

Lowton Church of England High School



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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly letter (end of Week 1).

As we finish the first week of our new academic year, I hope my letter finds you and your family well.

We have made a strong start in no small part as a result of the support you given to us.

Students look smart, attendance has been strong and attitudes to learning our positive. We are not going to look back on the challenges we all experienced last year, but look forward with positivity and expectation to what lies ahead. Our best days lie ahead of us.

In my assemblies to all students in all year groups this week, I have focused on the theme of **achieving our personal best**. Inspired by the performance of athletes in the Olympics and Paralympics over the summer I have emphasised that not everyone can get the gold medal, but each of us can strive to be the best versions of ourselves and look each day to make those small marginal gains to be our personal best.

Our school priorities for the year are captured as ABCD and are outlined below. These form the basis for the areas in our detailed planning.

Ambition Striving each day for our individual personal bests where every student is able to flourish, thrive and succeed.	Behaviour Highly consistent behaviour routines taught and modelled allowing students to succeed each day.
Curriculum Intentionally planned and explicitly taught and assessed substantive and disciplinary knowledge in every lesson.	Distinctiveness Our Christian ethos and culture nurtures and develops a commitment to social action in and beyond our community.

Calendar reminders

- Monday 20 September: All students will have their photographs taken.
- Monday 27 September: Open Evening for those looking to join Lowton in Year 7 in September 2022.
- Friday 1 October: School closed to staff and students, in lieu of additional bank holiday in May half term.
- Friday 26 November: School closed to staff and students.

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Homework

Our new Year 7s have had computing lessons this week to show them how to access their homework. We use a system called Satchel:One for this. They all now have their login details for when homework is issued. All Year 7 students have been issued with details of how their parents can log in to this system too.

Parents in all year groups can access their child's Satchel:One. This is a very useful way to help us ensure your child keeps on top of their homework and completes it on time and to a high standard.

Students have been given a homework timetable.

COVID testing

By the end of Monday, we will have completed our two rounds of testing in school.

As a reminder, if a child tests positive for COVID-19 only that child will be sent home and anyone displaying symptoms. The requirement to ask close contacts of a positive case to isolate for ten days has been removed by the Government, which will mean an end to the significant disruption of last year when large groups of students had to be sent home.

Lateral Flow Testing Kits will be given to students next week.

Starting next week, please remember to do home tests on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and report the outcome to the NHS and the school at testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk

Car parking

As a general rule, please do not drive into the school park in the morning or evening to drop off or pick up your child. There is precious little space to allow for this safely at the start of the day.

Please can I also remind you to be respectful and mindful of our neighbours in the local roads. In particular, please avoid blocking driveways, not parking on yellow lines and avoiding parking on kerbs.

Contacting school

Your first point of contact for most matters will be your child's form tutor.

For more general enquiries you can contact the school via enquiries@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk or by speaking to us directly by ringing the school on 01942 767040. Please leave a message on the answerphone if no-one answers and someone will return your call.

Thank you for all your support at the start of this new year. It is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher