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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Welcome to Year 7**

I hope that you and your child have had a restful summer and that your child has enjoyed their first couple of weeks at Lymm. Whilst I spoke to most of the children over the transition period, I did not get to speak to all parents so I am writing to give you all a warm welcome to Lymm High School. Whether you have children here already or are new to Lymm I hope that the next year is extremely successful for your child.

So far, I have been incredibly impressed with how the Year 7 students have started to settle into life at Lymm High and I have had fantastic feedback from their teachers. They are beginning to find their way around – some more successfully than the older pupils who are still finding their feet with all of the changes we have made! However, what has impressed me the most is their positive attitude towards starting such a large new school, however daunting that has seemed, they have shown true resilience. I am a firm believer in encouraging independence in children and ensuring that we develop young people not just from a successful academic point but that we develop the whole child so that they become socially responsible citizens.

There are a number of differences between primary and secondary schooling: your child will have six lessons a day and will study a number of different subjects, many of which they may not have studied at KS2. Organisation will be the key to their success and this can be a big step for some, they may need support with becoming independent in organising their books, equipment and homework.

It is also going to be vital that students maintain excellent attendance at school to ensure that they do not fall behind in their studies. At Lymm High School, we strive for students to have attendance above 97%. Whilst we understand that in the current climate illness and absence from school is sometimes unavoidable, we urge parents to consider whether their child can be sent into school. Often differing to the advice from primary schools, we are more than happy to have students in school if they are feeling slightly 'under the weather' and we can support them in Student Services if necessary. Sending them into school means they don't miss out on crucial lessons, which can make a huge difference to the progress they make and their academic success.

We have moved the year 7 residential to Ty'n-y-Felin to the end of this academic year and I am hoping that it may still take place. This has always been a great success at Lymm, in fact a highlight of our students' time at school, and I know staff are excited about going too.

There will be lots going on for your child this year and we will keep you updated via this page on the school website and also via the gateway app.

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Please do contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries and I will do whatever I can to help, and I'm really keen to hear about all the achievements or positive experiences your child has in school (or indeed out of school); these are lovely to hear and we enjoy celebrating them with students in school.

I wish you and your child a very happy and successful first year at Lymm High School.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Worrall".

Mrs C. Worrall  
Head of Year 7