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# NEWSLETTER

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## 3G PITCH OPENED

The sun was shining as Lymm High School officially opened its 3G Pitch.

**L**ymm High's FIFA-standard third generation (3G) pitch was officially opened on Wednesday by two professional footballers: ex-Everton and Scotland international David Weir and ex-student Ellie Fletcher who currently plays for Blackburn Rovers (see p. 28).

The professional footballers were joined at the socially-distanced event by local football team representatives: Gavin Laidlaw from Lymm Rovers and Julia Johnson from Lymm Piranhas. Other invited attendees that also contributed towards the project included Kate Harrison from The Lane

End Group, Kirsty James from Lymm High PTA, and Liz Green, Chair of Governors. The invited guests stood in the sunshine and watched Year 10 girls and boys play football on the pitch before the opening ceremony. Ellie Fletcher even had a kick around herself!

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The Premier League, the FA and the Government's Football Foundation awarded Lymm High a grant of over £500,000 to help it install the full-sized, floodlit pitch.

The school and its supporters raised over £100,000. Thanking all the fundraisers and the overwhelming community support, Mr Williams said he was delighted to be finally opening the state-of-the-art sports facility, which will be used by Lymm High students during the school day and the community of Lymm and its surrounding area during evenings and weekends.



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Lymm Rovers and Piranhas have already been using the 3G Pitch for training and matches,

and both organisations were thanked for their professionalism and kind donations towards reaching the £100,000 total. However, the irony of opening the sporting facility the day before it is closed to the community because of the second Lockdown was not lost on Mr Williams.

“We are thrilled to be officially opening the pitch after what seems like years of planning”, he said, “but it seems rather poignant to be closing it to the

community from tomorrow as a result of the latest lockdown. On the other hand, perhaps this just serves to underline the fact that this is a facility that will serve the community for many years to come – long after any lockdown has passed.”

The date was also significant as it marked three years to the day since Mr Hampton, Mr Hayes, Mr Chinae and Mr Mason took part in a sponsored climb of Mount Snowdon to help raise funds for the school's 'Pitch In' initiative. Other activities included summer fairs, PTA events, school Balls, whole-school Santa dashes and the annual Founders' Day activities. Students also held and organised a number of events in school, competing within their Halls to raise funds. There were also a number of dinners, raffles and prize draws, and Mr







Williams thanked local businesses for all their support in donating items. Local contracting developers The Lane End Group were the initiative's major corporate sponsor.

"Today is all about thanking those organisations, businesses and individuals that helped us reach our goal. Obviously, we are very grateful to the Premier

League, the FA and the Government's Football Foundation for the grant, without which this wouldn't have been possible, but we could not have achieved this without the generous and continued support of parents and the wider Lymm

community either", said Mr Williams. "We always knew the bid was a very strong one, built as it was on the strong reputation of our own PE department but also that of Lymm Rovers and Lymm Piranhas junior football clubs – both very well-run clubs with large numbers of boys and girls taking part on a regular basis.

Lots of people in school have done lots of work to make this happen but I particularly want to thank Patrick Hendrie and Helena Headon. It's still been a long, and sometimes difficult, process, but we are so pleased to be opening our 3G pitch at last and are incredibly grateful to everyone for their support."







# WINNING AT LANGUAGES

To celebrate European Day of Languages, the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department ran activities for students in all year groups.

As well as a treasure hunt in different languages, there was a Tutor Group Quiz and poster competition. With Hall points and prizes up for grabs, Mrs Baldwin had lots of entries to judge.

Well done to Jasmine Clews, Elizabeth Nelson and Fiona Miller who created colourful posters entitled 'Why Learn Languages'. These will now be put up on the walls and displayed in the MFL faculty.

The quiz was based around European culture including questions on food and drink, geography, language and culture. There were some very strong entries but Mrs Cormack's form, 11DH, were clear winners. They scored 23/26 and were treated to a tub of chocolates.

Since it was a 'virtual' treasure hunt, pupils





were given clues to objects in the foreign language and had to work out what they needed to find. They were then asked to take a photo of their 'treasure' and email it to teachers – with extra hall points awarded to the pupils who completed this in the fastest times. Pupils were really creative with their entries too which impressed the language department! A special mention goes to Jake Sands who completed the treasure hunt in all four languages (French, German, Spanish and Italian).

Other winners were Archie Lawlor, Matthew Nelson, Liana Kraska, Phoebe Moss and Lily Weall. All won a certificate and sweet treats.



“Well done to all of the students who took part in this competition. The standard of entries was very high and it was a difficult task to choose the winners”, said Mrs Baldwin.



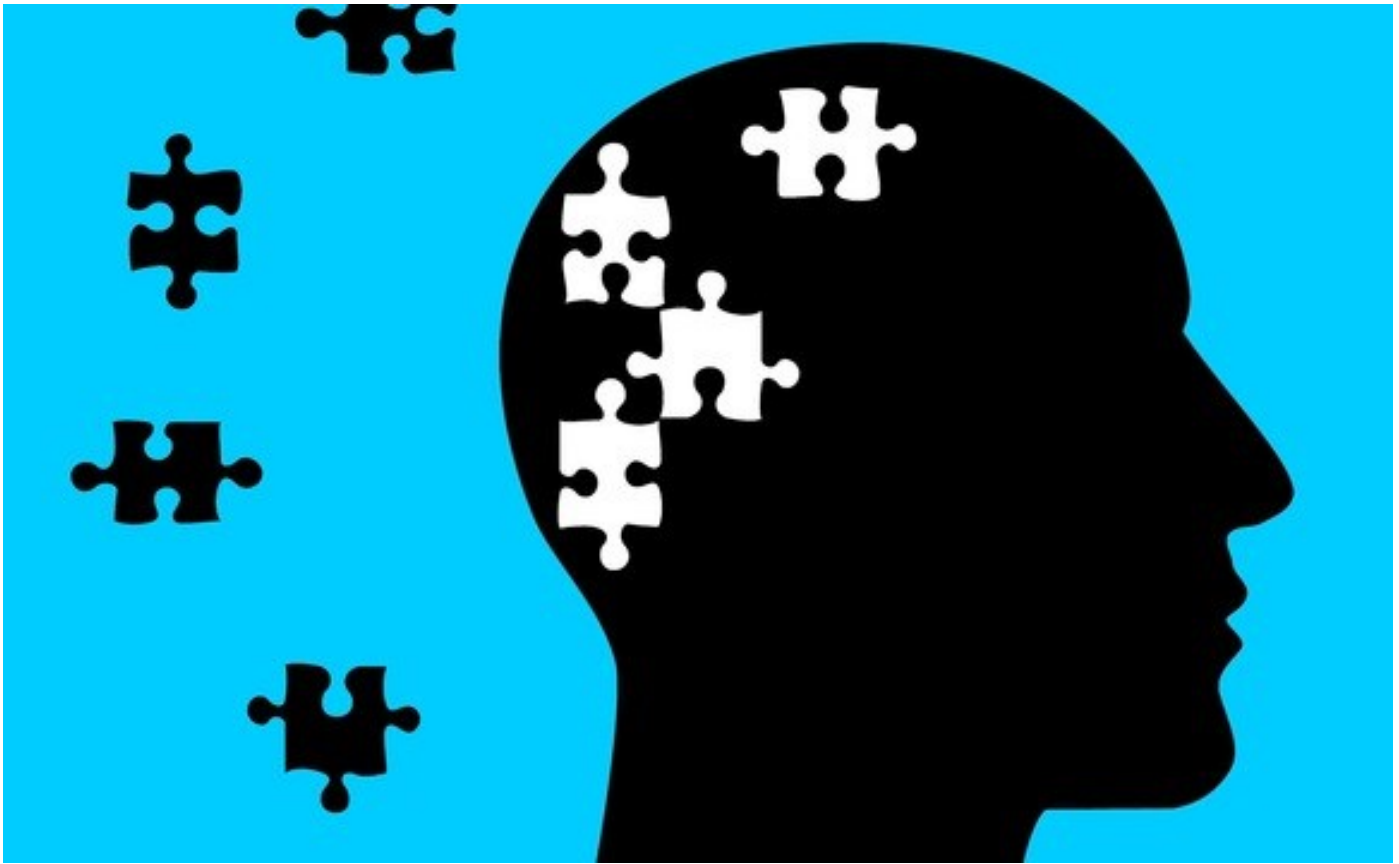
Gut gemacht

bien joué

Buena suerte!

Winning posters from Elizabeth Nelson, Fiona Miller and Jasmine Clews.





# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

To raise awareness for 'World Mental Health Day' on 10th October, the online student support service Kooth.com delivered assemblies across year groups encouraging students to look after their emotional health and wellbeing.

Kooth.com spoke to students about how to stay mentally healthy. The key tips are to keep learning, stay active, stay connected to others, take notice of the world around

you, and get plenty of sleep.

If students are feeling down, upset, angry or worried more often than usual or for a few weeks at a time rather than just the odd day here or there, they are encouraged to talk to someone. There are lots of people here at school who can help: Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Student Services, or any member of staff that students feel comfortable talking to. If a student doesn't feel able to talk to someone face to face, then

Lymm High's 'Tell us' service can be used to email any concerns or worries (see p.21).

Another option is to go to Kooth.com and speak to someone on their online chat or messaging service.

Kooth.com's take home message from the assemblies was "Please, don't struggle on your own, and don't feel you have to just live with feeling bad. Reach out and we can get you the help you need to feel better."





# World Mental Health Day

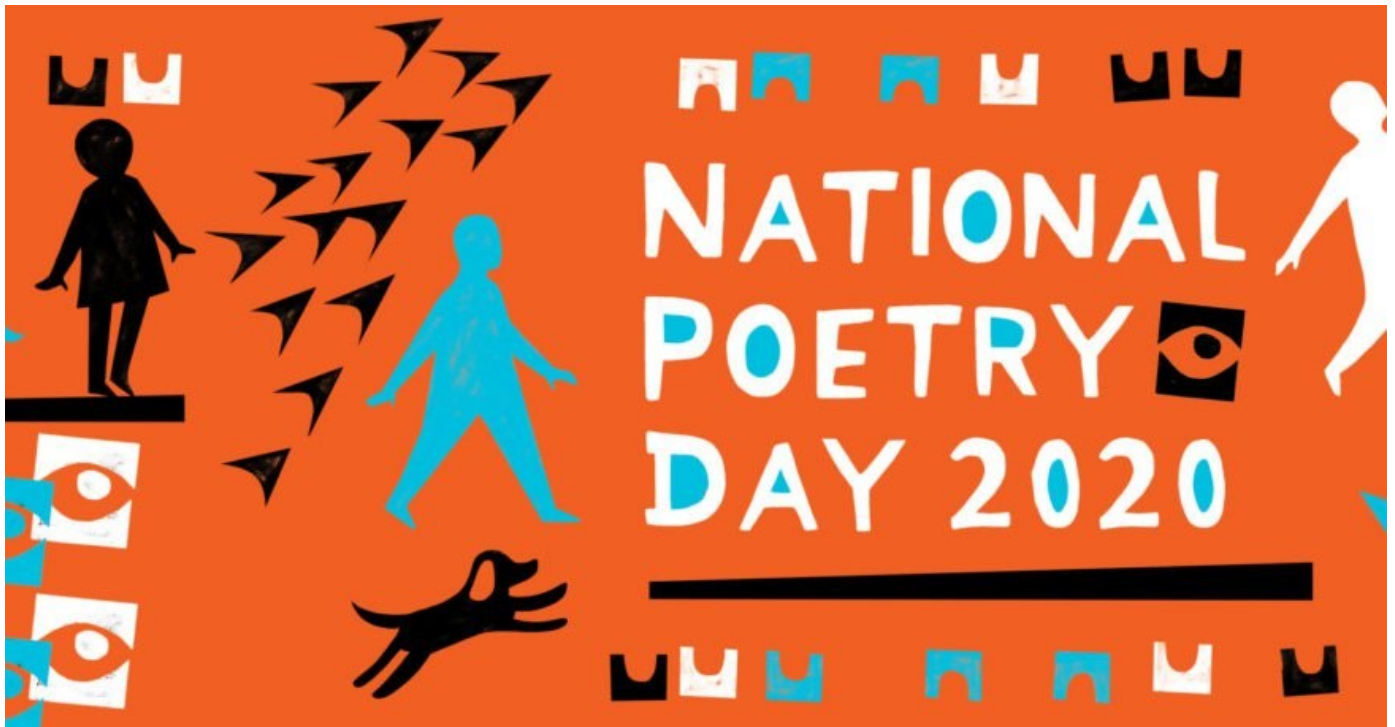
10th October

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# SEE IT LIKE A POET

As part of National Poetry Day 2020, the English Department encouraged a range of poetry-related activities such as a poetry treasure hunt and a form-time quiz. More notably, students in Year 8 and 9 paused their usual study to partake in a unique poetry lesson.

Teachers led students in the creation of 'photograph' poems, whereby students created poems using a memorable and personal photograph of their choice. Photographs ranged from pets and family members to holidays and childhood photographs, but it was wonderful to gain an insight to what is important to the students.

"I was blown away with the

amount and quality of the entries I received, and it was a really difficult decision to select a few winners", said Miss Turner. "Those that did win had a real enthusiasm and personability in their writing that was evident throughout their poems."

The winners were Akshith Gulapally (8AL), Josh Calder (8TH), Tom Welsby (8WL), Ruby Russell (9DL) and Maggie Armstrong (9AH).

All the winners received an Amazon voucher to buy a book.







## DofE impact during COVID-19

How has The Duke of Edinburgh's Award helped to transform the lives of young people during this time?

### Lymm High School

To help slow the spread of coronavirus, between 23 March - 31 August 2020 all educational establishments in England were temporarily closed for young people outside of the identified priority groups.

During a time when the nation was asked to stay at home, isolate and distance themselves from others, your young people went above and beyond, using this time to develop themselves even further.



