



10th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your child have had an enjoyable summer despite the disruption caused by the current pandemic. 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 was absolutely thrilled by how much commitment, hard work and energy the students put into the last academic year before and during lockdown. I was really impressed with how quickly the students adapted to remote learning and as a result they're in a much stronger position as we return to school.

Year 9 is an extremely important year for your child. Later this year they will choose their GCSE options which will shape the education they receive in KS4 and beyond. There are some key dates at the end of this letter which include those related to options but please do not hesitate to contact me at any point over the course of the year if you wish to discuss this further. Your child will also begin some of their GCSEs this year, including Maths, Science and English. Whilst the exams may seem a long way off, it is important that students are on top of their work and keeping their knowledge up to date. I ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child is managing their study commitments including homework and revision properly.

Could I also take this opportunity to ask you to watch out for your child bringing Knowledge Organisers home with them, which is a strategy that we regularly now use in school. 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 extracurricular activities that will be starting up again soon, 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

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your continued support in ensuring that your child meets and exceeds those expectations going forwards.

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	Student Services
General progress query/concern	Form tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Mr Scott (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. (Please note, given the situation with the current pandemic, there is a strong likelihood that some of these events will be delivered remotely.)

Year 9 Choices assemblies (students only)	11 th January – 15 th January 2021
Year 9 option choices evening	21 st January 2021
Year 9 parents evening	4 th February 2021
Year 9 Core Assessments	11 th January – 15 th January 2021
Year 9 option choices deadline	12 th February 2021

Once again, 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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