

6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue through this season of Lent, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, and at the end of our first week back, it is important to take a moment to pause and reflect on all that has taken place. It has been a very busy and purposeful week in school, as mentioned in last week's letter, and it has been encouraging to see our pupils engaging so positively with the many opportunities provided.

Mock Examinations

Firstly, we are very proud of our Key Stage 4 students who have completed mock examinations in their core subjects this week. In Year 10, students have sat their Religious Studies paper, which will provide an early indication of their progress as they begin to prepare for their GCSE examinations in the summer. Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have completed their second round of mock examinations in English, Mathematics and Science. These assessments represent an important milestone in the academic year, offering valuable insight into students' progress and helping teachers to identify the final steps needed as we approach the examination season. We look forward with confidence to seeing all that they will achieve in the months ahead.

World Book Day & Careers Week

This week has been a particularly positive and purposeful one in school as we celebrated World Book Day and our annual Careers Week. On Thursday, we embraced the opportunity to share the gift of reading. Across the school, pupils and staff took part in activities that celebrated the joy and importance of books in our lives. Our non-uniform fundraising event also allowed us to support the Ugandan orphanage by helping to provide the children with books and educational. This was a wonderful example of our pupils living out the values of generosity and social action. We will share the grand total raised with you next week, but in the meantime, we would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

Musical Performances

Yesterday morning we were delighted to host a very special event on site, welcoming local band, *The Lottery Winners*. The band spoke to a range of Key Stage 4 pupils, including our drama and music GCSE students, about careers in the music industry, and obviously performed some of their hits! It was an exciting opportunity for our school community and a memorable experience for those pupils who were able to take part.

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Pupils were treated to other musical events during the week, where they were able to experience a live performance from a visiting singer. On Thursday, YFC Band visited school, and on Friday we had live performances from Charlie AKY for all year groups. Opportunities such as these enrich the wider life of the school and allow our pupils to engage with the arts in a meaningful and inspiring way.

Enrichment Day Two

Today, we held our second Enrichment Day of the year. Enrichment Days are an important part of our calendar as they allow for pupils to step beyond the usual curriculum and engage in experiences that inspire curiosity and ambition. Pupils across all year groups had the opportunity to engage with a range of activities designed to broaden their understanding of future pathways and aspirations. Visiting speakers, workshops and curriculum-linked activities helped pupils to explore the many opportunities available to them and to begin thinking about the skills and qualities they will need in the future. We are extremely grateful to the professionals and organisations who generously gave their time to support our pupils and help bring these important conversations to life.

A particular highlight was our Year 10 pupils spending the day at a college sampling day, gaining first-hand insight into further education and vocational pathways. The maturity, enthusiasm and excellent conduct shown by our pupils throughout the day were a credit to both themselves and the school.

Together, Careers Week and Enrichment Day provided meaningful opportunities for pupils to reflect on their future aspirations and to recognise the many pathways that lie ahead of them. We hope these experiences will continue to inspire confidence and ambition in them as they consider their next steps.

School Meals: SCOPay daily limit

From Monday 9th March, the SCOPay daily spending limit for pupils using the school canteen will increase from £6 to £7.50. *Please note that food prices have not increased, and pupils can still purchase a full meal for £3.*

If you would like your child to have a lower daily spending limit, please contact the finance office who will be happy to adjust this for you. finance@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together we will continue to ensure that our young people flourish, thrive and succeed.

Yours faithfully,
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