

Lowton Church of England High School



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Dear parents and carers

I hope this letter finds you well on the back of an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period.

Our strapline as a school for the year is on the right:

We started the new calendar year and new term with a focus on **'being excellent'**.

I am sure I am not alone in finding New Year's Resolutions almost impossible to keep and that more often than not just a few days into January there is a consequent sense of failure in having not kept them.

*Striving for **excellence**
in all we do so that
every adult and student
flourishes, thrives and succeeds.*

So, I have started the term by asking students not to think about those resolutions, or in some way seek the unattainable goal of being perfect, but to consider what it means to 'be excellent'.

In practical terms I have given students and staff the challenge of seeking to be excellent in three achievable ways:

Be **prompt**: arrive on time for the start of the day, for each lesson and complete homework on time.

Be **prepared**: have all the books, equipment and uniform you need for the day.

Take **pride**: give of your best in all you do – not be the best, but be your personal best.

I would also like to remind parents and carers of our [Year 10 parent's evening on Thursday 18th January 2024](#) (3.30pm – 6.30pm). This will involve a face to face meeting with your child's subject teachers to discuss their recent attainment report. The evening will be held in the school sports hall, with students in full school uniform. If you are yet to book, please use the school's Parents' evening booking system, <https://lowtonchurchofengland.schoolcloud.co.uk>

And in conclusion, it was wonderful to start 2024 with a set of pictures sent to me that are on the next page of this letter. Your and your child's generosity last term saw us raise over £1,700 for children in a Ugandan orphanage, from which we have been able to provide beds, bedding and food.

That money has been sent and already been put to great use. It is amazing and humbling to see what small giving from a large amount of people can equate to in terms of helping out those less advantaged than ourselves.

As always, thank you for you all your support in starting the term off well and for all you do to work with us so that your child flourishes, thrives and succeeds in life.

Yours faithfully,

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This is the joy and impact that £1,700 brings to a group of children in Uganda. Thank you.

