



17 July 2025

Dear parents and carers

End of academic year letter to parents

This will be the last letter of the 2024-25 academic year. Thank you for all your support through this year and for working closely with us to ensure we jointly achieve the very best for your child. It's been a strong year with much to be proud of. I hope and pray that the summer break brings rest, relaxation and a time of refreshment.

Congratulations!

Well done to all of our students for a successful year and congratulations to every student who received an award this week in our Year Group Celebrations. It was a privilege to present so many awards and to hear such outstanding testimony about so many wonderful Lowton students. Awards were presented in the following categories:

- Half Term 6 Achievement Point Awards
- Half Term 6 'Biggest Mover' Awards
- 2024-25 Achievement Award
- Subject Awards
- Sports Captain Awards
- The Summer Celebration Postcard Winners
- The Gold Ethos Awards
- The Enrichment Day Award
- Careers Awards
- Work Experience Awards
- Form Tutor Awards
- The Head of Year Award
- The Special Recognition Award



Summer Showcase: Thank you to everyone who came to support our Summer Showcase last week. We were royally entertained by a varied programme of performances and we feel very proud of all our students who took to the stage to perform.

End of term arrangements: The last day of the academic year is tomorrow, *Friday 18th July*. This will be a half day and school will finish with year groups departing *from* 12.15pm, with all year groups dismissed by 12.30pm. The school office will close at 1pm on Friday.

Please note that the school is closed over the summer and staff will be on their holidays. Please do not email expecting a response over the summer. Staff will reply to emails by the end of the first week in September.

CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING

New academic year: Your child starts the 2025-26 academic year on **Tuesday 2nd September**. Only the children *starting* in our *new Year 7* will be in school for their induction days on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th August.



Staggered start on the first day back: Tuesday 2nd September:

All students will come back on *Tuesday 2nd September* but we will ***stagger the start times that day*** to manage all the logistics on the first day as follows:

- The new Year 7 and new Year 11 will start at 8.30am.
- The new Year 9 will start at 9.30am.
- The new Year 8 and new Year 10 will start at 10.30am.

Form tutors for next year: On the last page of this letter you will see a full list of the Form tutors from September. The Form tutor is your first point of contact in school.

End of year reports: Your child's report was sent home via SatchelOne this week. Your child has seen this report already as part of our end of term review in their form time this week. No hard copy reports have been sent home. All reports are available via SatchelOne, which you and your child have access to.

Staff moving on: As often happens at the end of a school year, a small number of staff are leaving Lowton to move on to a new chapter:

- **Miss Benson** leaves her Head of Drama role to lead a bigger department in another school.
- **Miss Jones** leaves us as teacher of geography to take up a new role in a local 6th form college.
- **Mrs Tither** leaves her role as Head of Year to embark on teacher training.

We have a number of new staff starting with us in September and I will introduce them to you alongside an update of all staff in the new school year.

Uniform: We will be sending a more detailed reminder regarding uniform at the start of term, but if you are considering purchasing new shoes or coats for September, please ensure your purchase in line with our uniform expectations. We have made some changes regarding **coats** for September which have been shared with students this week. You can check what is acceptable or not via the uniform section of our website: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parents/uniform>.

As ever, thank you for all your support through this academic year and for working so closely with us so that your child can flourish, thrive and succeed at school.

With every blessing to you, your child and your family for a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith
Headteacher

Pastoral Staffing 2025-2026

Year 7	Head of Year: Mrs Roberts	Senior Leadership Team Link: Miss Moreton
Form	Room	Form Tutor
7.1	H1	Mr Raynes
7.2	H7	Mr Cotton
7.3	H8	Miss Calland (Miss Green on Wednesday)
7.4	H2	Mr McCauley
7.5	H5	Miss O'Dea Baxter
7.6	H3	Mr Merrick

Year 8	Head of Year: Miss Lindsay	Senior Leadership Team Link: Miss Clare
Form	Room	Form Tutor
8.1	G2	Mr Rimmington
8.2	B7	Mr Dunne
8.3	F2	Miss Lawson
8.4	L3	Mr McCarrick
8.5	F3	Miss Derbyshire
8.6	J1	Mrs O'Brien

Year 9	Head of Year: Mrs Thomason	Senior Leadership Team Link: Mr Carter
Form	Room	Form Tutor
9.1	L6	Ms Gedney
9.2	D1	Mr Yearsley
9.3	J4	Mrs Critchley (Mr Kwok on Friday)
9.4	B5	Miss Robb
9.5	L8	Mrs Larkin
9.6	G7	Miss Hill (Mrs Cunliffe on Wednesday & Thursday)

Year 10	Head of Year: Miss Gebelli	Senior Leadership Team Link: Mrs Cooper
Form	Room	Form Tutor
10.1	L5	Ms Singleton
10.2	J5	Mr Graham
10.3	G5	Mrs Reynolds
10.4	J6	Mrs Ibbotson (Mrs Garrity on Friday)
10.5	K1	Mr Whitfield
10.6	A4	Mr Lyall

Year 11	Head of Year: Mrs Black	Senior Leadership Team Link: Mrs Beattie-Rullo
Form	Room	Form Tutor
11.1	G9	Mr Gash
11.2	E5	Mr Wilson
11.3	E6	Mr Burgess
11.4	G4	Mr Sutherland
11.5	G3	Miss Fazakerley
11.6	K8	Mr Parkinson