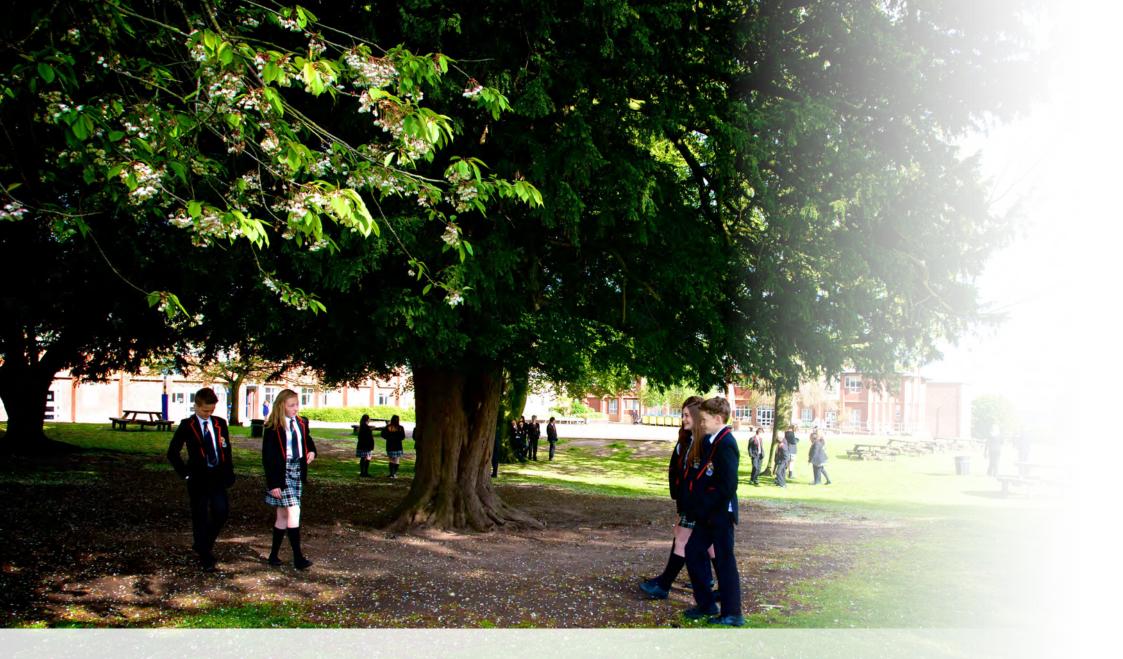
Lymm High School Prospectus









"Students are friendly, welcoming and courteous." Ofsted

Welcome

Since receiving its Royal Charter in 1601, Lymm High School has a strong tradition of providing outstanding opportunities for young people. Examination results are consistently high and we take pride in making sure that every one of our students is loved and cherished as an individual throughout their time here.

As a school, we do not have a complicated, clever sounding mission statement or a series of radical ideas about what education ought to be. Rather, we aim to keep things simple and focus on the things that matter most.

We work hard to ensure that all of our students leave with excellent academic outcomes, something that is reflected in the large number of students going on to study at top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

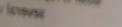
At the same time, we facilitate a remarkable range of extra-curricular activities and trips that enable young people to enjoy their time here, to develop as well-rounded human beings and to taste success in whichever areas their talents and interests may lie.

We are very fortunate with the grounds and facilities we have, but the real strength of the school lies in the people. Our students are typically very well brought up; they are polite, ambitious and bright. Their good behaviour helps us to attract excellent teachers, who give up a great deal of their own time to ensure that the students gain a first class, all round education.

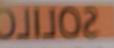
As a parent myself, I recognise the huge responsibility we have towards the students who attend our school and towards their families. I also understand that choosing a school can be difficult. Over the years, Lymm High School has been the school of first choice for our community and we will never be complacent about ensuring that remains the case. I trust that you will take the time to visit and to meet some of the people who help make this place so special.







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"Achievement in Mathematics is consistently outstanding." Ofsted

Academic Standards

Parents and carers recognise that the academic standards on offer at Lymm High School are high, with year on year success at GCSE and A level, as well as in other recognised qualifications.

Of course, great schools are about far more than preparing students for examination success but, at the same time, we are unequivocal about the fact that academic outcomes are hugely important to the life chances of young people. Expectations are high, and they are rising still further.

Our retention into Sixth Form is very good, with the majority of our students wishing to remain at Lymm in the knowledge that they will have the best chance of excelling and entering into the world of higher education, employment or training.

A great deal of emphasis is placed upon developing the quality of teaching and learning, whether this be more traditional teacher-led activities or lessons where students themselves take more of a lead. Regardless of the style of teaching or teacher, we strive to ensure all lessons contain high degrees of both challenge and engagement.

Teachers and support staff here care about what they do and the young people they work with. Students appreciate this and enjoy their lessons, which plays a key part in them achieving such high standards.









