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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new academic year. It's great to have students back in school, and I'm delighted to report that we've had a very successful start to the term. A special welcome to our new Year 7 families. I've included a few pictures of our Year 7 students below for you to enjoy.

I'd like to begin with a small apology. We use a text message system for quick updates and communications. Unfortunately, a recent bug caused a couple of messages to be sent in error and, in some cases, duplicated. I sincerely apologise for any confusion this may have caused. We are working to resolve this issue and ensure it doesn't happen again. If you continue to experience problems, please let me know.

This week, I've delivered assemblies to each year group, updating students on the site improvements made over the summer. We now have a new Food and Technology, 2 new IT rooms, and a new schoolwide Tannoy system installed. Starting next week, instead of the traditional school bell at lesson changeovers, we hope to play some classical music, creating a more pleasant transition between classes.

Additionally, we've decided to allow students with PE lessons to wear their PE kits and blazers to school. Please note that this will be monitored to maintain our uniform standards. As the weather changes, students may wish to keep their uniform in their bags so they can change if needed.

For our Year 11 parents, a reminder that we have our Parents' Information Evening on Thursday after school. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Over the past few days, I've had the pleasure of meeting with many parents, and next week, I will announce our Principal Open Mornings. This will be an opportunity for you to come in and have a conversation with me without needing an appointment.

As always, please feel free to get in touch with any questions or comments. I'm excited about the year ahead and look forward to a fantastic term with our students.

Kind regards,
Claire Coy
Principal





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School Information

Year 7 Testing

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 students will be completing English and Maths baseline assessments within their English and Maths lesson this week.

Year 7 students will also be completing an assessment called MidYis. This is completed online and we will use time within their timetables Computer Science lesson.

These tests are carried out by all schools and are nothing to be concerned about, they just enable us to get an understanding of students' abilities in each subject area, to ensure that we can support them in the most effective way, according to their individual needs and abilities.

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Year 11 Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

As outlined in my previous letter, Year 11 homework will be set on a Friday, and due the following Wednesday. The first homework has been set today - Seneca English, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science.

We know that students that complete more homework and revision outside of school achieve better in their exams. Please do all you can to encourage your child to complete their homework.

We have homework club running every lunchtime, where your child can access a computer should they need to subject teachers there to support if they need some help.

Completing homework is a sure way for your child to carve out their path to success. All homework is due by Thursday morning at 8am. If they have not completed it by this point, they will be expected to attend homework catch up Thursday or Friday lunch time.

Please do get in touch should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Aylward

Vice Principal – Quality of Education

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School Information

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – Thursday 12th September – 4pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We invite you to join us on Thursday 12th September for our Year 11 parents' Information Evening, where we will tell you **The Lowry Year 11 Offer**, and let you know about the most important things you can do as a parent to support your child to achieve.

The presentation will begin at 4.00pm, and there will be colleges and other Post-16 providers stalls present for you to speak with afterwards so your child can begin to think about their next steps beyond school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Mrs Aylward

Vice Principal – Quality of Education

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Year 11 Period 6 Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be reminded that as of Monday 9th September, the school day finishes for Year 11 at 3.45pm.

By attending every Period 6 lesson, your child will complete **an additional 107 hours** of learning in preparation for their exams. This is a compulsory part of their school attendance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Aylward

Vice Principal – Quality of Education

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Community Information

Railway Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rail Safety England have asked us to share the following video with our families due to increasing incidents of trespass on the railway near school. The initiative, Rail Safe Friendly, has been introduced to raise safety awareness in all schools and decrease trespassing on the railways.

Please take a few moments to watch this 15-minute video, which highlights the dangers of trespassing on or near railway lines. Students may not be aware of some key facts such as how much electricity there can be on / around the railway. Wires containing 25,000 volts surround the railways, an amount so powerful that electricity can jump a distance of 3 metres off those wires, meaning you don't actually have to touch them to be electrocuted.

This powerful and emotional video could save lives so please do watch and help us deliver the message of the dangers of the railways. We will be sharing this with students at some point over the coming half-term also.

The video is free, but you will need to register to watch it. The website also has alternative versions of the video suitable for younger or older siblings.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>



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Community Information

Learn New Languages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the leaflets below regarding language courses at The Lowry Academy. You can also pick up copies of the leaflet from the Main Reception. Please contact whatsaycentre@gmail.com to find out more about learning a new language.

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