

3 November 2023

Dear parents and carers

## Start of Autumn 2 Parent Letter

**Changes to Head of Years 8 and 9:** Mr Thoday leaves us today to take up a promoted post elsewhere. Many students said their farewells to him. We thank him for his service to the school and wish him well in his new role.

From Monday 6 November, the new arrangements we have in place are that two existing staff will move into new roles. Mrs Thomason will become Head of Year 9 and Mrs Tither will become Head of Year 8. Students will be formally introduced to their new heads of year on Monday.

**Remembrance Day:** On Friday 10th November we will commemorate Remembrance Day. In school, we will mark this solemn occasion with a commemoration at 11am, including a minute's silence.

If your child is part of a uniformed organisation they are welcome to come into school for the day in that full uniform. Otherwise, all students should be in normal school uniform and we will mark the day with the deep respect it deserves.

Poppies and other Poppy Appeal items will be on sale at the school gate each morning next week. I hope you will be willing to support the Poppy Appeal with a small amount of cash.

**Reminder - Year 7 Parents' Evening (face-to-face):** There is a Year 7 parents' evening next week on *Thursday 9th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm* where there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's form tutor. On arrival, parents should register in The Lighthouse next to the school reception.

A letter was sent to all Year 7 parents on 16 October. Your child's report will be issued at this appointment. It will include information about behaviour, attendance, attitude to learning and the result of the CAT (baseline) tests completed this half term. You should bring your child with you to the Parents' Evening, and they should come in full school uniform.

**Date reminder:** as a reminder to dates already published, the school will be closed for one day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. There will be no staff in school that day. You can access all our term dates here: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parents/term-dates>

**Extracurricular programme:** our extracurricular programme for next term can be found here: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/students/extracurricular-activities>

Thank you for your support at all times.

Yours faithfully,  
**Kieran Larkin**  
Headteacher

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