Ellie Statham Primary School "I chose Lymm High School because every day there are lots of exciting and academic opportunities to take part in."



"The percentage of students attaining the higher levels at Key Stage 3 has increased year on year for all groups, including pupils with disabilities and those with special educational needs." Ofsted

Facilities

The Lymm campus is a mix of traditional and new buildings, surrounded by wonderful countryside.

The school is situated in its own grounds with extensive playing fields, an astroturf pitch, a swimming pool and leisure complex.

We are also very fortunate to have our own residential centre Ty'n-y-felin in Anglesey, where students go and take part in the annual Year 7 visit, faculty trips, and revision and study weekends.

Inside the school, we are well equipped with ICT facilities, including a state-of-the-art Apple Mac suite. There is a purpose built sixth form block and a well stocked library.

We even have our own restaurant, 'Chapters,' where our Food Technology students can often be found cooking and serving excellent food to guests.









Abbie Little Bollington School "Lymm High School is big but it isn't scary once you know your way around. The staff are all really nice and are always there to help."



Students *"…have a positive attitude to learning and make the most of their experiences in the classroom and in the wide range of extra-curricular activities."* **Ofsted**

The Extended Curriculum

Our aim is to provide an 'educational experience' rather than simply an education. To do this we offer a very wide range of opportunities that develop leadership skills, confidence, self-esteem and an awareness of other cultures.

We make great efforts to support those students capable of going on to the top universities, with a significant number of enrichment activities specifically targeted at the most able through our Scholars Programme.

It is important as parents to recognise that this offer exists for every student and will not disadvantage those with financial issues. We utilise our Pupil Premium funding to support those on free school meals and to enhance educational outcomes. Activities such as the Year 7 trip to Ty'n-y-felin are seen as 'must do' trips.

Many extended activities are at lunchtime or immediately after school and we would encourage students to take part in the programme. The details of these are available on our website.









Ewan Bradshaw Lane Primary School "I like Lymm High School because there are lots of after school activities."



"Teachers demonstrate good subject knowledge and organise interesting and well-paced activities to capture students' imagination." Ofsted

Performing Arts

The academic curriculum is further enhanced by an outstanding variety of music, drama, dance and theatre.

The school boasts a wide range of musical groups, including a brass band which regularly performs in school and in the wider community. Prestigious venues have included the Bridgewater Hall, with invitations also coming from the Rotary Club to perform at the Parr Hall. The Brass Band has embarked on three European tours: to Paris in 2010, Strasbourg in 2012 and Venice in 2015.

Music lessons are encouraged during the school day as they provide a different focus and extension activity for our students.

The annual school production takes pride of place and involves many students and staff both on stage and back stage. Recent school productions include "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"; "Remote"; "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; "Blackout" and "Oh What a Lovely War".









Megan Oughtrington Primary School "My classes are really interesting and I've made lots of friends already!"



"...development is enhanced by the very many opportunities the academy provides..." Ofsted

Sport

We have a long-standing and very strong tradition of sport at the school. Lymm High School regularly participates in national competitions and many individuals and teams enjoy success, gaining national honours in their chosen disciplines. These are reflected in school on our Honours Boards and by the international shirts displayed in the Dining Hall.

The physical education programme is wide-ranging within school and incorporates our partner primary schools. The 28 acres of playing fields, our own sports centre and our outdoor centre in Anglesey ensure that we cater for all interests and abilities. Saturday morning fixtures are well established and enjoyed by lots of our students.

Many of our students have gone on to play professional sport or compete in world class events, including the Olympic rower, Richard Egington and rugby union player, David Strettle. We also have very strong links with professional clubs, including Sale Sharks.

Student talent is developed throughout the years, with sport included in the curriculum through core PE, GCSE PE and BTEC Sport at levels 1, 2 and 3, and in Sixth Form 'A' level PE.



Theo Ravenbank Primary School *"I love the sports facilities and the Headteacher is really nice!"*









"Students have lots of opportunities to work in pairs, in groups and independently, helping them to develop a good range of communication and study skills." **Ofsted**

Caring for Students

Students in a large school often require that additional input and our form tutors, Directors of Learning, teaching staff and assistants are all trained to support your child.

Student Services at Lymm is the focal point for many of our students and parents. This is due in no small part to the highly trained and caring staff who will never accept that a problem cannot be resolved.

We offer a cashless catering service to support our students in providing a swift, efficient lunchtime service. Parents can monitor what the students spend on food through this system.

Each year group is overseen by a Director of Learning who is ably supported by an Assistant Director of Learning and a Student Support Officer. Each year group team works closely with form tutors to provide clear communication and ensure support and care for all students, whatever their needs.

Purposeful partnerships with parents are created for every year group. These range from supporting the learning process through information, advice and guidance events to our very active Parent Teacher Association. All new parents/carers are welcome to support our children by joining the PTA.









Sophie Little Bollington School *"All the teachers at Lymm High have tried their best to know our names and help us with our work if we need it."*



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