

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Santa Dash 2018

Don't forget, next **Friday 7th December**, is our sponsored Santa Dash!

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our students so far. Excitement for this year's Santa Dash is building, with form groups competing to raise the most funds and reach their £500 targets.

Sponsorship forms and money needs to be handed into school on, or before, **Friday 7th December**. On the Santa Dash day, your child will receive a Santa hat to wear for this year's sponsored dash.

Students can come into school in non-uniform and are encouraged to wear their most Christmassy items of clothing. Due to the Santa Dash taking part in the school grounds, please ensure your child wraps up warm and brings an old pair of trainers or boots to change into. They will complete it come rain, shine or snow!!!

There will be Christmas market style food and refreshments on offer at our Winter Wonderland following the sponsored dash, along with stalls including tombola's, glitter make-up, and a chance to throw snowballs at staff who have been unlucky enough to end up in the school stocks! It is therefore advisable that students bring a small amount of money into school should they wish to purchase anything.

Please share this information with family and friends and sponsor if you can. Having a 3G pitch will make a huge difference to all of our students and would be a huge asset for the community, it would be fantastic if we could raise all the money before the end of the academic year.

Thank you in advance for your generous sponsorship. We hope that we will live up to the achievement of last year and promise to keep you updated on our progress.

### The Sunday Times Schools Guide

The Sunday Times has recently published its latest Schools Guide, listing the highest achieving schools in the UK, and we have again been ranked amongst the top ten highest performing comprehensive schools in the whole of the North West, and the top 30 even when selective grammar schools are included. The Sunday Times focus on numbers of students getting A\*-B grades at A' level and grades 9-7 (the old A\*-A) grades at GCSE.

Mr Williams said: "These are not official league tables and the methodology in many respects is somewhat dubious so we take them with a pinch of salt. Nevertheless, they do provide further evidence of what a strong position we are now in as a school."

### Afritwin Bags 2 School

We are pleased to announce that our Afritwin team has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our partner school in South Africa.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £20 million to worthwhile causes.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to make space for new clothes that Santa may give you this

Christmas. Please refer to [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for details on what textile items are accepted - don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting on **Wednesday 5th December**. Students can bring their bag (or bags!) to the Atrium during form time.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity!

### St Mary's Lymm Christmas Tree Festival 30 November -2 December 2018

**30th November to Sunday 2nd December** sees St Mary's Lymm fourth Christmas Tree Festival and it promises to be bigger and better with more local groups and organisations being involved. Admission is free to see over forty Christmas trees on display and enjoy several choirs and musicians who will be entertaining visitors over the weekend.

### Sports Plus Hockey

Due to a hockey fixture at home next Tuesday, Sports Plus hockey with Ben will take place on **Monday 3rd December**.

### Cashless Catering

We politely remind all parents/carers to top up cashless catering accounts regularly, via Parent Pay, to ensure their child is able to purchase food during break and lunch time.

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Joanne Smith who was last Saturday's winner with our Lymm High School Lottery! Thank you to everyone who entered for your support.

For your chance to win, please head to our dedicated lottery website [here](#) and don't forget to buy your tickets! Your support would be hugely appreciated!

## LOWER SCHOOL

### Girls Football

KS3 girl's football, due to take place today after school, has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### KS3 Revision Resources

The English, Maths and Science assessments that students will be sitting in January are of the utmost importance and provide an opportunity for your child to practice preparing for and sitting formal

examinations. We are keen to ensure we equip them with the study skills and strategies required to be successful and that we share this information with you so you can support them at home. Please click the links below:

[KS3 Assessment Parent Letter](#)

[KS3 Assessment Timetable](#)

[KS3 Revision Guide](#)

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Make It Stick Evening

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who attended our 'Make it Stick - Help your child revise' earlier this week.

If you were unable to attend, don't worry. You can view the evening presentation [here](#) and the Parent 'Make it Stick Booklet' [here](#).

Please check the curriculum tab on our website later this week for a dedicated 'Revision - Make it Stick' area. This will include a number of useful resources and information regarding revision strategies to help your child revise for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

### Remembering Effectively

If, as suggested by cognitive psychologist Daniel Willingham, “memory is the residue of thought”, we must make sure that our revision is rooted in the process of “thinking hard”.

This was the premise for our latest study skills session with Year 11, with a real focus on using knowledge organisers to secure the key concepts that students need to succeed in each subject.

A condensed version of this training can be found [here](#).

### Sixth Form Open Evening

It was wonderful to meet so many prospective students & parents at our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Thursday 8th November**. If you missed it, do not worry! Contact the sixth form team to arrange a visit. Email [sixthform@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@lymmhigh.org.uk)

You can find out more about the fantastic range of post-16 courses available by viewing our prospectus [here](#).

### Y11 Mock Examination Timetable

Click to view the Year 11 Mock Examination timetable for **December 2018** [here](#).

# SIXTH FORM

## Summer 2018 Exam certificates

Summer 2018 Exam certificates are now in centre and ready for collection. You can collect your certificates from the school reception **8.30am – 3pm Monday to Friday**

Please bring photographic ID. If you have nominated a third person to collect on your behalf, they must bring their own photographic ID and written instruction from you. If you would like your certificates posting, you should request this in writing and provide a stamped addressed envelope.

Certificates will be kept in centre for twelve months (from **26th November 2018**)

Any queries please contact [exams@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:exams@lymmhigh.org.uk)

## Sixth Form Leavers

Sixth Form Leavers 2018 – you are warmly invited to collect your A Level certificates from **4-6pm on Tuesday 18th December**.