



22 November 2024

Dear parents and carers

Autumn 2 Week 4 Parent Letter

The Ugandans are coming back: On Friday 6 December, The AYF Band (also known as 'The Ugandans') will once again be visiting us with their joy, music and dancing. They have been an annual inspiration to us for many years. To support their work back in Uganda we will also be fundraising for them – see below.

Christmas themed non-uniform day: On *Thursday 12 December* we will have a 'Christmas themed non-uniform day' to help raise money for the Ugandan orphanage we have previously supported.

Students fondly remember the visits from The AYF Band from Uganda. Some members of that band run an orphanage in Uganda and we would like to send our support and love back to them with a financial gift that would help them continue their selfless work. Last year we raise just over £1,700 which converted to over £7,000 in Ugandan buying terms. I hope we can match or even exceed that amount this year.



We would value your support for this great cause and would ask for a donation of at least **£2** (or more if you would like). You can pay in advance through your child's Scopay account under the *Tips and Events* tab, or your child can hand in cash.

In order that we can hopefully maximise the gift to the orphanage, we would politely ask that *you do not feel compelled to buy any new clothes for this day in school.*

As part of the social action strand of our curriculum strategy, we look to help students see a world beyond Lowton, to reflect on what we have and what we may take for granted. In addition, it is a call to respond and act, to help those in challenging situations through no fault of their own. At the heart of our social action focus as a school is the inspiration we find in the Old Testament book of Micah, which challenges us to *'do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God'* (Micah 6:8)

Fundraising in form time: form tutors and students in their form will take on a competitive edge in the coming weeks seeking to raise the most money through imaginative means for the Ugandan orphanage.

A reminder of the school closure next Friday: as mentioned last week, the **school is closed all day on Friday 29 November**. There are no staff or students in school that day. The full school calendar is available on our website here: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parents/term-dates>.

Looking ahead, the last day of term is **Friday 20 December (early closure at 12.15pm)**, with *students returning* after Christmas on **Tuesday 7 January 2025**.

Thank you, as always, for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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