



8 December 2023

Dear parents and carers

### Christmas themed non-uniform day:

As mentioned last week, on **Wednesday 13th December** we will have a 'Christmas themed non-uniform day' to help raise money for Ugandan orphanage; specifically, to buy new beds and bedding for the children as they have grown out of the beds they currently have.

We are asking for a donation **of at least £2**. You can pay in advance through your child's SCOPay account under the *Tips and Events* tab, or your child can hand in cash. To maximise the gift to the orphanage, we would politely ask that you do not feel compelled to buy any new clothes for this day in school.

### Mock examinations:

Next week is the final week of Year 11 mock examinations. One of the purposes of mocks is for students to know how planning for and completing a full suite of GCSE exams next summer 'feels' and what is required in order to be successful in them.

We approach these mocks in the same way as we do the real GCSEs in terms of routines and regulations. Overall, Year 11 have been very impressive in their maturity, diligence and work ethic during the last two weeks, and should look to maintain this through the final coming week of exams.

The timetable is here: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=180&type=pdf>

### End of term reports:

The end of term reports for years 7,8,9 and 10 will be sent home on *Wednesday 20th December*, via SIMS Parent App and SatchelOne.

Years 7,8 and 9 will receive a pastoral (behaviour and attendance) report which indicates if they are meeting school expectations for quality of homework, participation and behaviour in lessons.

Year 10 will receive a full report with attainment and pastoral information. The Year 10 RS mock exam results will be reported home week beginning 15th January as part of a wider set of information about GCSE exam preparation from Mrs Barker. The Year 10 parents' evening covering all subjects takes place *face-to-face on Thursday 18th January, 3.30pm to 6.30pm, in the Sports Hall*.

On *Tuesday 23rd January* Year 11 will have a 'mock results afternoon' when students will receive their mock exam grades. On *Thursday 25th January, 3.30pm to 6.30pm*, there will be a *face-to-face Year 11 parents' evening in the Sports Hall*, where parents and carers will receive a full report containing grades, attendance and behaviour information, and be able to meet with subject teachers.

Mr Carter will send home further information regarding both parents nearer the time.

Yours faithfully,

**Kieran Larkin**  
Headteacher

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