



September 2018

Welcome to Year 7

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your child have had a great summer and that your child hasn't been too nervous about joining us at Lymm High School this year. Whilst I met most of you during our transition period last summer I am writing to give you all a warm welcome to Lymm High School and I look forward to meeting you on the Information and Guidance evening on Wednesday 19th September. Whether you have children here already or are new to Lymm I hope that the next year is extremely successful for your child.

So far, I have been incredibly impressed with how the Year 7s have started to settle into life at Lymm High and I have had fantastic feedback from their teachers. They are beginning to find their way around - some more successfully than others! However, what has impressed me the most is their positive attitude towards starting such a large new school, however daunting that has seemed, they have shown true resilience. I am a firm believer in encouraging independence in children and ensuring that we develop young people not just from a successful academic point but that we develop the whole child so that they become socially responsible citizens.

There are a number of differences between primary and secondary schooling, your child will have five lessons a day and will study a number of different subjects, many of which they may not have studied at KS2. Organisation will be the key to their success and this can be a big step for some, they may need support with becoming independent in organising their books, equipment and homework.

It is also going to be vital that students maintain excellent attendance at school to ensure that they do not fall behind in their studies. At Lymm High School, we strive for students to have attendance above 97%. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, we urge parents to consider carefully whether their child can be sent into school. Often differing to the advice from primary schools, we are more than happy to have students in school if they are feeling slightly 'under the weather' and we can support them in Student Services if necessary. Sending them into school means they don't miss out on crucial lessons, which can make a huge difference to the progress they make and their academic success. If a student's attendance drops to 90%, they will have missed approximately 95 hours of lessons by the end of the year – a not insignificant amount of learning.

I hope that your child is looking forward to our residential trip to Ty'n-y-Felin. This has always been a great success at Lymm, in fact a highlight of our students' time at school and I know staff are excited about going too. Please encourage your child to attend the trip; students forge lifelong friendships on these trips and it really helps students settle in to their first year at secondary school.

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The dates are:

- **Dunham:** Wed 19th – Fri 21st Sept
- **Arley:** Mon 24th – Wed 26th Sept
- **Walton:** Wed 26th – Fri 28th Sept
- **Moreton:** Mon 1st – Wed 3rd Oct
- **Tatton:** Mon 8th – Wed 10th Oct

Hopefully you will receive all the information you need at our IAG but if you are unable to attend, you will be able to find all the information covered on the school website under Parent Communications/Year 7. There will be lots going on for your child this year and we will keep you updated via this page on the school website. Some important dates for this year are:

Year 7 Dunham 'Meet the Tutors'	17th September 5:30 – 6pm Meet the Tutors (Dunham forms only) – an opportunity to ask individual questions or let your child's form tutor know specific information about your child.
Year 7 Information & Guidance Evening (presentations for all 10 forms)	19th September 5:30 – 6:15pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall (Arley, Dunham, Moreton forms) 6:15 – 6:45pm Meet the Tutors (Arley, Moreton, Tatton, Walton) – an opportunity to ask individual questions or let your child's form tutor know specific information about your child. 6:45 – 7:30pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall (Tatton, Walton)
Year 7 Parents Evening	6th December
Year 7 Core Assessments (Maths and English)	15th January
Year 7 Assessment/Exams fortnight	29th April – 10th May

Please do contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries and I will do whatever I can to help, and I'm really keen to hear about all the achievements or positive experiences your child has in school (or indeed out of school); these are lovely to hear and we enjoy celebrating them with students in school.

I wish you and your child a very happy and successful first year at Lymm High School.



Mrs C Worrall

Head of Year 7