

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back to Lowry House

It has been my pleasure to welcome our new and returning students to Lowry House this week. I appreciate your support in purchasing our school uniform. The students look smart and this reflects the high standards we have at Wellacre.

As Head of Lowry, I am really proud of our behaviour across the house, as we consistently have the fewest behaviour points and a very high number of achievement points. This shows how committed the students in Lowry are to maintaining high standards and meeting our expectations.

This year, I want Lowry students and families to focus on attendance, punctuality and being equipped to learn. I would particularly like your support with your son's punctuality both to school in the mornings and to lessons. As you are aware, we have changed the start of the day and expect all students to be **on site by 8.20am and lining up in their Lowry Line up area by 8.27am**. Students are then taken by their Achievement Tutor to their registration room. There is a set timetable of activities for each morning including Literacy and Numeracy. We will also check that each student is well equipped for each day.

I strongly believe that a positive start to each day leads to pupils feeling more settled and engaged, setting the standard for the rest of the day.

The time spent in form in the mornings is vital for dissemination of important information, development of key literacy and numeracy skills and the provision of pastoral support for your son.

I am pleased to announce this year's Lowry House Leadership team;

- The **House Captain**: Will Kent
- The **Vice Captains**: Josh Metcalfe and Mizar Cheung
- The **Sports Captains**: Patrick Walker and Hugo Thomas-Irlam

I know the students will work hard to provide on behalf of the Lowry students they represent.

### Meet the Tutor Evening: Thursday 10th September 4.30-7pm

We will be inviting all our parents and carers to book a **remote** five minute appointment with their child's tutor. This will be a good opportunity for you all to make a connection with the Tutor who sees your child every morning and is the first port of call regarding their pastoral care. The link to make an appointment via School Cloud will go out in September.

### Parent Information Evenings

We will be hosting **Parent Information Evenings** at the start of term. These will be important sessions in which we will have the opportunity to explain some key information in a little more

detail. **Please note that due to fire regulations, the hall has a limited capacity so each evening is for one family representative only please.** Wellacre students should not attend.

Please note the session for your child:

**Year 7 Monday 7th September, 6pm-7pm**

**Year 10 and Year 11 Monday 14th September, 6pm-7pm**

**Year 8 and Year 9 Monday 21st September, 6pm-7pm**

### **Our School Values**

**At Wellacre, our school values are the constant companion of our actions. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's vision, ethos and values as these underpin our actions, policies and practices.**

**Our Vision:** 'Working together to instil a sense of belonging for all so that every student thrives.'

**Our Ethos:** Inspire, Achieve, Enjoy

**Our Values:** Honesty, Pride, Respect, Resilience, Aspiration

- Be honest with ourselves and each other.
- Be proud of our school, our uniform and our attitude to learning.
- Be respectful in what we do and say.
- Be resilient when faced with challenges.
- Aspire to excellence in all that we do.

Please make sure that your son is equipped for learning each day with a school bag, basic equipment and a full PE kit which complies with our uniform expectations.

All students need a **pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, a scientific calculator, a white board/dry erase pen (e.g Dry erase pens are £1 for 4 in Tesco and similar elsewhere) and index cards to be kept at home so students can make their own flashcards.** Students also need a school bag large enough to carry school books and kit. Equipment checks will take place regularly in Form Time. **Please help us in ensuring that every student is ready to learn.**

### **Uniform**

All students must be in full school uniform every day, adhering to the Wellacre Uniform Policy. This will be checked by Achievement Tutors every morning before entering the building. If your son is not in full uniform, he must have a note explaining why. If he is unable to produce a note then he can expect to receive a consequence. We have a stock of clean uniform items, in excellent condition, in school. Your son is always expected to wear what we can provide if he is not in full uniform. **The uniform policy states that we only accept black shoes, no sports logos or trainers, and plain dark grey / charcoal trousers.**

**Hoodies, earrings, piercings and jewellery are not allowed. They will be confiscated from students.**

### **Arbor**

We are expecting all our parents/carers to be actively engaged with Arbor by the end of September. The leaflets below will help you to get started if you are new to the system.

[Handout Arbor Parent App poster.pdf](#)

Parents/carers can edit their details and contact details themselves. **Please could all parents/carers check that their details are correct on Arbor.** Please remember that any legal rights to access information about a child must be reflected in the information you provide.

[Updating your own guardian details on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)

## Curriculum and Independent Study

We inform you about what your son will be learning via the curriculum area of our website. Content will be refreshed by the end of September reflecting changes made over the Summer.

[Curriculum | Wellacre Academy](#)

**At home, students need to be securing their knowledge within subjects so they can do more with that powerful knowledge.**

## House Contact Details

Please note that we do not accept visitors without an appointment. The **first point of contact for any pastoral concerns or questions should be your son's Achievement Tutor**, whose email address you can find below, along with contact details for other key members of staff.

All other queries should be directed to [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org)

Please note that we have a reasonable expectation that staff will reply within 48-72 hours (**two-three working days**) to any query.

## Lowry Tutors

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| 7.5 Miss E Hill    | <a href="mailto:ehill@wellacre.org">ehill@wellacre.org</a>         |
| 7.6 Miss L Autumn  | <a href="mailto:lautumn@wellacre.org">lautumn@wellacre.org</a>     |
| 8.5 Mr L Harris    | <a href="mailto:lharris@wellacre.org">lharris@wellacre.org</a>     |
| 8.6 Ms A Lockhart  | <a href="mailto:alockhart@wellacre.org">alockhart@wellacre.org</a> |
| 9.5 Mrs A Appleton | <a href="mailto:aappleton@wellacre.org">aappleton@wellacre.org</a> |
| 9.6 Ms Y Millin    | <a href="mailto:ymillin@wellacre.org">ymillin@wellacre.org</a>     |
| 10.5 Mrs S Ashburn | <a href="mailto:sashburn@wellacre.org">sashburn@wellacre.org</a>   |
| 10.6 Mr A Cooney   | <a href="mailto:acooney@wellacre.org">acooney@wellacre.org</a>     |
| 11.5 Miss R Ward   | <a href="mailto:rward@wellacre.org">rward@wellacre.org</a>         |
| 11.6 Miss B Morley | <a href="mailto:bmorley@wellacre.org">bmorley@wellacre.org</a>     |

## Head of House

Mr R. Asha [rasha@wellacre.org](mailto:rasha@wellacre.org)

## Director of Transition with responsibility for Year 7

Mr J. Caslake [jaslake@wellacre.org](mailto:jaslake@wellacre.org)

## Assistant Principal: Personal Development and SENDCO

Mrs M. O'Neill [moneill@wellacre.org](mailto:moneill@wellacre.org)

## Inclusion Manager

Mrs N. Birney [nbirney@wellacre.org](mailto:nbirney@wellacre.org)

## Safeguarding Officer

Miss C Wedderburn [cwedderburn@wellacre.org](mailto:cwedderburn@wellacre.org)

We are looking forward to the positive contribution your son will make to the life of the school and the Lowry 'family' this year.

Your son will be well supported and he will always be reminded that our school values should be evident in his actions. Please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns and we will always do our best to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our House.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final upward stroke.

**Mr R. Asha**  
**Head of Lowry House**