

Whole School

Note from Mr Williams

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a good week. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting students with learning from home; we know it is not always easy for families, but we remain really impressed with the attitude of the students.

As always, we strive for the right balance between, on the one hand, rigour and high expectations and, on the other, common sense and humanity. You should be finding that, especially for younger children, teachers are now allowing short breaks in the middle of many double lessons and, in addition, trying to include some activities that allow them a break from looking at their screens (with teachers remaining online to support where necessary).

Perhaps even more importantly this week, we are conscious that some of you have faced some appalling circumstances in light of the recent flooding and, on behalf of everyone at the school, I'd like to extend our best wishes to you. If there is anything we can do support any of you, please make sure you get in touch.

Kind regards

Gwyn Williams

Remote learning

Remote lessons this week seem to have gone smoothly, with very few remaining issues with things like passwords or finding the right links to lessons. As a reminder, if you have any trouble accessing or completing remote lessons you can contact ITHelpdesk@lymmhigh.org.uk for technical support or eheels@lymmhigh.org.uk for any queries at all.

Parents' Evening

There will be no live lessons on the afternoon of the 4th February due to the Year 9 Parents' Evening. Instead, work will be set via Teams and all students are expected to complete this properly.

PTA Lockdown Quiz

Please keep a space in your diary for the PTA quiz on Friday 5th February at 7pm (lasting approx. an hour). It should be good fun for all the family! Tickets will be £10 per household and further details will be sent soon.

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Miss Bloomfield 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](#). If you want to find out how it works, please [click here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week. Your support would be hugely appreciated.

Fundraising made easy

While we're in lockdown, most of us are shopping online. easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. 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!

LOWER SCHOOL

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 parents should have already received this [letter](#) from Mr Scott about the virtual Parents' Evening scheduled for 4th February.

Key Stage Three exams

You should have already received information with an individualised timetable for your child for the exams next week. Please make sure they are logged on at the correct time. Let the relevant Head of Year know if you haven't had the timetable or have any concerns.

Covid-19 Schools Infection Survey

Years 8 and 9, if you haven't signed up already, you can still sign up for an antibody test and inclusion in the Covid-19 Schools Infection Survey. Your participation will help us to monitor the transmission of Covid-19 within school, help us to better understand the virus, and could help reduce school closures and further lockdowns. The closing date is 27th January. You can sign up by following [this link](#) and entering this number 138732.

Covid-19 study questionnaire

As part of the Covid-19 study Years 8 and 9 have been taking part in, ONS are asking if you could complete the online questionnaire if you have not already done so. This will help experts gain a better understanding of the virus. The answers you provide will help them to understand more about the virus, how it is transmitted, and ways to prevent its transmission at school. The questionnaire is available through the [study log-in portal](#). Your username is the email address you registered with, and the questionnaire is on your homepage. Should you have any problems please contact the survey helpline on 0800 917 9679.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

UPPER SCHOOL

Sixth Form applications

For those students who have applied to join us in the Sixth Form, we will be in touch over the next two weeks with your interview time. If you haven't yet applied to join us, but you still wish to, please forward an application form (found [here](#)) to Mrs Wedgwood mwedgwood@lymmhigh.org.uk

Ofqual consultation

Ofqual have now launched their consultation on the awarding of grades for GCSEs and A' Levels this summer. If you are interested in reading this, [click here](#). There is a separate consultation for [vocational qualifications](#) as well.

It will likely be a few weeks before we get full clarity on what will be expected but, in the meantime, nothing in this consultation document leads us to change our existing position: i.e. Year 11 and 13 students should keep working hard in all lessons and expect to be sitting assessments in one form or another once they are back in school.

Year 12 Assessments

A reminder that the Year 12 Assessments begin on Monday 25th January.

Year 12 UCAS Launch

We were delighted to see so many students attend our UCAS Launch today delivered by Sheffield University and this kick starts a whole range of sessions school will be offering students over the course of the year. To support you in guiding your son/daughter we have created a 'What's on' calendar of events which we will share with you weekly via our website, find [this here](#). This includes a combination of sessions we have organised to be delivered in school (remotely of course), and events we would like to signpost you to which are running each week. On Wednesday 27th January we have an 'Independent Working' session for all Year 12 students delivered by Northumbria University, which we are confident will prove especially useful, given our current circumstances.