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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. With just a week and a half left of term, the festive season is truly upon us. This is one of my favourite times of the year, and it's been great to see the excitement of our 12 Days of Christmas attendance incentive. We've shared pictures of our daily winners on social media. A reminder: to be in with a chance of winning, students need to be in school! I understand that at this time of year there are winter bugs and viruses going around, but please do all you can to encourage your child to attend school.

On another health note, the NHS has asked us to resend information about the free flu vaccine available to students. Nurses will be in school on Monday, 9th December, and it's not too late to sign up. You'll find a reminder letter and details on how to consent in this week's communications.

This week, we've also begun to accept food donations for local food banks, and I want to thank all the families who've already contributed. We're accepting dried and tinned items for one more week—your generosity makes a real difference to those in need this season.

Looking ahead, our student Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday, 17th December. This is always a highlight of the term and a lovely way to celebrate together.

Finally, I want to remind all parents and carers about our rules regarding vapes. They are banned in school. It's illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase a vape, and they should not be using them. If a student brings a vape into school, it will result in a sanction. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our students.

Next week, we'll be sharing a special showcase full of photos and highlights from this term.

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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12 Days of Christmas

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to remind you of our current attendance initiative '12 Days of Christmas' which began last week. At The Lowry Academy, we promote exceptional attendance. In the run up to our Christmas break, this event allows students to access a number of rewards and activities for each day they are in school.

We have several activities and rewards which include: hot chocolate at break time with friends, pizza with friends at lunch time and a movie afternoon. Other rewards include an assortment of gift vouchers, confectionary and a family hamper. We also have a range of exciting events for students to access at lunch time, these include: Christmas Bingo, Penalty Shoot Out and Karaoke! These are all accessible to students if they are in school over the 12 days. Many of our students have already enjoyed some of these rewards.

We also have a huge, exciting prize at the end of our 12 days for our families. One lucky family will win and take home a 40-inch LED Television for everyone to enjoy over the Christmas break. To be eligible for this, students must achieve 100% attendance each day from **Tuesday 3rd December – Thursday 19th December**. A raffle will take place on our last day and our winning family will be chosen at random.

We regularly reward the hard work and resilience from our students for their attendance, but we also recognise the influence parents and carers have on our students and the positive impact that this has on their overall academic progress, therefore, we would like to say thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Johnson
Assistant Principal

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School Travel Consultation

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been asked by Transport for Greater Manchester to invite families to take part in shaping the new School Travel Strategy. This is a 10-week consultation which is open to everyone who lives or travels in Greater Manchester. Children and young people and their parents and guardians are encouraged to share their views in particular, as their experiences and ideas are essential in shaping a transport system that works for them now and in the future.

Consultation Details:

Launch Date: 18th November 2024

Closing date: 26th January 2025

Consultation link: <https://www.gmconsult.org/transport-for-greater-manchester/school-travel-strategy-consultation/>

Transport for Greater Manchester want to hear from children and young people directly. This is your opportunity to share your views and ideas on how school and college journeys can be improved for everyone.

The feedback received will be analysed once the consultation closes and will be used to inform the final version of the School travel Strategy which will be launched in Spring 2025.

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Free Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Lowry Theatre have asked us to spread the word about their upcoming Holiday Activity Fund offer. The Holiday Activity Fund at The Lowry Theatre is a free offer for 8-16 year olds from Salford who are eligible for free school meals. This year they are inviting young people to enjoy a hot meal, take part in some fun activities and go to see A Christmas Carol: The Musical.

- Watch a spectacular performance of A Christmas Carol: The Musical
- Enjoy a delicious hot meal
- Take part in a fun and festive workshop

Bookings close on 17th December – you can book here <https://eequ.org/experience/11975>

Children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals can also access a range of other fun, free activities throughout the year. Whether its arts and crafts, dance, sports or drama, Salford's HAF programme has something for everyone. A wide range of organisations have come together to deliver a range of activities across Salford allowing children and young people access to age-appropriate sessions in their local community - [Winter fun•Salford City Council](#)

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EHCP Processes – Online Training for Parents and Carers

Dear Parent / Carer,

Salford Information, Advice and Support Service (SIASS) recently ran an in-person training session covering who they are, what the graduated response to SEND support looks like, and the processes involved in an EHC needs assessment (including how to make a parental EHC needs assessment request). As the session was so successful, they are going to repeat this online for parents and carers who were unable to attend and have asked us to share the details with you.

If you would like to attend please email ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk with the following information:

Parent name:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Child's full name:

Child's date of birth:

Educational setting they attend:

Short description of their SEND needs:

Whether they have or do not have a current EHCP:

Please note, if you do not provide all of the above information you will not be given a place.

Please also specify which time slot you would like (6pm-8pm, or 8pm-10pm).

The session will take place on Microsoft Teams and SIASS will need a minimum amount of participants to run the course to make it viable.

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Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer,

A reminder that flu vaccinations are taking place in school on Monday 9th December. The Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team have advised that the online consent forms have now closed however they are able to take verbal consent over the phone if you have missed the deadline but still wish your child to receive this vaccination.

Please call 0333 358 3397 – option 1, then option 7 to provide your verbal consent.



School aged Immunisation Service

Monday 9th December 2024



Nasal (recommended)

The nasal spray flu vaccination is most effective in preventing flu in children and recommended by the NHS

Please call 0333 358 3397 – option1, then option 7



If your child cannot have the nasal flu vaccine due to religious beliefs or dietary reasons then there is an alternative available

Please call 0333 358 3397 – option1, then option 7

If you wish to know more about the vaccination, please go to www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2023.





This vaccination is not routinely given in your GP practice unless your child has a pre-existing long term health condition. All children are eligible for the vaccine in School.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN ELECTRONIC OR PAPER FLU CONSENT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, YOU DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE CONSENT AGAIN

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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 |
|---|--------------|---|
| 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 |
| Monday 10th February 2025 | Year 9 | DTP/MenACWY immunisation catch ups |

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