# 32

Participants completed their DofE programme



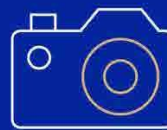
# 1495

Hours of volunteering completed



# 92

Participants started a new section of their DofE



# 1664

Hours of skills activities enjoyed



# 113

Participants completed a section of their DofE



# 1599

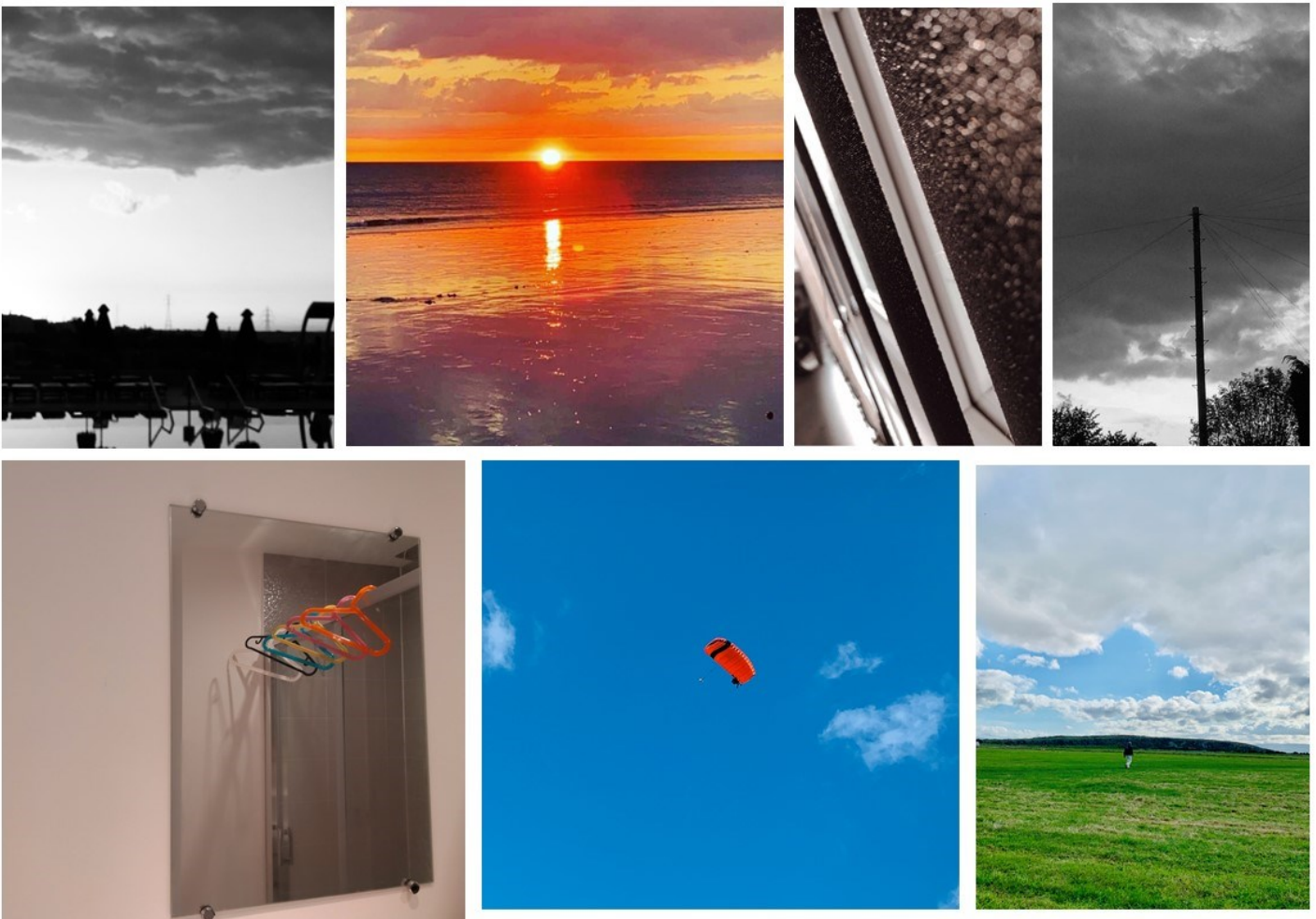
Hours of physical activities done



# Photography challenges

Virtual photography club is now up and running, with new activities running every two weeks for all year groups to get involved in.

For the first activity, students were asked to take photographs which successfully showed the use of negative space within photography. The Visual Arts department are thrilled with the number of entries received and also the skills shown in these quality photographs.



## Activity 1 Photographs: Negative space

LHS Virtual Photography Club







Higher  
Horizons+



# Higher Education Insight Day

**FREE  
EVENT**

Digital Event

Hosted on Learn Live

**11<sup>th</sup> November for students Year 9-13**

**6PM to 8PM**

## Theme

An insight into higher education from Higher Horizons and the Pledge Partnership. Sessions will include student finance from Jon Cheek at UniTasterDays, personal statements from Lindsey Smith at Alta Higher and much more. The event will give you all the information you need to know about university, so please tune in!

**Find out more and register**

[learnliveuk.com/higher-education-insight/](https://learnliveuk.com/higher-education-insight/)

## Further enquiries

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# WEAR IT PINK!

‘Wear it pink’ is one of the most important charity events that the Sixth Form hold, writes the Student Leadership Team’s Charity representative Isabel Gare.

With it being so close to home, we didn’t want to let these unfortunate circumstances stop anything. So, this year, we adapted this event to suit the restrictions in order to make it a successful day. We asked students to participate in a number of activities throughout the week to raise awareness of breast cancer.



The charity team worked closely with Martha Wedgewood, a member of the senior Sixth Form team, to organise these activities. This included two external speakers, via Zoom, to encourage and teach students how to check for signs of cancer.

Martha held her annual pink bingo on Zoom, which everyone always enjoys. The dinner ladies also kindly sold pink cakes in

the canteen and donated all their profits. We promoted the event on our Sixth Form social media, along with the Just Giving link.

The students were asked to donate money and wear at least one pink item of clothing. It was a huge success and the Sixth Form was flooded with pink!

It was fantastic to see all of the students participate and fully immerse in such an important

event. We are also very proud to say that we exceeded last year’s total and raised £2050!

We just want to say a massive thank you to all of the students and teachers who kindly donated and participated in the activities.

It was such an amazing day and the positive outcome really kept the spirits high in these difficult times.



# HELPING THE HOMELESS

As the temperature continues to drop, Lymm High held its annual coat collection.

The intention is to collect plenty of winter wear for homeless people in Warrington. Our Sixth Form excelled themselves and donated ten bags full of warm clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves. "A massive thank you to everyone who helped out by donating to those less fortunate than us", said Abbie Leach, the Student Leadership Team's Charity representative. "It will go such a long way, and it was a nice

way for our Sixth Form to come together and help out."

A member of our teaching staff, Miss Hollis, is teaming up with a local chef to organise a night in Warrington to provide hot meals and hot drinks while the collected warm clothing, sleeping bags and blankets are handed out.

If anyone can donate any sleeping bags or blankets this would be greatly appreciated. Students can leave them in the Staff Room.



