

Whole School

Term Dates: Inset Day 2019 & May Bank Holiday 2020

Please note that the final INSET day of this academic year is **Friday 28th June 2019**. This was agreed by the governing body and communicated to parents in the July 2018 Newsletter here, with the decision being made so as to ensure students sitting external examinations were not affected by the INSET. Apologies for any confusion caused.

As you may also be aware, the first May bank holiday in 2020 has been put back to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day would traditionally have been on the first Monday in May (i.e. 4th May 2020), however this has now been put back until **Friday 8th May 2020**. This decision is outside of school control and term dates for 2019/20 will be updated accordingly, but please note for your diaries.

LHS May Ball

A huge thank you to all who attended our inaugural May Ball event.

We are delighted to announce that we raised over £5,000 on the evening, which was a resounding success, helping us reach the target for our Pitch In fund.

We would like to thank the Hallmark Hotel, the numerous local individuals and companies who donated prizes, our fantastically dedicated PTA May Ball Team for organising the event, auctioneer on the evening, Ian McGillivary, and of course, all the attendees who helped to make the evening such a memorable success. It is hoped that this event will be the first of many Lymm High Balls.

To view our private gallery, with pictures donated by Andrew Collier Photography, visit and enter your email followed by the password BdUem4yJN8. You can download pictures for free using the PIN 6132.

Grounds Fire

Many of you will be aware of the recent incident whereby some wooden benches on the school grounds were set on fire. This was obviously a very serious incident and we must be grateful that nobody was hurt or that the damage was worse.

We have now completed our investigations and, not least because of all the footage from our CCTV cameras, have a very clear picture of what happened. A range of sanctions, including the most severe available to us, have been issued to all those present when the fire was started – including those who could be just considered bystanders and were not directly involved. As you would expect, the families of all the students have been made fully aware of the involvement of their children. The police have also been involved throughout and will be taking the actions they feel are most appropriate in each case.

Please can we take the opportunity to ask you to remind your children that, if they do use the school site in the evenings or at weekends, they must treat the grounds and staff with respect at all times. We do not mind small groups playing sensibly on the fields, but the yards and buildings are always out of bounds and any instructions from school or leisure centre staff must be followed immediately and without argument. Students and parents should be advised that sanctions will be issued in cases where students do not respect these expectations and they face the possibility of an outright ban.

As always in such cases, we should remind ourselves that incidents such as these are very rare and that the vast majority of Lymm High School pupils consistently display those qualities of socially responsible citizens that we place so much emphasis on.

Sports Honours Boards

As a school, we have a long-standing and very strong tradition of sport. Many individuals and teams enjoy success, gaining national honours in their chosen disciplines.

These are reflected in school on our honours boards which we are currently updating, and recognise our top sporting performers throughout our School's history.

If your child has represented their county, or the equivalent to their county and higher (international level) in any sport this year, please contact Mr Powell at: gpowell@lymmhigh.org.uk

Our Girls Can: Girls in Sport Awards 2019

From football to handball to cricket, it's a year at Lymm High School where young female athletes have been at the fore. Proving that 'These Girls Can' their presence and success has been remarkable!

To celebrate their success we are holding a Girls in Sports Awards Evening on **Thursday 11**th **July**, from **3.15pm – 5.00pm**.

Join us for an evening that celebrates our up and coming young sports women at LHS!

Visual Arts & Technology End of Year Exhibition

The Visual Arts & Technology Faculty invite you to celebrate the work of our talented students from across the school at the annual End of Year Exhibition.

Featuring work from: GCSE Fine Art, GCSE Fashion, GCSE Photography, GCSE Design Technology, A' level Fine Art, A' level Product Design, A' level Photography

Wednesday, 26 June 2019 from 18:00-20:00 | Located in the Sixth Form Lower Hex

The Visual Arts & Technology End of Year Exhibition is free and open to the public.

"Women in STEM" Networking Event

To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day in June, we will be hosting a "Women in STEM" networking event on **Thursday 20th June**.

This will be our first Career Opportunity Group set up to provide support and networking opportunities for alumni, parents and students. We hope that the event will bring together female, LHS Community professionals from fields relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to help raise the profile of the role of women in STEM.

The event will start with hot drinks and canapés served from 6pm and some speed networking to engage with some of our current students. The aim is to give them an opportunity to discover more about the many opportunities that are on offer should they choose to pursue STEM subjects at school and beyond. From **6.45pm**, there will be an opportunity for some professional networking and ideas sharing.

We hope all females from our community who are interested in or are currently working in these careers will join us.

