

17 July 2026

Dear parents and carers

End of academic year letter to parents

This will be the last letter of the 2025-26 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



End of term arrangements: The last day of the academic year is today *Friday 17th 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.

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.

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New academic year:

Your child starts the 2026-27 academic year on

Wednesday 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: Wednesday 2nd September:

All students will come back on *Wednesday 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:

- **Mrs Withington** leaves her TA role to take up a promoted post working with Wigan Council
- **Ms Lundy** leaves her TA role to take up a post closer to home
- **Mr Kwok** leaves us as teacher of humanities to take up a new role in another school
- **Mr Stephens** leaves his role as Cover Supervisor 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.

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 2026-2027

Year 7	Head of Year: Mrs Thomason. SLT Link: Mrs Cooper
Form	Form Tutors
7.1	Mr Raynes
7.2	Mr Cotton
7.3	Mr McMahon
7.4	Mr McCauley
7.5	Miss O'Dea Baxter
7.6	Mr Merrick
Year 8	Head of Year: Mrs Roberts. SLT Link: Miss Moreton
Form	Form Tutors
8.1	Miss Lawton
8.2	Mr Rimmington
8.3	Miss Calland
8.4	Miss Fazakerley
8.5	Miss Roby
8.6	Miss Garrity
Year 9	Head of Year: Miss Lindsay. SLT Link: Mr Carter
Form	Form Tutors
9.1	Mr Lyall
9.2	Mr Dunne
9.3	Miss Baggaley
9.4	Mr Graham
9.5	Miss Derbyshire
9.6	Miss Singleton
Year10	Head of Year: Miss Gebelli. SLT Link: Miss Rullo
Form	Staff Name
10.1	Mrs Tinsley
10.2	Mr Yearlsey
10.3	Mrs O'Brien
10.4	Miss Robb
10.5	Miss Larkin
10.6	Mrs Ibbotson
Year 11	Head of Year: Mrs Black. SLT Link: Miss Rullo
Form	Staff Name
11.1	Mrs Hassouna-Smith
11.2	Mr Burgess
11.3	Mr Sutherland
11.4	Mr Parkinson
11.5	Mr Whitfield
11.6	Mr Wilson