



# **Senior Vice Principal's Notes**

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and productive week, I want to take a moment to celebrate recent achievements and highlight the exciting events happening in our school community.

This week, our Year 10 students completed their Mid-Year Assessments in the main hall. This was not only a valuable opportunity for them to showcase their knowledge but also excellent preparation for their Year 11 exams. I am delighted to share that their behaviour, focus, and attitude throughout were exemplary. They were a credit to themselves, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

Additionally, our Year 10 ACES students had the opportunity to meet staff from Corpus Christi, Oxford University. This inspiring session gave them an insight into life at one of the world's leading universities. Later this year, they will visit Oxford University to experience its vibrant academic environment firsthand—a fantastic opportunity to broaden their horizons and aspirations.

From next week, our Year 7, 8, and 9 students will be sitting their Mid-Year Assessments. In preparation, all their lessons are focused on helping them reach their full potential. We encourage students to stay organised, review their learning regularly, and approach the assessments with confidence.

#### The Importance of Attendance

At The Lowry Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student has the best possible chance of success. Regular attendance is a crucial part of this. Research consistently shows that students with high attendance are more likely to achieve academically, build strong relationships, and develop important life skills. Every day in school matters, and we are grateful for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and punctually.

Thank you for your partnership in making our school a vibrant and supportive place for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you and your family a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Stephen Fletcher





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#### **Homework**

#### Dear Families,

We hope this message finds you well. At The Lowry academy, we recognise the vital role homework plays in reinforcing learning, developing independence, and building valuable study habits. Your support at home can make a significant difference in your child's academic progress.

To support this, we utilise online platforms as part of our homework offer. These powerful platforms allow students to complete tailored homework assignments while also giving you insight into their progress.

#### Why is homework important?

- Reinforcement of learning: Homework allows students to practice and deepen their understanding
  of topics covered in class.
- 2. **Skill development**: It fosters time management, self-discipline, and problem-solving leading to developing critical thinking and study habits.
- 3. **Preparation for future success**: Regular completion of homework builds habits essential for further education and the workplace which are considered crucial for academic and life success.

#### How can you stay involved?

To ensure your child stays on track with their homework, you can connect to their online learning accounts and monitor their progress:

#### Seneca:

Log in to Seneca using your parent account to view your child's progress. Parental invites have ben send out to link to your child's learning account where it is possible to track their completion rates and progress. If you have not received an invite and would like one, please request this through ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk.

#### Other Platforms - Sparx & Languagenut:

As a school we also use Sparx and Languagenut to set homework, but these do not have a dedicated parent account. You can still access the accounts but will need your child's login details. Both platforms send updates, ensuring you're kept in the loop without needing to log in daily.

The school's homework information page (accessed via the student section of the school website) has links to all online learning platforms and further information regarding the homework system if required.

## How you can further support:

- 1. **Create a positive homework environment**: Ensure your child has a quiet, well-lit space to focus on their tasks.
- 2. **Set routines**: Encourage consistent times for studying each day to build discipline.
- 3. **Monitor progress**: With Sparx and Seneca, you can see what homework has been assigned and whether it has been completed.

We greatly appreciate your involvement in your child's education. Together, we can empower them to achieve their full potential. If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your accounts, please contact us at <a href="mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk">ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk</a>.



#### **Year 11 Prom**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you today as your child has begun the new term at The Lowry as a Year 11 student. In just 4 months, your child will begin their GCSE exams. It is an exciting and vitally important time.

#### **Prom & Leavers' Event**

To reward our students for their hard work, we plan and host a Leavers' Event and Prom when they have finished their GCSE exams. We are already looking forward to celebrating with them and know they will thoroughly deserve this reward.

These reward events are reserved for the students that have consistently engaged with all aspects of our Year 11 offer and have demonstrated our school values consistently throughout the year, including Attendance, Behaviour and Homework. If they are flagged as a concern in these areas their place at these events will be at risk. Although we do not make the decision lightly or in haste, we reserve the right to withdraw this invitation if a student is not demonstrating our school values. However, you will be contacted prior to this happening, and we believe that a clear channel of communication will enable all to celebrate their time at The Lowry Academy.

We have booked the venue, **Morleys Hall, Astley, for the 2.7.25**. This is going to be an amazing event for students ending their journey at Lowry Academy.

#### **Fund raising opportunities**

To raise funds for the Prom we will continue to arrange events over the next few months. Our biggest event will be to climb Snowdon when the weather is more favourable. This will be incredible to see students, parents and the community supporting them and giving students a chance to challenge themselves with something they may never have done before.

If you have any questions or to discuss this more, please feel free to contact me directly on paul.trumble@lowryacademy.org.uk

Kind Regards,

Mr Trumble

Year 11 Academic Lead



### IntraHealth Vaccinations - Mop up Session Cancellation

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Immunisations Team have asked us to share the following information with you:

As you will be aware following recent communications from NHS England and IntraHealth Ltd, the school aged immunisation service will be delivered by IntraHealth Ltd from April 2025. With this in mind, and in order to provide a smooth transition of the service, it has become necessary to cancel the planned Mop up session on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.** 

Please be reassured that IntraHealth Ltd are an experienced service provider and have provided immunisation programmes in schools across England since 2009 including delivery of the School Age Flu Programme across Greater Manchester. Furthermore, the NCA Immunisation Team and I will be joining IntraHealth Ltd on 1<sup>st</sup> April and hopefully most staff will continue to work in partnership with your school to offer protection to the young people of Salford.

All scheduled immunisation sessions between now and 21<sup>st</sup> March will continue as planned, and as always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept our sincere apologies for this cancellation and once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team



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