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Weekly Parent Communications



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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been another busy and productive week at school, and I wanted to share some updates with you.

This week, our assemblies focused on culture and expectations, reminding students of our core values: Aspiration, Creativity, Confidence, Respect and Resilience. These values underpin everything we do at The Lowry Academy and guide us in creating a positive and supportive environment for all.

Looking ahead to next week, our assemblies will mark International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on Monday, 27th January. This important occasion provides an opportunity for reflection and learning, and we will approach it with the respect and sensitivity it deserves.

Lockdown Drill – **Reminder that this will take place next week**

As part of our commitment to safety and security, we will be conducting a lockdown drill next week. This is a standard safety practice designed to prepare students and staff for any potential emergency where we may need to secure the school premises. We want to reassure you that this drill is not in response to any specific threat or incident. Much like fire drills, it is a proactive measure to ensure everyone understands what to do in an unlikely emergency. During the drill, staff will guide students through the process calmly and clearly, minimising any disruption. We encourage you to discuss the purpose of these drills with your child at home, helping them understand that these practices are part of keeping everyone safe. Our teachers will also be available to answer any questions and offer reassurance to students.

Free School Meals Vouchers

I'm pleased to inform you that the Household Support Fund has been extended again. As part of this support, the local authority will be providing funding to help with food and the rising cost of living for children eligible for Free School Meals. This will be £15 per child for the February holiday period. If you have any questions about this support, please contact the school office.

Year 9 Vaccinations

Next week, Nurses will be in school to complete vaccinations for Year 9 students. If you haven't already provided consent, it's not too late! Please see the letter attached to this communication, which includes a link for completing the consent form.

Salford SEND Youth Council

Salford SEND Youth Council is looking for young people aged 11 to 25 with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) who live, are educated, or work in Salford. This group provides a fantastic opportunity to get involved, have a say, and make a difference. Members meet weekly to plan events, work on campaigns, and promote positive stories about SEND young people in the local area. If your child is interested, or you'd like more information, please email SENDyouthcouncil@salford.gov.uk.

School Meal Prices

A quick reminder that school meal prices increased this term, as detailed in my December letter. The price of a meal deal is now £2.50. We've noticed that some students are running out of funds towards the end of the week due to not accounting for the increase. Please ensure your child has enough money on their account to cover meals. In emergency situations, we will always provide food to ensure that no child goes without lunch. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy



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Year 10 Parents Evening – Date for your Diary

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 10 Parents Evening is being held on Thursday 6th February 2025 between 4pm and 6pm.

Parents and carers, please encourage your child to accompany you to the event as this is an opportunity for your child to receive direct feedback from each class teacher about the progress so far since starting their GCSE courses, and recommended next steps to make further progress.

You will also receive a copy of your child's mid-year report at the event.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th February 2025.

Yours faithfully

Samantha Wells

Assistant Principal – Assessment Data and Interventions

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KS3 Academic Review Meetings

Dear Parent / Carer,

The vast majority of our Key Stage 3 students and parents/carers will be meeting with their Academic Mentors during their allocated appointment time on either Thursday 13th February or Thursday 27th February 2025.

Appointment letters have been sent to all of our Key Stage 3 parents/carers via email.

Please check your inbox if you are not aware of your appointment time and date.

Yours faithfully

Samantha Wells
Assistant Principal – Assessment Data and Interventions

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Lowry Pizza Party

THE LOWRY ACADEMY
FORM PIZZA
PARTY

**The Form Group with
the highest average
attendance over the
next 3 weeks will win
a Pizza Party!**

**The Pizza Party will
take place on the last
day of term
14/02/25.**

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February Half-Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

Salford Community Leisure have asked us to share the following information with families regarding free fun and engaging activities in Salford over the February half-term break



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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Join Us This February Half Term for Free Fun and Engaging Activities in Salford

Discover a variety of exciting activities across multiple venues in Salford, all at no cost! Whether you're into football, dance, art, or console gaming, we've got something for everyone.

Don't Miss Out! Scan to Book Now!



For more information, contact us at: activecommunities@scll.co.uk



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School based Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been asked by the Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team to re-share the following information with families regarding the immunisations for Year 9 students on 27th January 2025. Please do not forget to provide your consent via the link:



3-in-1 Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY are usually offered to children in Yr 9 approx. age 13-14. The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. The MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – which cause meningitis and blood poisoning (septicaemia).

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the school Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver these high school age vaccinations. These vaccinations are not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and ensure that your child is protected later in life, the DTP and MenACWY vaccinations are given alongside each other 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: FOLLOW LINK BELOW AND SELECT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

STEP 2: 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 3: Once you login you can read the information on this year's DTP and MenACWY 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 these vaccinations 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 these very serious diseases.

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.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SaiTB2425>

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 Program please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

Imms.team5-19@nca.nhs.uk

0161 206 8821

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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 |
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| Monday 27th January 2025 | Year 9 | Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations |
| Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th January 2025 | Year 9 | Guided Choices Day |
| Friday 31st January 2025 | All Families | INSET Day – School Closed to Students |
| Thursday 6th February 2025 | Year 10 | Parents Evening |
| Monday 10th February 2025 | Year 9 | DTP/MenACWY immunisation catch ups |
| Thursday 13th February 2025 | Years 7 – 9 | Academic Review Meetings |
| Friday 14th February 2025 | All Families | Students finish for half-term |
| Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025 Half-Term Holiday | | |
| Monday 24th February 2025 | All Families | Students return to school for normal registration |
| Thursday 28th February 2025 | Years 7 - 9 | Academic Review Meetings |
| Thursday 6th March 2025 | All Families | World Book Day |
| Thursday 27th March 2025 | Year 11 | Parents Evening |

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