To register for this event or for more information please email: bdowdall@lymmhigh.org.uk Parent Information Evening – Drug Awareness & Prevention

Summer Concert

Don't Forget!

On **Monday 24th June** our fantastic young musicians will be performing again in the school's main hall from **7pm**.

The evening will include a raffle with prizes including an overnight stay at Ramside Hall Hotel Golf & Spa. The Golf Break is for four people, 2 bedrooms and includes dinner, bed & breakfast and two round of golf per person. *Valid until 31 December 2019, subject to availability.*

All tickets sold will go towards the cost of a new piano for the Music and Performing Arts department.

Join us for an enjoyable evening of music - This will be a unique concert not to be missed!

School Summer Break Opening Hours

The School Shop will be closed during the spring break, from and including, **Monday 29**th **July**. The shop will reopen on **Monday 12**th **August**.

LHS Lottery

Boost funds for our school by joining the LHS School Lottery! Congratulations to last week's winner, Lorraine Batchelor, who has kindly donated her winnings back to our school! Sign up here for your chance to WIN!

Cashless Catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering accounts via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food during their lunchbreak.

LOWER SCHOOL

Bronze Silver & Gold 2018/19 Pre-Expedition

A tired Mrs Worrall, Mrs Feast, Miss Dean and Mr Heaton would like to say a big well done to all of the students taking part in the DofE silver and gold practice expedition. Their determination and teamwork was inspiring and we hope the students involved enjoyed it as much as the staff did.

Year 8

A parental meeting regarding the Y8 Battlefields trip will be held on **Tuesday 18th June** at **6pm** in the main school hall. Click <u>here</u> to read a letter with further details.

Sports Tour Photo

A huge thank you to The Portrait Squad, who kindly photographed our Year 8 and 9 students for the 2019 Girls Sports Tour. If your child was photographed and should you wish to purchase prints, please visit www.theportraitsquad.co.uk and use your unique access code. Students were given access codes this week to bring home.

UPPER SCHOOL

2021 South Africa Sports Tour

We are pleased to inform you that that the next sports tour will be in held in **July 2021** touring Cape Town South Africa. Provisional dates are currently **Wednesday 21st July** returning home **Thursday 29th July**. The nine day tour will be based around Cape Town and involve Table Mountain, Robben Island, a Cape Peninsula tour and game drives searching for the 'BIG 5'.

Open to our current Year 9, 10 and 11 students, the tour will officially be launched early in September with the exact information confirmed nearer the time.

The British and Irish Lions will be touring in 2021 and we're sure the excitement in South Africa at this time will be evident in a country that is so enthusiastic about sport.

The cost is yet to be finalised but is estimated at around £2400. This includes full board and all activities planned for the duration of the tour.

Fundraising for the tour will begin in September and any support you can offer will be hugely appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact Lee Pickles at lpickles@lymmhigh.org.uk.

Lifeguard Training

We are looking to recruit lifeguards to work at our leisure centre and swimming pool.

We have six spaces on our highly successful training course that will be running between **Sunday 11th - 18th August 2019**. Our training course costs £200 (including all materials).

Please contact Lymm Leisure reception for an application pack or more information.

Closing date: Friday the 5th of July 2019.

T: 01925 758316

Applicants must be 16 years old at the commencement of the course.

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

Click here to view the Y10 Mock Exam Timetable for June 2019.

Year 10 School Day Changes

In order to accommodate mock exams and the upcoming Geography field trips we have made changes to our school day for **Thursday 20th June** (only). The day for Year 10 will be as follows:

8.30am: Option D Exam | 1 hr 30 mins (extra time students approx. 2hours)

10.30am: Y10 Break Time

11.00am: Maths Exam | 1 hr 30 mins (extra time students approx. 2 hours)

13.00pm: Y10 Lunchtime

13.30pm: Physics Exam | 1 hr 15 mins (extra time students approx. 1 hr 30 mins)

The school day will finish at normal time.

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Y11 Last Day / Prom, 27th June 2019

The 2019 LHS Prom will take place on **Thursday 27th June** at The Courthouse (Knutsford). **6.30PM Arrival - 10pm Carriages**. Tickets cost £36. An initial £18 deposit will be requested in the coming weeks. Students have been given an important letter this week outlining the plan for the last day (**27th June**). To read click here.

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Important Upcoming Dates 6th form

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June: Year 12 Mock Exams Monday 24th - Friday 28th June: Year 12 Work Experience

Monday 1st July: Year 12 return to school

Thursday 4th July: Year 13 Prom, Statham Lodge