

Lowton Church of England High School

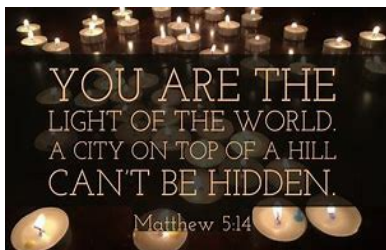


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31 January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Spring 1 Week 4 Parent Letter



Whole School Assembly

On Monday morning, I spoke to pupils in all year groups in our Whole School Assembly. After sharing some information about myself and my experience with them, I asked them to consider how they can 'work hard and be kind' in all aspects of their lives so that they 'let their light shine brightly': in school and in their learning; at home with their family; and in life in general, with their friends and as they encounter other people. I asked them to consider how

hard they work to serve and support others and how proud they are of what they do, of who they are and of what they stand for.

Standards and Expectations

I spoke to the pupils in assembly on Monday about how impressed I have been since I came to work here, especially with their manners, their attitude to learning and to the care at commitment everyone at Lowton shows to one another. However, one thing I think we can improve on is our **standards of uniform** and personal presentation so that we look smart and feel proud to wear our Lowton uniform. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is wearing their uniform correctly, including:

- shirts tucked in smartly
- their skirt being rolled down
- formal shoes are the only acceptable footwear for school
- no pupil is coming to school wearing false eye lashes or excessive make up

One other area for improvement for us is **punctuality** to school and to lessons. Too many of our pupils are arriving late to school each day and missing the learning that happens at the start of each day. Some are also not ensuring that they move quickly and purposefully to their lessons during the day, again missing the key learning that takes place at the start of each lesson. We know that these missed minutes add up and will have a negative impact on their academic progress. As adults we understand that being on time is a really important skill to learn for life and for the workplace. Please remind your child about the importance of being on time, both to school and to lessons.



Time to Talk - A Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite parents to attend a coffee afternoon to learn about mental health support for young people. The session will take place on **Thursday 6th February at 2pm.**

The afternoon will be led by Mrs Jordan, the school mental health lead and David Bibby, who is our allocated NHS Mental Health Support worker.

Please register your interest in attending by using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kMepyp6FA7>

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Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January



On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we bear witness to the darkest, most monumental of crimes. We honour the victims, we pay tribute to the survivors, and we remember that the world vowed never again to allow such atrocities to be unleashed on humanity. Holocaust Remembrance Day reminds us that we have a duty to stand against intolerance.

For the past week in school we have been looking at stories of survivors from the Holocaust, reflecting on how the atrocity happened and how we can prevent it from happening again in our lifetime.

This week, we have opened up

The Lighthouse for pupils and staff to spend time looking at artwork, survivor stories and facts from the Holocaust. We have invited pupils to an act of remembrance; to paint a rock with an image of hope and to place it at the foot of the wooden cross, or to write a message or a prayer on a candle and stick it to the cross. This exhibition has run all week. It is a beacon of hope for us all to be proud of and to take comfort from and it serves as a beautiful reminder to us all to **'be the light in the darkness'**.



Thank you, as always, for your continuing support of our school.

Yours faithfully
Jane Galbraith
Headteacher