported internships are and how they work
- the support young people will receive during the internship
- how to apply for the 2025 intake
- other employment opportunities and support available for people with SEN in Salford

 **Thursday 27 March 2025**

 **5pm to 6pm (after work session)**

 **Online (Microsoft Teams)**

To book:

[Salford Supported Internships webinar for parents and carers Tickets, Thu 27 Mar 2025 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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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
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	All Families	World Book Day
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Y8 – Y11	Nurses in School – mop up session
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Year 11	Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	All Families	Enrichment Day
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	All Families	Last Day of Term
<b>Easter Holiday</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>		
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	All Families	INSET Day – School closed to Students
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025</b>	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration

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