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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. We've had another brilliant week at The Lowry Academy. A huge well done to Elena, Firas, Lacey, Noah, and Sarina, who travelled to Oxford University to present their ideas on a Social Action project. They've been working hard on our first-ever school cookbook, gathering recipes that represent a "Flavour of Home." This exciting project also included a parent-and-child cooking session—thank you to everyone who joined us! We're already looking forward to the next one.

## Social Media Update

You may have noticed that our Twitter account has been a little quieter recently. Like many schools, we've begun to use a new platform, Bluesky, as an alternative to Twitter (X). It's free to download, and we'd love for you to follow us there to keep up with school news. Of course, we'll continue to post regular updates on Facebook and Instagram too.

## School Tours

If you've ever wondered what life is really like at The Lowry Academy, why not come and see for yourself? We always welcome visits from parents and carers. To arrange a personal tour, please email Mrs Duffy at: [bev.duffy@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:bev.duffy@lowryacademy.org.uk).

## Valencia Trip – Last Few Places!

In this week's mailing, you'll find a reminder about our exciting trip to Valencia, taking place next academic year. We've been running this trip to Spain for several years now—it's always hugely popular and a fantastic experience for our students. There are only a few places left, so please get in touch soon if you'd like to secure a spot.

## Term-Time Holidays – A Reminder

As we approach the final two weeks of the Spring term, I know some families may be looking ahead to their Easter holidays. However, I want to remind you about the rules regarding holidays during term time. In a nutshell, parents and carers do not have a right to take children out of school during term time. If you are considering a term-time holiday, you must inform me in writing. Please be aware that unless there are exceptional circumstances, the request will not be authorised, and you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Here's how the fines work:

- £80 if paid within 21 days
- £160 if paid within 28 days

If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within a 3-year period, it will automatically be charged at the higher rate of £160. To avoid this, we ask all families to book holidays during the official school breaks only.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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## **Eid Celebrations**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Eid approaches, we want to extend our best wishes to all our families who will be celebrating. We understand the significance of this day and the importance of spending time with loved ones therefore we are happy to authorise a one-day absence for Eid.

**Please note that any additional days beyond this will not be authorised and will affect your child's attendance overall.**

We actively promote high attendance as this leads to excellent academic progress. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*S. Johnson*

Mr J Johnson  
**Assistant Principal**

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## **Celebrating Success this Week – Bronze Award**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the following students in earning their Bronze Award for their continued hard work and dedication to school and achieving 1,000 house points.

This award reflects their perseverance, positive attitude, and commitment to doing their best in everything they set out to accomplish. We are incredibly proud of our students for this accomplishment. It is a testament to their outstanding efforts, and a wonderful example to others in our school community, by consistently demonstrating our school values.

As part of this achievement, they have been presented with a Bronze Badge and a Certificate. We encourage them to wear their badge with pride as a symbol of their dedication and success. It represents all the effort they have put in and the positive impact they have made.

We are confident that this is just the beginning of their journey to achieving even greater milestones. Keep up the amazing work and remember that their dedication is truly inspiring to everyone around them.

We look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.

Well done and congratulations to;

Hannah I	Year 8	Alif Muhammed S	Year 7
Emma O	Year 8	Mahsa AJ	Year 10
Deeva NT	Year 8	Mohammad H	Year 8
Pearl E	Year 10	Isaac Z	Year 9
Martha O	Year 8	Kevin N	Year 7
Victoria F	Year 8	Alexis G	Year 9
Anjolaoluwa O	Year 10	Bais N	Year 8
Audrey O	Year 7	Usef H	Year 10
Ahmad Rashid A	Year 8	Jessica N	Year 7
David Grant U	Year 7	Anver AS	Year 8
Christopher Pedro R	Year 7	Taha AB	Year 9
Aston K	Year 8	Kira K	Year 9
Harry C	Year 7		

Yours faithfully

**Sarah Jones**  
**Teacher of MFL**  
**Literacy & Oracy Lead**

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## **Bee Network Payments**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Transport for Greater Manchester have asked us to share the following information with families regarding tap and go contactless payments:

From 23 March [tap and go contactless payments](#) are being introduced across Bee Network buses and trams for full fare paying adults only.

Child tickets are not available using tap and go. Children can continue to use their current method of payment for travelling to school or leisure (e.g. cash, contactless).

At the same time, we're making it even easier to pay for child tickets on the [Bee Network app](#).

Single child hopper tickets will be available on the app, alongside a range of other child tickets. It's the safe, cash-free way to pay for travel.

Here's our top tips for paying for child fares from 23 March:

- Download the [Bee Network app](#) to pay for a range of child tickets.
- When paying with contactless always ask the bus driver for a child ticket before tapping your card (to avoid getting charged adult fare).
- Keep your TfGM travel pass (igo card, Our Pass) separate from bank cards when you tap the card reader, to avoid your bank card being charged an adult fare.

As always, your one-stop-shop for travelling to school information is available at [www.beenetwork.com/schools](http://www.beenetwork.com/schools)

If you have any further questions or want to speak to someone, please get in touch with the [Bee Network Contact Centre online](#) or call: 0161 244 1000.



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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:

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Relevant to</b>	<b>Event</b>
<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>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	All Families	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
<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
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	All Families	Bank Holiday

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