

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### National Lockdown

Please remind your child that they should not be congregating in groups on street corners, parks or anywhere in the village before or after school. Their journey to and from school must be as direct as possible. It is particularly important that we show our local community that we understand and are following the lockdown rules.

### GCSE and A' Level exams

Many of you will have seen the news that the Welsh government have cancelled GCSE and A' Level exams next summer and will be asking what that means for us. Unfortunately, we have no more information on this at the moment – and there are still many questions about exactly what will be happening in Wales anyway. There are lots of rumours flying around, but they are just rumours, and we see no point in speculating on what might or might not happen. All we can say is that our Year 11 and 13 students are in very good shape for any eventuality; we are not concerned about finding time to finish courses and students have been working really well in class. We think that the government will need to publish some kind of 'Plan B' at some stage fairly soon and are just waiting to see what this is. We will, of course, let you know as soon as we know more.

### Parking for school pick-ups

Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking to collect your children at the end of the school day. Please also switch your engines off when parked as this will help to improve the air quality. We appreciate your support on this.

### Remote learning

We are delighted to be able to say that, from now on, any student who is having to self-isolate as a result of a Covid test or being identified as a close contact will be able to access a livestream of most of their lessons taking place in school. Details of how to access the lessons will be included in the official letters that get sent home when people have to isolate. This 'window into the lesson' should be significantly better than accessing work remotely and, at the very least, will provide students with a clear structure to the day and some interaction with others. However, we also know that it will remain far from perfect and won't always work as planned; it will rely upon students using their common sense and being prepared to be patient and flexible.

### Extra-curricular sport

There have been conflicting messages from government on this issue and, at the time of writing, it's still not very clear. We have nevertheless taken the decision to re-start extra-curricular sport from Monday. Put simply, we cannot see any difference in risk between these sessions and the PE lessons that are taking place during the school day, given that students will remain in year group bubbles at all times. The original timetable remains – [click here](#) for details. Apologies in advance if the situation changes again, but we are very eager to continue with after-school sport if at all possible.

### Snacks

Students are able to bring in snacks and drinks at break time. However, please avoid sending students in with nuts and nut-based snacks. Several of our students have severe allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Warrington Foodbank

Lymm High is organising a large collection for our local community and Warrington foodbank. The foodbank is most in need of tinned spaghetti, cream crackers, tinned carrots, soap & shower gel, sugar, dried pasta, washing up liquid, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving foam and washing powder. Students can hand any donations in at the staff room.

### 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 lunchtimes.

### Fundraising made easy

easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. As more and more of us are shopping online these days, you can help us raise much needed funds for our PTA by simply clicking on this [link](#) before you make your online purchases. It is simple to use and won't cost you a penny. Simply search for Lymm High School PTA, start your shopping and raise funds whenever you shop. Thank you!

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Bower who was this week's school lottery winner! You could be a winner too!

If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website [here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week. If you sign up this half term, you could win a Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle. Your support would be hugely appreciated.

## LOWER SCHOOL

### Year 7 Parents' Evening

The Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on 3rd December. More details about this will be forwarded soon.

### Year 7 Surgeries

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Year 7 Surgeries this week. Your questions and comments have all been noted. You can view the presentation from the evenings by [clicking here](#).

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 11 Revision

Year 11 have made an excellent start to their revision programme this week with superb attendance at a range of support sessions. It has also been really pleasing to see over a 50% increase in the amount of questions that students are attempting on Tassomai, as well as an increase in the usage of GCSEPod. These are two fantastic apps which are really active ways for students to approach revision and assess their progress in various subject areas. There is also an updated version of the Year 11 Support Sessions Timetable [here](#). This is certainly a work in progress and we will continue to add sessions to support students where we can. It is worth noting that whilst your child may not have been invited to a particular targeted session for this half term, it is not to say that this will be the case moving forward. We will of course be reviewing this in light of the mock exam results and further routine class assessments. Students have still been provided with a wealth of revision materials through the apps mentioned above, knowledge organisers and through links to subject-specific resources on Microsoft Teams. We will continue to ensure that Year 11 are informed of any updates and information around support through their weekly virtual assemblies.

### Careers webpages

We are delighted to announce the launch of our updated careers section of the website. There is a wide range of information to help you and your child make informed decisions about their future including our Fast Tomato career service subscription, labour market information and an insight into past students' career paths. We would encourage you to spend some time looking through this especially as Year 9 choices, Year 11 Sixth Form/college applications and Year 13 UCAS/apprenticeship deadlines get ever closer. You can access the Careers section by [clicking here](#).

### Apprenticeship Evening

All parents and students are invited to our online Apprenticeship Evening starting at 6pm on Thursday 19th November. This talk forms part of our CEIAG programme and is important to help your child's decision making for GCSE options, post-16 option choices and career pathways. Please [click here](#) to register your interest for this event and a Zoom link will be sent to you on the morning of 19th November.

## SIXTH FORM

### Year 12 and 13 Assessment Week

This will commence on Monday 23rd November.

### Year 13 Employment Readiness Programme

We are excited to announce that a number of our Year 13 students have now started the Employment Readiness Programme delivered by the Warrington Pledge. This is aimed at 13 students who either do not want to go on to the traditional University route or are undecided. This programme has been running for several years now in Macclesfield and aims to give young people a pathway to help them to be aware of all the different pathways and opportunities and help them to upskill and become more employer-ready. Sessions will be delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and will take place most Wednesdays at 4–5pm. These sessions started on Wednesday 11th November. If your son/daughter has not signed up, but they are interested, please ask them to see Mrs Jennings as soon as possible.

### Calling all Oxbridge graduates

We are looking for volunteers! Would any Oxford or Cambridge graduates be willing to help support our Year 13 students with Oxbridge interview preparation? This would likely involve mock interviews via Zoom in November to test their subject knowledge. We are particularly keen for specialists in mathematics, computer science, physics, languages, architecture or biology. You do not need experience of conducting this type of interview and we can help find appropriate questions for you to use. Anyone who is willing to help, please contact Dr Dodds ([fdodds@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:fdodds@lymmhigh.org.uk)).