## UPCOMING DATES

**Wednesday 11th  
November**

The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair (See p. 23)

**Thursday 12th  
November**

Young Professionals Conference

Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening

**Thursday 19th  
November**

Apprenticeship Evening (See p. 19)

**Thursday 3rd  
December**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

## NOTICES

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Oakley who was this week's school lottery winner! Tickets are only £1 a week. You can buy your tickets by [clicking here](#). (See p. 26)



# CELEBRATING OUR LIBRARY

Throughout October we celebrated International School Libraries Month by highlighting the availability of our well-stocked school library.

**K**nown as the ILC (Independent Learning Centre), the library is staffed every day by professional librarians who are available to answer any student enquiries.

In keeping with social distancing, access to the ILC for students from each year group is staggered, as follows:

- **Year 7**  
Monday break and Friday lunch
  - **Year 8**  
Tuesday break and Thursday lunch
  - **Year 9**  
Wednesday break and Wednesday lunch
  - **Year 10**  
Thursday break and Tuesday lunch
  - **Year 11**  
Friday break and Monday lunch
- “Some students are already using the ILC, but with 40 study spaces available for each session we would love to see more”, said Ms Timson, the ILC Manager. During their session students can get help from ILC staff, access computers and the colour



printer for their school work, or request books to borrow from the school collection.

For students who are self-isolating or prefer to browse books from home, the ILC has a full library catalogue, which can be accessed at <http://u012275.microlibrarian.net> or by downloading the iMLS app. The site has a quick and easy search box in the top right-hand corner of the home page.

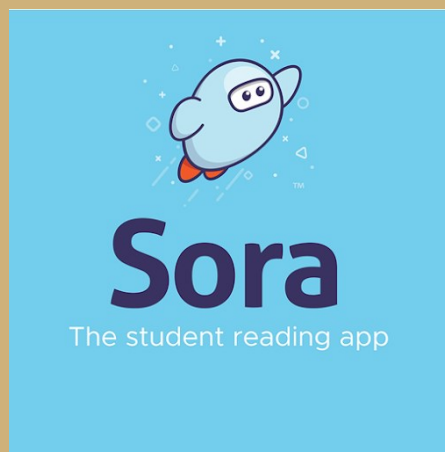


Students who prefer to log-in to their individual accounts using their library barcode as both username and password can also write reviews, reserve books, create virtual bookshelves, and much more!

Once students know which books they would like to borrow they can request books in person by speaking to library staff during their library access time. Alternatively, they can email [ilc@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:ilc@lymmhigh.org.uk) with the author and title details so that the library staff can find and reserve the books ready for the student's next library visit. Up to three books can be borrowed for three school weeks (and renewed if necessary).

# Free reading app

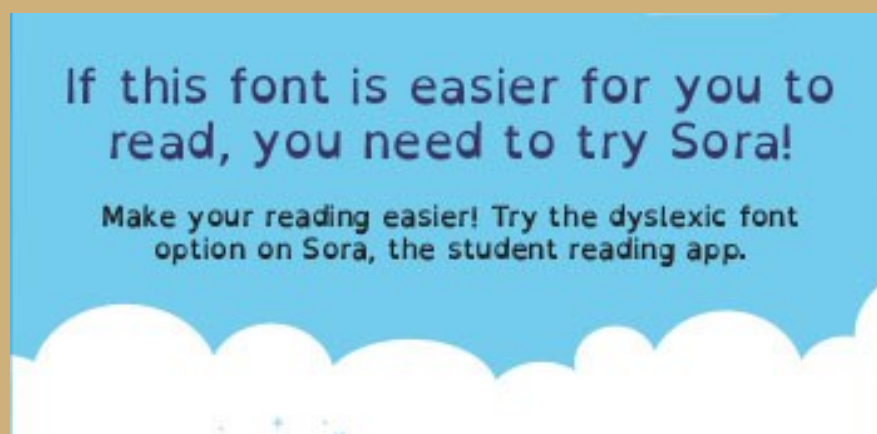
Students can also access Ebooks and Audiobooks through a free student reading app called Sora. [email and password](#) to get started with their individual account.



Sora currently holds over 1600 titles that be accessed on a computer, tablet or smartphone either through [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com), or by downloading the Sora app. When logging onto the site for the first time students will be asked to put in their 'setup code' at the bottom of the screen. The setup code is 'uksecondary', and 'Lymm High School' should then be available from the dropdown list. The student just needs to type in their usual [school](#)

There are multiple copies of most book titles available on the site. Some of the more popular books might not be available due to high demand but they can be reserved while the student carries on browsing. Sometimes the most enjoyable books aren't the ones we look for but are discovered by accident so take some time to explore and try something new! All books are free and can be borrowed for 14 days (and renewed if necessary). The formats and fonts of most books can be changed to suit individual reading needs and a dyslexia-friendly font is also available.

A quick guide to getting started with Sora is available by [clicking here](#).



# MEET THE STAFF

This month we find out a bit more about Mr Thompson and Mrs Wagstaff.

## Tell us about yourself

First and foremost when I'm not doing the day job my main role is dad to my three children, George, Boo and Jasper. Family life with 3 children is busy and sometimes a little chaotic! but always rewarding. As a family we love being outdoors and being active whether it be bike rides, muddy walks with our new puppy, Bella, or sports activities. I really enjoy cooking for my family and friends, which isn't always easy when your wife is a food teacher! but she has trained me well. A few years ago I completed my FA coaching qualification and now coach Culcheth Athletic under 12's team of which my son



*Mr Thompson is Assistant Headteacher - Behaviour and Welfare.*

George plays centre mid-field. On the odd occasion that I have some spare time you can find me researching and plotting new projects for our house, which we have been renovating – there is always one last project to complete!!!

