



Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back, I would like to say how proud I am of the pupils on their return to Lymm High School especially given the circumstances we find ourselves in. I would also like to say how well they did during lockdown with the online lessons; the vast majority were in those lessons taking part – so a huge well done to them!

They have all began the year with a very positive attitude to their learning and are embracing the GCSE courses they have chosen to study. I have received great feedback about so many of them already, with lots of staff praising them for their effort and enthusiasm in lessons. At the start of such an important academic year I thought it would be helpful to outline the year ahead and provide some information on how the school and I will support your child through the first year of their GCSE courses.

The journey through Year 10 can be challenging; an increase in independent learning, exam structure, deadlines and new subjects that have not been covered in Key Stage 3. It can be a stressful and challenging year, but rest assured, as a pastoral team, we are vastly experienced in supporting young people through this journey. This year we have Mrs Williams joining our Year 10 team as our Pastoral Support Manager who will be on hand to offer any guidance and support throughout the year. Mrs Williams has been a Teaching Assistant here for 10 years and so many of our students already know her.

It is crucial that pupils start investing greater time outside of the school day into their studies. With a number of courses now being assessed at the end of Year 11 rather than a modular approach, it is important that the pupils adopt a good revision routine as soon as possible. This will enable them to become more confident in their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are studying. In support of this, in subjects across the board, students will be receiving topic-specific knowledge organisers which are an excellent tool to be used both in and out of the classroom. Throughout the year staff will guide the students in how to use these effectively to support their revision.

As I am sure you are aware, letters sent out before the end of Year 9 outlined our plan to NOT enter the year group for their GCSE English Literature exam at the end of Year 10; they will sit this at the end of Year 11 instead. The Information and Guidance evening is on 24th September 2020, this will be pre-recorded and posted on this date.

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Finally, but incredibly important, is a reminder on the importance of maintaining excellent punctuality and attendance to ensure that they do not fall behind in their studies as absences may pose a greater challenge to them this year than in previous years.

I am really looking forward to supporting your child once again as their Head of Year. I am confident that they have the correct environment in order to thrive and achieve their full potential. It is, however, vital that we don't under estimate the hard work needed to be successful and that all parties work collectively to support our pupils along the way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further advice or information.

Kind regards
Mrs Wagstaff