



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your child have had a safe and enjoyable summer.

I am writing to introduce myself to you and to welcome you back to the start of a new academic year at Lymm High School. My name is Mr Eyres and I am the new Head of Year 8. I am very much looking forward to working with you and your child over the course of the next few years as we head towards those all-important exams at the end of year 11. I trust that by now your child has settled into life at the school and is comfortable and confident with how the school operates, the expectations that are placed on them, and have coped with what can be a challenging transition from primary school to secondary school. If there are any issues that you feel haven't been resolved satisfactorily, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This year is an extremely important year as we start to build momentum for the next four years. Year 11 can seem a very long way off, and whilst 4 years is a substantial amount of time, it is absolutely crucial that your child makes the most of every opportunity in lesson to develop their understanding and accelerate their progression. The knowledge and skills that they acquire at this stage underpin everything they will learn for the GCSEs themselves. Of course it goes without saying that students need to be in school in order for them to learn. For every 5% of absence, on average a child drops 1 GCSE grade per subject. At Lymm High School, we strive for every student to have attendance above 97%. Attendance below 90% is categorised as persistently absent and severely harms your child's chances of success. Please can I take this opportunity to stress the importance of good attendance and to remind you that where possible medical and dental appointments should be made for outside of school hours and that students should be encouraged to come into school unless they are seriously unwell.

Whilst academic success and rigour is of utmost importance we see our role as being more than that. It is for that reason that we place great value on ensuring our young people grow into socially responsible and well-rounded citizens. I would ask you to support us in this by encouraging your child to make the most of the extra-curricular activities that are on offer and to use the leadership ladder to develop those all-important qualities that are vital in today's world. Wearing the correct uniform, coming to school well equipped and behaving in an exemplary manner are expectations that we hold for all our young people and I make no apology in saying that the expectations we have are extremely high. I thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child meets and exceeds those expectations going forwards.

HEADTEACHER: MR GWYN WILLIAMS

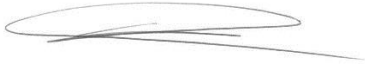
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Finally, a few dates for your diaries. Year 8 assessments take place on 17th January 2018, Parents Evening is 15th February 2018 and the end of year exams will be from 4th June – 15th June 2018.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or wish to speak to me about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr D. Eyres', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr D. Eyres
Head of Year 8