## Why did you enter the teaching profession?

My route into teaching was not conventional. After having successful careers in Corporate Sales and running my own business I made the decision to head back to University and re-train as a teacher. At the time my friends and colleagues thought I was mad to be giving up a business I had worked hard

to build but I knew it wasn't right for me long term and teaching had always been in the back of my mind. Thankfully, the career change was a positive one and I now have a job that gives me fulfilment on a daily basis. Who said never work with animals or children!?? From being young I have always worked with or coached young people and I knew that it was one of my strengths and something I enjoyed. Having a positive impact on a young person's life and supporting them through their educational journey is a hugely underrated responsibility and one that I am proud to be able to say I do everyday in my job.







### What degree course did you take?

I studied at Loughborough University and completed a BSc Hons degree in PE, Sports Science with Mathematics. My love at the time was sport but I also wanted a more traditional academic element to my studies. Being able to combine Sport Science and Maths

worked just perfectly and helped to keep my future job prospects open.

### What are the best and worst parts of the job?

As an Assistant Headteacher, my job provides lots of variety – which is

fun!! I love the feeling of walking into work each day and not knowing what challenges lie ahead. Working in a large comprehensive school is a dynamic fast-paced environment, which is always changing and evolving. You have to be ready to adapt and resolve situations quickly with the best interest of our staff and students in mind, which I really

enjoy. I also relish the challenge of teaching Maths – a subject that often divides opinion! Nothing beats that feeling when your students learn something new and you can see them improve – who wouldn't want to be a part of that experience!

The worst part of my job is seeing students not meeting their potential. As a teacher you are emotionally involved in a student's development and when they don't get it right, despite lots of help, support and guidance it can leave you asking why? However, I'm lucky to work with a really talented team of teachers and support staff at Lymm so these occasions are rare. The good times most definitely outweigh the bad times!

### Tell us about yourself

I've worked at Lymm High for 20 years. It was my first job after graduating; I still love it here and can't imagine teaching anywhere else.

I'm married to Phill and have two children: Trudy who is 12 and Archie who is 8. I love swimming – which is how I met my husband – but also really enjoy walking, biking and camping. I went on lots of bike rides during lockdown and fell off, backwards, down a ditch on one occasion but hey ho. My favourite holiday destination is Germany. Fortunately, Phill speaks the language and I recommend it as a great country to explore. As a couple, we have been on lots of



*Mrs Wagstaff is Head of Year 10.*

different city breaks to Europe and enjoyed skiing in Canada and jet skiing in Colwyn Bay

before we had children. We are hoping to do some back-packing around Europe when Archie is a

little older.

**Why did you enter the teaching profession?**

It was never going to be anything else. I volunteered for Sunday School teaching from the age of 16 and as a swimming instructor from the age of 17. Teaching as a career was an obvious choice as I really enjoy working with teenagers. I could not do primary school teaching.

When I was 20 years old, a period working at Briars Hey allowed me the chance to work with young adults with some of the most challenging pastoral and mental health needs of my career. It was a great experience before getting into teaching.

I love talking about psychology particularly attachment, psychopathology and neuroscience.

**What degree course did you take?**

I did Applied Psychology at the University of Central Lancashire and then a PGCE at Manchester Metropolitan. I am also a qualified swimming instructor. It was a close call between a psychology degree and PE.

I played hockey for Prescot Ladies for many years, but not anymore, sadly, due to different commitments.

**What are the best and worst parts of the job?**

The best part of the job – being in the classroom.

Being able to help and see students achieve their potential (you ALL have it!), but also making a pastoral difference –

when you feel you helped a student in some way. It's lovely to hear students still coming back to say thank you or that they have been inspired to do psychology – some are now clinical psychologists! You also never know what the day will bring – I could write a book!

Funniest moment – a student (many, many years ago) turned up to class with a tray of bacon

butties, including the oven gloves, having told the canteen staff I had ordered them for the class and he had been sent to pick them up! Not true but they were delicious! I did go and pay for them... please don't get any ideas I have already warned Mr Timms in the canteen!

Worst – getting up so early to face the M62!



**CONSULTATION ON RELATIONSHIP & SEX EDUCATION POLICY**

As you may be aware, the Government have made changes to the legislation regarding Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) and these changes are due to come into effect shortly. As part of these updates, we have made some minor changes to our RSE Policy.

There are no substantial changes needed to our policy because it was already in line with the expectations set out in the new legislation but, as parents of students attending Lymm High School, we are offering a consultation on the proposed draft policy before it is submitted to Governors for ratification. Please [click here](#) to read the new policy. Should you wish to make any comments, please email [info@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:info@lymmhigh.org.uk) by 3pm on Friday 13th November 2020.



LYMM HIGH INVITES YOU TO

# APPRENTICESHIP TALK

**Dr Dave Armson**

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Find out more about levels of apprenticeships,  
who offers them and how to apply for them.

[Click here](#) for more information.

THURSDAY 19TH  
NOVEMBER 2020  
6-6.30 PM

[Click here](#) to register and Zoom  
details will be sent to you.





