



September 2019

## Welcome to Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your child have had a safe and enjoyable summer. I am writing to welcome you back to the start of a new academic year at Lymm High School and to give you some important information for the year ahead. Our role as a school is to ensure that your child is safe and happy in school and to support them in achieving their academic and personal potential. I am delighted to say that Miss Brown is the pastoral manager who is linked with Year 10. Miss Brown has worked at Lymm High School in a different role for a number of years, and I know she will be a tremendous asset to the team.

We had a very successful year last year. I was absolutely thrilled by how much commitment, hard work and energy the students put into the year both inside and outside of the classroom. I hope you feel that this was reflected in the progress reports and exam results that you received at the end of the year. Year 9 was also a crucial year as the students chose their options for their GCSEs. It is always difficult at this stage to change options but if you wish to discuss them with me please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Year 10 is an extremely important year for your child. Students will be sitting their GCSE English Literature exam at the end of the year as well as starting all of their GCSEs. It is therefore of utmost importance that students spend an increasing amount of time outside of school devoted to their studies and revision. Due to the students now being tested solely at the end of Year 11, they need to be able to recall knowledge from this year and therefore it is important that they adopt a good revision routine as soon as possible. I ask for your continued support with this. Students and parents can also access personalised learning checklists (PLCs) on the school website which allow students to identify areas that they need to improve on; an invaluable tool to help with revision. PLCs are reviewed frequently and if you have any queries or concerns please liaise with the relevant Head of Faculty. Finally, students will also be bringing home subject specific knowledge organisers from all of their subjects over the next couple of weeks. We introduced knowledge organisers last year and they proved to be a fantastic resource to help consolidate prior knowledge, truly embedding key concepts.

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, including where possible any trip opportunities 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.

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It is also going to be vital that students maintain excellent attendance in order to ensure they do not fall behind in their studies as absences may pose a greater challenge to them this year than in previous years. At Lymm High School, we strive for students to have attendance above 97%. If a student's attendance drops to 90%, they will have missed approximately 95 hours of lessons by the end of the year, a staggering amount of lost learning. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, we urge parents to carefully consider whether their child can be sent to school. If your child has an underlying medical condition which could lead to your child being off school, it is important that we hold up to date medical evidence such as a consultant's letter in order for us to be able to authorise your child's absence. As always, school will not authorise holidays and I urge you to schedule holidays for outside of term time.

I'm sure there will be some occasions when you need to contact the school. The table below will hopefully help to identify the best person to contact.

Subject specific query/concern	Head of Faculty for that subject
Student welfare query/concern	Miss Brown (Pastoral manager)
General progress query/concern	Form tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Mr Eyres (Head of Year)


Finally, I'd just like to draw your attention to some key dates for this year so that you can plan ahead.

Year 10 Information and Guidance evening ( <i>parents only</i> )	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 (6pm, Main Hall)
6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Year 10 English Literature mock exam 1	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 10 English Literature mock exam 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
GCSE English Literature exams (2 papers)	13 <sup>th</sup> May and 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020 ( <i>provisional dates</i> )
Year 10 Mock Exams	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Mock Results Day	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

As stated above, I will be holding an Information and Guidance evening for Year 10 parents on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. This will provide vital information on how best to support your child in Year 10 including how best to support them for their English Literature exam in May. I look forward to seeing you there.

I am really looking forward to supporting your child once again as their Head of Year. I am confident that with hard work and dedication, they will thrive and reach their full potential. As always, 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



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