



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

14 May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Time is moving very quickly for our Yr12 students as they are now in fact, half way through their A' level courses and I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to stress the importance of this final term.

All students following A' level courses will sit mock exams which are scheduled to start on Monday 17th June for one week. These exams will be very high profile as they are used as a guide to determine progression into Year 13, and as such should be taken seriously. Students will receive their mock examination timetables shortly, which should allow them adequate preparation time. The vast majority of these exams fall during the week commencing 17 June and therefore students are allowed to take study leave during this week only, meaning that they need only attend school to sit their mock exams. All students are of course welcome to use our study spaces and attend school as normal. Students following BTEC courses must continue to attend all lessons during this time in preparation for any external exams/coursework submission dates. For those students who study a mixture of BTECs and A' levels, they will be expected to attend all BTEC lessons as usual, except where they have a mock exam which will take priority. It has been explained to students that the grades received from these mock exams, in conjunction with teacher feedback, will be used to determine whether students are suitable to progress onto the second year of study. Please rest assured that where there are such concerns, we will discuss this with you and your son/daughter directly.

Time goes very quickly at this time of year, and therefore I must stress how important it is for students to attend all lessons and supervised study periods right up until the end of term; we will not authorise any holidays. All students will be expected to attend from 8:25am until 1:15pm daily, only being allowed to sign out at lunch time if they do not have a timetabled lesson/supervised study period during P5. We will use form time until the end of the year to complete UCAS and other relevant applications. I stress that these sessions are compulsory and we welcome your support in ensuring they are well attended. Throughout the year students have already had numerous outside speakers and support sessions to help guide them through their decisions about their future, and we have many planned for the rest of the year. I have detailed these below so you are fully aware of these.

September	Visit to Keele University to discover what studying at university is really like
January	Apprenticeships fair
February	Introduction to HE session assembly delivered by Chester University
March	What Career Live visit University, Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships assembly delivered by Manchester Metropolitan University
April	How to choose University courses session delivered by Leeds Beckett University
May	Personal statement session (21 st May) delivered by Manchester Metropolitan University
June	Personal statement session (5 th June) delivered by Durham University
July	UCAS Form completion (WC 1 st July) – students will be taken through each step of the form to ensure it is completed before they break up for summer Applying for Apprenticeships session (date to be confirmed) Preparation for Yr 13 session (date to be confirmed)

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In order to best prepare students for their UCAS applications, we strongly suggest that students visit at least eight different universities. Open days have already begun and you can find a calendar of these dates here - <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>. Students can take a maximum of three days off school to attend these; we recommend that the majority of visits take place at during weekends. We advise all students considering University to begin the UCAS process, even if they are unsure. It is much easier to go through the process with staff now when help is plentiful, rather than waiting and applying late once Yr13 studies have begun.

Students are reminded that they must attend school each day in full business dress, which includes wearing their jacket. Whilst we do not want to send students home for dressing incorrectly, we seek to maintain our high standards and will inevitably do so. Please can I ask that girls wearing skirts to school check that these are an appropriate length, as some of these are becoming too short and may need replacing; girls can of course wear trousers instead. Can I also remind you that there are no trainers allowed in sixth form, students wearing them after May half term will be sent home, I have spoken to many students who this affects.

I look forward to working with you and your son/daughter during the remainder of their time in the sixth form. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any member of the sixth form team if you have concerns of any kind.

Yours faithfully



H JENNINGS (Mrs), Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

Important dates for your diary

- Monday 17 June – Friday 21 June – Year 12 Mock Exams – A' level students on study leave
- Monday 24 June – Friday 28 June – Year 12 Work Experience
- Monday 1 July – Year 12 students return to school
- Thursday 4 July – Year 12 mock results released to students
- Friday 19 July – Last day of term – early finish