Lymm High is continually promoting the importance of our students being decent, socially responsible members of the community.

Social responsibility encompasses:

- Being kind to others
- Taking care of people who may be less fortunate than ourselves
- Listening to, and respecting, different points of view
- Getting fully involved in our school community
- Never, ever, using racist, homophobic, transphobic, or sexist language
- Celebrating our achievements and those of our peers
- Helping local and national charities
- Demonstrating tolerance,

respect and fairness

- Helping out in the local community
- Encouraging everyone to succeed
- Working hard in lessons and making it easy for others to learn
- Displaying good manners at all times
- Working towards platinum on the Leadership Ladder
- Taking pride in our appearance and the appearance of the school

We asked students to come up with some hashtags to help raise the profile of social responsibility.

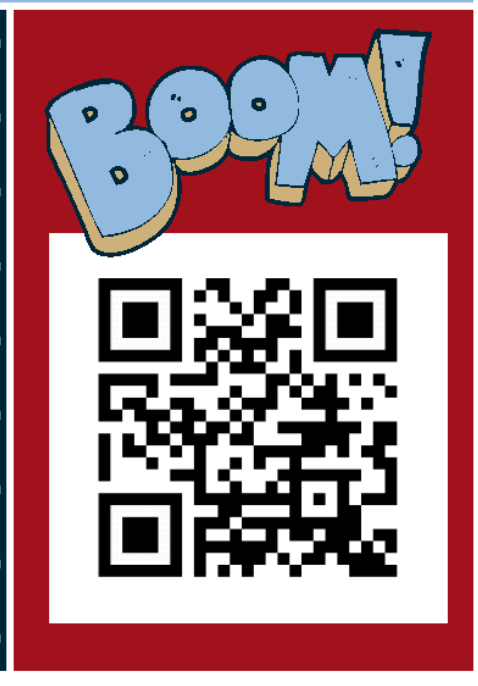
The winning hashtags will be incorporated into bright orange posters to display around school. The subjects around these hashtags will also be studied and discussed during Form time.

The winning hashtags (three from students and one from a teacher) are:

- #castyourkindness
- #putothersfirst
- #weallbleedthesameblood
- #Rashfordrocks

All entrants received hall points and the winning students were presented with other prizes.







# HALL CAPTAINS AT THE READY

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The first School Council meeting of the new school year took place on the 21st October, writes Mrs McGahey.

**O**ur School Council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all students in their

Hall. The aim is to raise concerns and discuss ideas to improve our school. At our first meeting, a reduced number of representatives from each Hall put forward their views about the school's response to Covid and the Leadership Ladder.

Lots of discussion took place with views given from across each year





group. Mr Williams, Mr Hayes and I were so impressed at how confident and eloquent our students were.

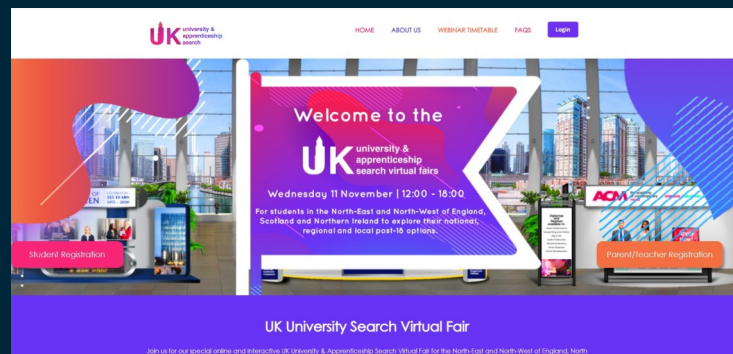
As a result of these discussions, the Senior Leadership Team have already implemented the following changes:

- It has been agreed with the bus companies for school buses to arrive at school earlier at the end of the day.
- A new range of vegetarian pasta pots are being sold in the canteen.
- The Leadership Ladder will be re-launched in January and will include some of the suggestions put forward.
- A reminder about wearing masks and social distancing has been recorded by Mr Thompson and sent to Form Tutors to show during form time.
- Year 10 have been moved onto the 3G Pitch at social times to allow for more social distancing.

“Well done to everyone who took part in this first meeting”, said Mrs McGahey.

The next School Council meeting will take place before the Christmas holidays.

## The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair



**Wednesday 11th November 2020  
12–6 pm.**

The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair has been designed to feel exactly like a Careers Fair, just on your laptop. Students will be able to visit a virtual Exhibition Hall full of over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers and scroll through their colourful and informative stands and chat directly to representatives. There will also be a virtual Auditorium where webinars will be taking place throughout the day.

The event is completely free of charge, and open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist universities will be attending, including Newcastle, Edinburgh, Cumbria, Lancaster, Aberdeen, Birmingham, UCLAN and Teesside.

### Live webinars

Live webinars will be led by university representatives and apprenticeship providers and packed with advice.

12.30–12.55	Choosing a course
13.00–13.25	Personal Statement ( <i>Lancaster University</i> )
13.30–13.55	Studying in Scotland
14.00–14.25	Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
14.30–14.55	Life at University
15.00–15.25	Employability
15.30–15.55	Introduction to Creative Careers
16.00–16.25	Student finance
16.30–16.55	Why choose an apprenticeship?
17.00–17.25	Personal Statement ( <i>York St John University</i> )

You can read more information [here](#).

