

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer 1 Week 3

### Year 11 Final Celebration and Whole School Clap Out

Tuesday was a truly special day for our school community as we gathered to celebrate our Year 11 students at their final celebration and awards. It was a wonderful occasion that recognised the hard work, achievements and personal growth of every student over their time with us. The whole school clap out that followed was an incredibly moving moment, with staff and pupils lining the pathway to send our Year 11s off with the warmest of farewells. There were smiles, tears and plenty of cheers, and it is a memory that will stay with us all for a long time to come.



We could not be prouder of this year group. Their GCSE exams are now underway, and we wish every single one of them the very best of luck. To support them through this important period, here are three tips for exam success:

- 1. Look after yourself** – sleep, hydration and a proper breakfast all make a real difference. Try to get a good night's sleep before each exam and arrive in plenty of time so you feel calm and ready.
- 2. Practise actively** – use past papers, flashcards and self-quizzing rather than simply re-reading notes. Active recall is one of the most effective ways to remember information under pressure.
- 3. Read the question carefully** – underline the command words, plan longer answers before writing, and check the marks available so you spend your time wisely. Always go back and check your work if you have time at the end.

Year 11 – you have already done us proud. Stay focused, stay positive, and trust in the hard work you have put in. We are right behind you.

### Theft of a Bicycle from the School Site

I am very sorry to have to share that, this week, a bicycle was stolen from the bike store on the school car park. This is totally unacceptable and has been deeply upsetting for the student involved, their family and our wider school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our arrangements for students who travel to school by bike. Bicycles should be stored in the secure bike store within the school grounds, located behind the school perimeter fence. The secure store offers far greater protection and is the only place students should be leaving their bikes during the school day.

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Contrary to views being shared in our community, this is the first theft of this type from our school site. It has not happened before, and we are very upset that it has happened now.

Finally, please can I ask that anyone cycling to school does so safely and wears a helmet. Your child's safety on their journey to and from school is so important.

### Visit from Bishop Ruth, Bishop of Liverpool

On a much more uplifting note, we were delighted to welcome the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Liverpool, to school this week. It was an absolute privilege to host her, and she shared with us how much she had enjoyed her time at our school. Her visit was a real highlight of the week, and we are very grateful to her for taking the time to spend with our students and staff.



### Updated School Uniform from September 2026

Following the uniform consultation shared with you in December 2025, we can confirm our updated school uniform which will be in place from September 2026. The updates are designed to simplify expectations, reduce costs for families and ensure compliance with new government guidance.

Full details are available on our school website <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

and in the information leaflet linked here: [Parent Leaflet - School Uniform 2026-27](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully  
*Jane Galbraith*  
**Headteacher**