

## WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear parents and carers

I hope this finds you well. Apologies for this first bulletin of the year being a little late, but I'm afraid staff absence has made it unavoidable. The first newsletter of the year will be published before half-term, containing details of all the wonderful things that students have been getting up to - please do let us know about any achievements that ought to be celebrated and that we might not already know about.

In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, I encourage you to read about our superb exam results this summer ([click here for more details](#)). We have been steadily building towards a set of results like these over the past few years and are extremely proud to have reached the kind of level that we talked about being possible when I joined the school in April 2015. In terms of academic outcomes, the school has never been in a better position. I hope you feel able to share in this pride and feel confident that your own children will make at least as much progress here as they would anywhere else.

Kind regards

Gwyn Williams

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Welcome Letters

Welcome letters for all year groups were added to the [parent communication](#) section of the LHS website at the start of this term. Please ensure you read these, as they contain important information regarding key dates for your child's specific year group for the upcoming academic year.

### Upcoming Early Closure & Inset Day

Polite reminder that school closes to students at **12.15pm on Thursday 10th October** and re-opens on **Monday 14th October**. This is to accommodate our Open Evening and due to Friday 11th October being an INSET day for staff only. Buses are aware of the early close so will collect students at 12.15pm on Thursday 10th October.

### School Shop October Break Opening Hours

The School Shop will be closed during the October break, from and including, **Monday 28th October – Wednesday 30th October 2019**.

The shop will reopen on **Thursday 31st October**, between the hours of **9am-3pm**, and **Friday 1st November**, between **9am -2pm**.

### Buses

A reminder that feedback on potentially moving bus times a little earlier is needed by **Friday 4th October**. Please click [here](#) for Mr Williams's letter on this.

### PTA Minutes

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who attended the recent PTA AGM meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Minutes from this AGM meeting are available to read by clicking [here](#) or by visiting the PTA area on the school website.

The next PTA meeting is due to take place on **Monday 13th January 2020**, at **7pm**, in the music room in the leisure centre. As always, all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a large range of extra-curricular activities on offer that students can take part in this year. The [Extra-curricular timetable](#) has now been uploaded to the school website under the Enrichment and Extra-curricular timetable menu tab.

### Sport Fixtures & Results with SOCS Sport

This year we have launched [SOCS](#), an online school communication system for extra-curricular sport sessions, sport fixtures and results. Click [here](#) to read an important letter that explains the new system and how you can use it to access information relating to extra-curricular sport.

### PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

Sport is now back in full swing at Lymm High School, please check the website weekly on a **Monday** for updated [fixtures and results](#). The [PE extra-curricular timetable](#) has now been uploaded to the school website under the Enrichment and Extra-curricular timetable menu tab.

### Cashless Catering

We politely remind all parents/carers to top up your child's cashless catering accounts via Parent Pay each week to ensure your child is able to purchase food during their break and lunchtimes.

### Amazon and supporting the LHS Development Fund

With Christmas fast approaching, you can help raise funds for Lymm High School by simply doing your Christmas shopping!

Access the Amazon.co.uk website through the icon link on [lymmhigh.org](http://lymmhigh.org) ([or here](#)), and up to 10% of the value of any purchase automatically goes to the LHS Development Fund, at no extra cost to you or Lymm High School. Thank you to everyone who supports us in this way!

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Alison Norman who won £56.10 with our Lymm High School Lottery last Saturday!

You could be a winner too!

If you have expressed interest in joining our lottery and have not yet done so, please head to our dedicated lottery website [here](#). The more supporters we have, the bigger the weekly jackpot! Your support would be hugely appreciated!

### Welcome All Year 7 Students & Parents

Our new Y7 cohort have had a successful transition into life at Lymm High School. Although still finding their feet, reports from staff are positive and students are settling in well. The main focus has been on organisation and ensuring that all homework is in complete and on time and bags are packed and ready for school.

We have a wide range of extra-curricular and sporting activities available this year and expect all students to attend at least one extra-curricular activity by the October Half term break. Please encourage your child to attend.

### Ty'n-Y-Felin

Tynny Trips are well underway and we have been very impressed with how our new Y7 students have supported one another and have developed new friendships and relationships with both their peers and their form teachers.

### Y7 IAG Evening

The Year 7 Information and Guidance evening will take place this month and letters will arrive home shortly. This evening gives parents/carers the chance to meet and chat with their child's form tutor in regards to how well they have settle in at Lymm High School. Please note, dates may differ as some staff are taking part in a school exchange visit.

### Duke of York iDEA course

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 will soon begin the Duke of York iDEA course as part of their IT lessons. This course is the digital equivalent to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and helps students develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free, through a series of online challenges and events.

In Year 7, students will complete the Bronze Award and Year 8 students will be completing the Silver award. Your child will need your email address details to be able to register for the award. For further information about how this award can benefit your child please visit the idea website [here](#).

### Duke of Edinburgh Award 2019-2020

Duke of Edinburgh's Award sign-up letters for 2019/20 are now available in Student Services (Year 9 and 10) and Sixth Form Student Services (Year 12). The deadline for return of paperwork and deposit is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

# UPPER SCHOOL

## Year 11 IAG Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the Y11 IAG evening yesterday. All slides from the evening are now available [here](#).

## Subject Specific Intervention

A number of subject specific intervention sessions have begun this term. Your child will have already been informed if this applies to them. A full intervention timetable will be available shortly.

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## GCSEPod & Tassomai

We have recently invested in a digital platform called GCSEPod and have been extremely impressed with how much our students have embraced this new revision tool. We are delighted to announce that we have already received a Bronze certificate for the school from GCSEPod due to students watching over 3000 pods in just three weeks! Make sure your child has registered. Click [here](#) to read an important letter regarding this new platform and how to use it.

Year 11 have also been introduced to the Tassomai App which helps student avoid stressful cramming during their exam season by spreading the learning and revision throughout the year. We are encouraging all students to spend just 10 minutes each day on both of these Apps.

## 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](mailto:lpickles@lymmhigh.org.uk).

## Summer 2018 Certificate Collection

For any Year 11 or Year 13 Students who left Lymm High School in summer 2018, last date for collection of summer 2018 certificates is **Tuesday 26th November 2019**.

After this date Students will need to contact the Awarding Body direct to obtain copies of their certificates. Any queries please contact [exams@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:exams@lymmhigh.org.uk)

## SIXTH FORM

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### Year 12 IAG Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the Y12 IAG evening. All slides from the evening are now available [here](#).

### Year 13 IAG Evening

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