



WEEKLY COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES CONTENT LIST

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Please see the following video link for the Principal's Message for this week:

<https://youtu.be/saJeJSNyqbl>

Ref: 001/Last Day

Dear Families

As we approach the final two weeks of the academic year I want to extend a thank you to all of our families for the help and support you have given us. This has been a truly successful year, our students have thrived, we have been recognised by Ofsted as a school that is 'Good' in all areas.

As we look forward to the coming year, we remain dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children. Our goal is to ensure that they leave our school equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to face the challenges of the wider world. We will continue to strive for excellence, nurturing each student's potential and preparing them for a bright and successful future.

Dates to note for your calendar:

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July – School Production of Matilda

We will be showcasing our school production on 3 evening 16th, 17th & 18th July.

Doors open at 5.30pm to allow time to be seated prior to the show commencing at 6.30 pm.

Tickets available from Mrs Ruscoe in the Safeguarding Office.

Wednesday 24th July – Last Day

This will be our last day in school for students before finishing for the summer break. I'd like to stress the importance of your child attending school on this day. Children will be expected in school for lineups at 8:25am and will leave at 12:00pm.

Return to School – September 2024

School will re-open for staff Inset Days Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September, 2024 (closed to students).

Year 7 & Year 11

First day back for Year 7 & 11 will be Wednesday 4th September. Students should arrive for morning line-ups no later than 8:25am.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Thursday 5th September.

Please see below for the start time for each year group:

Year 10 – Thursday 5th September at 8:25am

Year 9 – Thursday 5th September at 10:00am

Year 8 – Thursday 5th September 11:40am

Communication

Should you need to contact school direct, this can be done either by telephone or e-mail:

- School telephone number: 0161 529 5200. Our school office is open 8am til 4pm during holidays.
- Central email address: ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk

PE kit: Important update

From September students will be expected to come to school in their PE kit with their blazer over the top on the days that they have PE. Full details of the academy PE kit can be found here:

[The Lowry Academy > Information > School Uniform and Equipment](#)

PE Kit



Uniform 2024:

Full details of our new uniform can be found here:

[The Lowry Academy > Information > School Uniform and Equipment](#)



Ties:

Y11 = Silver Stripe
Y10 = Purple Stripe
Y 9 = Blue Stripe
Y 8 = Green Stripe
Y 7 = Gold Stripe

- Whittakers Schoolwear, is our school uniform provider. The shop is in Swinton: 123-125 Chroley Road, Swinton M27 4AA in Swinton where you can purchase our school uniform.
- Alternatively, Whittakers will be in school on Sunday 28th July, 2024 for a selling event for those families who are unable to get to the shop in Swinton. Opening times for this event is 11am until 2pm. Please arrive to school via main school reception.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a lovely summer (let's hope the sun shines) and look forward to welcoming your child back to school in September 2024.

Kind regards

Stephen Fletcher
Senior Vice Principal

Introduction

For families with teenagers, the end of high school opens up exciting new opportunities! However, we know the admin that goes alongside this can be challenging for both parents and their children.

This information pack can be used in your communications with parents, to make it easier for them to extend their Child Benefit payments and support their children with preparing for the future. Please feel free to share this information on any of your channels, including:

- [Email/newsletter copy](#)
 - [SMS messaging](#)
 - [Social media messaging](#)
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Email/newsletter

Extend your Child Benefit claim for your teen today.

It's time for parents across the UK to [extend their Child Benefit claim](#) if their 16-19-year-old is staying in full-time non-advanced education or approved training.

HMRC sent 1.4 million letters between 24 May and 17 July to parents, explaining how to extend their claim. If you haven't received a letter yet, there's no need to worry. You can still extend your Child Benefit via the [HMRC app](#) or [online](#) where eligible.

We know how important Child Benefit can be to families, so let HMRC know by 31 August if your teen intends to stay in approved education or training.

Extending your Child Benefit ensures you won't miss out on any payments from 31 August. However, if your child changes their mind about further education or training, you can simply let HMRC know online or in the app and we'll update our records and adjust any payments as needed.

For parents who can't extend their Child Benefit online, you can still do so by [post or by phone](#).

Forgotten cash? Helping your teens to claim their Child Trust Fund

If your child was born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011, they may have a surprise windfall waiting for them!

[Child Trust Funds](#) (CTF) are long-term, tax-free saving accounts – worth an average of £2,000. If you didn't open the account, HMRC may have opened one on behalf of your child.

If your teen is 16 or 17, they can take over responsibility for their CTF account. Once your child is 18, they can access and withdraw the money from their account.

If you don't have details of their CTF account to share with them, they can ask HMRC who their CTF provider is by completing an [online form](#). They'll need your National Insurance number for this, which they can easily find in the HMRC app.

SMS messaging

SMS copy

Is your teen staying in education or training next year? Update your Child Benefit claim to keep receiving payments: <https://ow.ly/VPv550SwWCS>

Help your child check if they have a Child Trust Fund account and make the claim online. Worth an avg. of £2000: <https://ow.ly/PWiA50SwWI3>

Social media messaging

We've attached some social media assets to the email we sent to you, in case you want to use these on your own channels. Here is some of our social media messaging:

Social media copy

Starting to get ready for the new school year? 📅

If your teen is staying in education or training, you'll need to extend your Child Benefit claim.

Don't miss out on up to £1,331 next year - let us know online or on the HMRC app today.

Go to 📱 <https://ow.ly/VPv550SwWCS>

Parents – was your child born between 1 Sep 2002 and 2 Jan 2011?

📱 They can check if they have forgotten savings in a Child Trust Fund – worth around £2,000 on average.

📱 Claiming Child Trust Fund is easy.

Find out how they can do it themselves and keep every penny: <https://ow.ly/PWiA50SwWI3>



Dear parent/carer,

Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students and families during the holiday period.

With the Summer break imminent, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free, online therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people and adults in Greater Manchester. Funded and endorsed by the NHS Greater Manchester Intergrated Care Board, our services remain available to you and your family over the summer period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device.

Dependant on age, Kooth Digital Health offers two ways that young people, parents, carers and adults can access safe, anonymous and free online mental health and wellbeing support-

Ages 10 - 25 via www.kooth.com



Ages 18+ via www.Qwell.io



Kooth and Qwell offer free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer:peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process for either service, Greater Manchester residents can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at www.kooth.com or www.Qwell.io using non-identifiable information

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device. Qwell also provides the exact same support for adults.

Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#) and If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please, simply email parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

Kooth

Eat for FREE or for £1 this summer break!

Check your local store or restaurants for their deals.

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

Diary dates - Current Academic Year

Please make a note of the following dates:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Tuesday 23rd July	All Families	End of Year Rewards Event – The Lowry Festival
Wednesday 24th July	All Families	End of School Year – All students finish at 12pm

Diary Dates - New Academic Year

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Monday 2nd September	All Families	INSET Day – School closed to students
Tuesday 3rd September	All Families	INSET Day – School closed to students
Wednesday 4th September	(New) Year 7 & 11	First Day back – Y7 and Y11 students to arrive at school by 8.25am
Thursday 5th September	Year 10	First Day back – Y10 students to arrive at school at 8.25am
Thursday 5th September	Year 9	First Day back – Y9 Students to arrive at school at 10am
Thursday 5th September	Year 8	First Day back – Y8 Students to arrive at school at 11.40am