



11 July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

## Summer 2 Week 6 Parent Letter

### School Uniform Donation Day

We will be holding a Uniform Donation Day on Tuesday 15th July as part of our school commitment to social action. We are asking parents and students to donate uniforms to school that families no longer require. We are hopeful that through your donations we can create enough stock to support families in our community. We would be grateful for any of the following donations:



- Lowton branded uniform
- Winter coats
- Blue shirts
- PE kit

All donations must be clean and good quality. Please do not send in any ripped uniform. Staff will accept donations from students at the school gates in the morning. **As a reward for donating, students will be allowed to attend school in non-uniform on Tuesday 15th July. Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing for school on this day.** We will publish details about how you can access donated uniforms in the coming weeks.

### Summer of Celebration

If you follow us on Facebook, you will have seen many posts sharing and celebrating student success in and around school. Students have been nominated by staff for recognition of their efforts and for how they demonstrate our school values every day. We feel so proud of every young person who has received a nomination. All nominated students are being entered into a prize draw and the winners will be announced on our Recognition and Celebration Day on Wednesday 16th July. As part of our celebrations on Wednesday, there will be an ice cream van at school during the day. If pupils would like to buy an ice cream they will cost £2.50 for a single and £3.50 for a double, and they will need to pay with **cash** please.



### Save the Date!

If your child will be in Year 10 or Year 11 from September 2025, we are holding a Key Stage 4 Information Evening for students and parents on **Thursday 11th September**. This is an event organised to provide you with the information you need as your child tackles their GCSE studies and will offer support and

guidance to them and to you to help navigate the challenges of Years 10 and 11. There will also be a chance to talk to our Careers and Guidance Team as well as representatives from our local colleges.

**CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING**

## Parent Survey Results

I am delighted to share a sincere and heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of you who took the time to complete the recent parent survey. Your feedback, reflections and suggestions are valued and they are vital to the continued growth and wellbeing of our school community. In this week's letter, I have tried to summarise the thoughts and views shared in the survey and some key actions for us to consider in the future.

The results of the survey give us as a school much to celebrate. It is clear that our mission and vision are clearly shared and valued by so many parents and our shared commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive, aspirational and ruthlessly compassionate environment is understood and appreciated by the vast majority of people who responded. Many of you highlighted the strength of our **teamwork**, the commitment to **care, support** and **excellence**, and the **positive relationships** that make Lowton such a special place to work and learn. You also noted that there has been an increase in **extra-curricular activities** and **educational visits**, something we are committed to increasing again in the coming year.

In terms of improvements you would like to see, there were some helpful suggestions and comments made and I'm very grateful to you for them, for your openness and for your constructive approach. I have summarised some of them below with our intended actions to respond to your suggestions, which I hope makes clear to you that the survey and its findings have been taken seriously and will be acted upon, wherever possible and appropriate.

You said...	We will...
You would like more information about assessments, what your child is studying and how to help them improve, especially if they are below target in a particular subject	<p>Update our website to include more information for parents and carers on our new '<i>Parent portal</i>'. Subject information, assessment and exam details and guides to how to support your child's learning will all be key sections of this new feature.</p> <p>Review our assessment processes and how we report to parents and carers to give you meaningful information on how your child's learning is progressing and crucially, what you can do at home to support them to be as successful as possible.</p>
You would like to see a wider range of extra-curricular activities on offer, and more educational trips and visits for our students	<p>We are currently reviewing what we offer from every subject area in school and are developing our new offer for September 2025 onwards.</p> <p>We have appointed a new member of the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Foulds, who is responsible for co-ordinating this work across school and for developing our partnership with parents and carers, so that you feel as well informed as possible, and where payment is needed, that time frames are reasonable and supportive, particularly in the current financial climate.</p>
You would like us to review our uniform, particularly in relation to blazers	<p>In line with new Government guidance about branded items, we are currently reviewing our uniform, and will be sharing more information with you as part of a wider consultation, in the autumn term.</p>

As I said at the start of this article, **thank you** sincerely for taking the time to complete the survey. Your responses, openness and honesty help me greatly to shape my views of where we are and how we are

doing, and crucially, where we aim to go next and what our priorities for 2025-26 need to be to ensure that we maintain our direction and momentum.

Thank you for all that you do to support school and to support your child's success at school. That has come through so strongly in our survey and is such a crucial piece of our Lowton jigsaw.

Your support and challenge help us to develop and to ensure that every student is able to thrive, flourish and succeed.



## End of Term

The academic year ends next **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. We will have an early finish on the last day, with students being dismissed from 12.15pm. **There is no 988 bus on this day.** There will be a final letter next Wednesday before we break up for the summer holidays. The first day back for students will be **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

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

Yours faithfully  
**Jane Galbraith**  
Headteacher