

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2 Week 5

Welcome to this week's parent letter.

Year 11 and Year 10 Mock Exams Update

This week has been the second full week of mock exams for our Year 11 and Year 10 RS students. We have continued to be impressed with the manner in which they have approached their exams and by their application, conduct and resilience. That said, there's always room for more students at our revision sessions which run before and after school. Please encourage your child to put in the extra time now. They will really feel the benefit of it when they get to their final exams next summer.

Mock Exam grades will be released to students after Christmas, in the week beginning 12th January 2026. This will give their teachers time to mark and analyse their performance and to give them the guidance they will need to improve for the summer GCSE exams. *Our Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 22nd January. Booking details will be sent out to you in the New Year.*

Year 11 Prom

Each year we look forward to inviting as many pupils as possible to our Year 11 Prom. The evening is by invitation only, rewarding those students who have met our expectations in terms of attendance, punctuality and conduct. Last year parents and students asked us to contact them earlier with our plans, so letters have been given to Year 11 students this week. We expect formal invitations to follow in the Spring Term.

Student Recognition Advent Calendar

This week has seen the first few days of our **Student Recognition Advent Calendar**.

Every school day in December, we reveal which of our students has been nominated by their teachers for recognition and celebration – of their efforts, how they live our school values, their hard work, determination and progress in their learning. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page to see if you spot anyone you know being celebrated and recognised for their excellence!



**CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

School sport update

I am so proud to share more sporting success with you this week.



Our Year 9 netball team travelled to Byrchall for their final match of the season. Once again, the girls delivered an outstanding performance, showcasing their skill with plenty of goals and some truly brilliant passages of play throughout the game. Their hard work and determination paid off as they secured 2nd place in the league – a fantastic achievement which reflects their commitment, teamwork and talent.



Last week, our Year 11 boys visited St Peters to compete in the Wigan badminton championships. The team played well and played in some competitive matches but unfortunately just missed out on topping their group. A great effort!

Christmas Themed Non-Uniform Fundraising Day – Friday 12th December

On **Friday 12 December** we will have a 'Christmas themed non-uniform day' to help raise money for the Ugandan orphanage we have previously supported.

Students fondly remember the visits from The AYF Band from Uganda. Some members of that band run an orphanage in Uganda and we would like to send our support and love back to them with a financial gift that would help them continue their selfless work. In previous years, we raised just over £1,700 which converted to over £7,000 in Ugandan buying terms. I hope we can match or even exceed that amount this year.

We would value your support for this great cause and would ask for a donation of at least **£2** (or more if you would like). You can pay in advance through your child's Scopay account under the *Tips and Events* tab, or your child can hand in cash.



In order that we can hopefully maximise the gift to the orphanage, we would politely ask that *you do not feel compelled to buy any new clothes for this day in school.*

As part of the social action strand of our curriculum strategy, we look to help students see a world beyond Lowton, to reflect on what we have and what we may take for granted. In addition, it is a call to respond and act, to help those in challenging situations through no fault of their own. At the heart of our social action focus

as a school is the inspiration we find in the Old Testament book of Micah, which challenges us to '*do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God*' (Micah 6:8)

Fundraising in form time: form tutors and students in their form will take on a competitive edge in the coming weeks seeking to raise the most money through imaginative means for the Ugandan orphanage.

Looking ahead, the last day of term is **Friday 19 December (early closure at 12.15pm)**, with *students returning* after Christmas on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**.

Thank you, as always, for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,
Jane Galbraith
Headteacher