

October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half term of the academic year has been very successful for our students. I am pleased that the Year 7s have adapted to life at High School and are establishing strong friendships. Our older students have returned to school demonstrating high standards in their work and I expect this to be maintained throughout the whole of the year.

As you are aware Mr Pollard decided to step down from his role and I will be Acting Headteacher whilst the Governors make important decisions about the future leadership of the school. I know that a change of leadership can be unsettling and want to assure that I am committed delivering the highest standards in education. I have taught at Lowton for fourteen years and am proud to live in the local community. It is an honour to lead the school and I care deeply about creating a learning environment where each student can flourish.

This term we will be focusing on ensuring that standards remain consistently high across the school community. I would like to thank you for sending students into school with the correct equipment and looking smart. High standards in uniform and personal organisation create a sense of pride and allow staff to focus on teaching and learning. I would also like to thank you for being supportive of our school policies and engaging in school life by using the Show My Homework app and SIMS Parent app to keep informed of your child's progress. I truly believe that a successful education is achieved in partnership with parents and we are grateful of your support.

Please can you take note of the following points:

- Trainers must not be worn on school site. The schools' decision on whether footwear is acceptable is final. We have a stock of shoes available for students in emergencies.
- Students must not wear body warmers or oversized 'blanket style' scarves. A plain outdoor coat may be worn.
- Homework must be completed to an acceptable standard. The teacher has the final decision on whether the homework is of a satisfactory standard.

Key dates for your diary this half term are:

Monday 4th November – Year 7 Form Tutor Parents’ Evening
Thursday 7th November – GCSE Presentation Evening (former Year 11)
Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day Service at Lowton Saint Marys (not all students)
Wednesday 20th November – Enrichment Day
Friday 22nd November - Children In Need Day (£2 donation)
Monday 25th November – Start of Mock Exams for Year 11 students/National Theatre company in school “Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time”
Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th November – School Show
Friday 29th November (inset day) – School closed to students
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th December – Mock Exams for Year 10 students
Thursday 12th December – Year 10 Parents’ Evening
Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£2 donation please)
Tuesday 17th December – Food Technology Trip for Year 9 & Year 10 students (Cadbury World)
Thursday 19th December – last day of term (early closure 12.30pm)
Christmas Holidays – Friday 20th December 2019 to Monday 6th January 2020
Tuesday 7th January – First day of Spring Term

I strongly encourage you to follow the school on Facebook. We love to share the successes of the week with the wider community and students enjoy the recognition of their achievements on social media.

Finally, I invite you to contact school if you have any concerns about your child that we can support. Your child’s form tutor is usually the most appropriate person to contact.

Yours Faithfully,



Heather Clare (Miss)
Acting Headteacher