

Lowton Church of England High School



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Dear parents and carers.

Our new intake for September 2024: This morning, 170 parents of children currently in Year 6 will have received notification of their allocated place to join us at Lowton in September 2024. The vast majority of these are first choice applications. This means we will be full in Year 7 in September. I have written to all those parents today to begin a welcome to starting secondary school.



At the start of a new half term, I like to be able to highlight to you what some of our areas of focus are. Attendance is our starting point. There are just 24 school days this half term, and we continue to promote and reward strong attendance, and so will be formally recognising students this term who:

- Have 100% attendance for 24 school days
- Have 100% punctuality
- Have no negative behaviours and only positive achievement points

You will see on page 2 onwards of this letter, all those that were recognised last half term in the last week, through achievement assemblies.

Mobile phones: Over half term, you may have seen in the media that the Government published guidance on use of mobile phones in schools. We have well established procedures in school for their use – in short, ‘not seen, not heard’. There is a really strong understanding of the reasons for this amongst students – phones do not disrupt lessons and they are not needed during the school day to support learning. Any contact can be done through school reception or by our pastoral staff. On both entrance gates each morning, students are asked to turn their phone off and put it in their bag for the day. Some students choose not to bring a phone to school. On occasions, students are compromised where they are contacted during the school day via their mobile phone. Please help us by contacting the school directly if you need to get a message to your child during the school day, or leave any messaging until after the school day.

The AYF Band from Uganda: We had a further visit from our musical friends in Uganda this week. They ran a set of workshops for Year 8 on Tuesday and ended the day with a school assembly for the whole of Year 7 and 8. This was another joyous occasion with performance, singing and dancing. You will recall that we raised over £1,700 last term for the orphanage some of the band members run in Uganda. They are keen that I pass on my thanks to you for the part you played in brightening the lives of these children.

School reception and The Lighthouse: If you visit reception going forward, you will see that we have put up a set of posters to reflect our values and beliefs. We are also in the process of redecorating The Lighthouse to be the spiritual hub of the school.

Thank you for your continuing support to ensure your child does their best.

Yours faithfully,

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