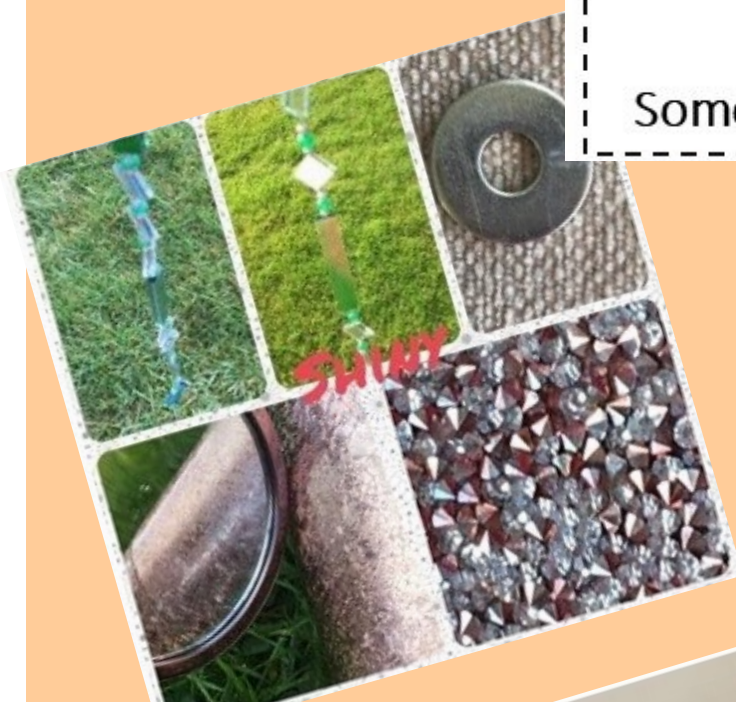
# Creative challenges

The Visual Arts department are running weekly creative challenges open to all years. Each week the theme can be responded to through any creative discipline, for example textiles, photography or art.

Creative challenge 3 was to respond to the theme of 'Something Shiny'. Challenge 4 was to create a piece of work inspired by the theme of 'Autumn'. As you can see from the entries the standard of work submitted so far is exceptionally high, and students responded in a variety of different ways such as photography, drawing and painting.

Hall points will be awarded following each challenge to a selected 'top 5'. The Visual Arts department would like to thank all students who have got involved so far and look forward to seeing future entries!

Lymm High School  
Visual Arts Department  
Creative Challenge  
Entries  
3  
Something Shiny







Lymm High School  
Visual Arts Department  
Creative Challenge  
Entries  
4-Autumn





# Win a Nintendo Switch MEGA BUNDLE

**WITH** Nintendo Switch Console Neon  
Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK (Mario + Luigi)  
2 Games: Lego Marvel Heroes 2 and Minecraft  
Nintendo Switch case and accessory pack  
Mario and Luigi hats



-  Help raise essential school funds
-  Tickets cost just £1 a week
-  Win up to £25,000
-  Cash prize every week

[Buy A Ticket](#)

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).



# OLD BOY RUGBY SUCCESS

Our ex-students continue to rack up achievements in rugby league and union.



**A**lex Mitchell (seen on the right here against the Barbarians) signed for Northampton Saints when he left Lymm High School. He has now had a call up for Eddie Jones' recent England training squad for this autumn's internationals.

"Alex played an uncapped game against the Barbarians where he stood out as one of the most impressive players",

said Mr Pickles. He's also been starting regularly for Northampton Saints recently.

**E**wan Murphy, last year's first team Cheshire Cup winning captain, was called up to be on the bench for Sale sharks against Worcester Warriors on 7th October. Unfortunately, the game was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Whilst Ewan didn't commit to full-time training as he wanted to go to university, Sale Sharks were extremely keen not to lose him. They have signed him on a full-time contract and are keen to watch his development whilst he gains a Degree.







# COVER GIRL

Ellie Fletcher has had caps for England at U19 and U21 and played for Liverpool, Sheffield United and now Blackburn Rovers.

**E**llie left Lymm High in 2017, but was back to school this week to open our 3G Pitch (see p. 1–3).

She started her footballing career at Manchester United’s Centre of Excellence. She then moved across to Liverpool in 2016, making five first-team appearances for the Women’s Super League side.

Ellie made her Blackburn Rovers debut in a Women's FA Cup Fourth Round tie against her former club Liverpool.

She has now been at Blackburn Rovers for 10 months. On her debut appearance last month she

appeared on the front cover of the Blackburn Rovers match day programme.

The following interview is courtesy of rovers.co.uk

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**Ellie, you've been at Rovers for around 8 months now, how have you found your time here so far?**

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# LOOK OUT GOLFING WORLD!

## Golfer selected for Cheshire Boys U14.

**Y**ear 9 student Ben has been selected for Cheshire Boys U14 for the 2021 Season.

In his first representative match versus Ringway Golf Club Juniors, he won his Individual game against the 18-year-old Ex-Ringway Club Junior Captain. This helped the Cheshire Boys win the match overall by 4.5 points to 3.5 points.

Ben has been playing golf since he was 4 years old. He has been coached by his father Andy – a professional golfer, and is currently being coached by Dan Whittaker at High Legh Golf Club.

Ben says, “I’m excited about being selected and it has been my goal this season to get selected for the County”.

“I am now looking forward to practicing hard over the winter months ready for next season.”



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