

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

It has been a whirlwind of a half-term, but an exceptionally positive one. Having the students all back in school after lockdown was really quite emotional and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them all again. As I said in the bulletin a fortnight ago, we have been so impressed by the way they have taken everything in their stride; Lymm High School students never cease to amaze me with their resilience and positivity.

There are some important notices below, especially relating to Year 11 and 13, so please read them carefully. Otherwise, I wish you all the very best for a lovely Easter.

Kind regards

Gwyn Williams

INSET day on 7th June

Governors have agreed that we will have an additional INSET day on Monday 7th June (the day after half-term). This is to give staff the time to finish moderation of Year 11 and Year 13 assessments and to hold all the meetings necessary to ensure that the grades we submit to the exam boards are accurate and robust. Apologies for any inconvenience, but we are sure you will appreciate how important it is that we get this absolutely right for the sake of all the students involved.

Following the success of last term's 'Connect 4' day, we will set a number of similar challenges for students and families to complete during the INSET day if you so wish; plenty of prizes will be available!

Please note, this doesn't affect the INSET day on 25th June that has always been in the calendar and is used to help us prepare for next year.

Face coverings

As it stands, the government guidance on face coverings in lessons has not changed. However, they have promised to review this and we expect some news over the holidays. We will, of course, let you know if anything changes.

Covid testing

Students need to continue with the lateral flow testing over the Easter holidays, every Wednesday and Sunday. Please [click here](#) to refer to the original letter.

Safe driving

Can parents please remember to drive carefully and with more patience on Oughtrington Lane. As well as being a busy road, there are cars accessing Holly Grange nursery, and students entering and exiting the school from both entrances and the Sixth Form area.

Chromebook returns

Several laptops were loaned to students during the recent period of school closures. We hope these were of use to them in accessing online lessons. Now that students have returned to school full-time, please could you return any loaned laptops and chargers to the IT office during the Easter holidays between 8am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. We have recently had students having to self-isolate and have not been able to loan them all a device when they have needed one.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Cashless Catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering accounts via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food during their lunchtimes.

PTA Easter Orienteering

The PTA has organised an Easter Orienteering experience around Lymm, which starts tomorrow and runs until Sunday 11th April. The route should take 1.5 hours if walking, or participants can run the course if they wish. There will be a Leader board with prizes for the fastest finisher.

To take part:

- Pay £5 at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lymm-high-school1
- Email kirstyagreen@hotmail.com
- Download the app

Good luck all!

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Mr Ellam 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.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 11 leaving date

Students should already have received a copy of the timetable for assessments after Easter. We can now confirm that the last day in school for most Year 11 students will be Friday 21st May. After their Science assessment that morning, we will be running various Leavers' Day activities and will be in touch nearer the time about this.

Please note that students studying Further Maths will still have an assessment the following week. It is also possible that we need to run one or two more assessments in some subjects if, following the marking of the main ones, we feel this is necessary to help us determine final grades (n.b. this is merely a contingency plan and we don't think it likely we will need to do this, and certainly not in many subjects).

We also remain very hopeful that we can hold the traditional Year 11 Prom though this will, of course, depend upon government Covid restrictions being eased.

For Year 11 students staying on into the Sixth form, we would like to do all we can to support their preparation for A' levels and are looking into what might be possible in June and July. We hope to provide news of this shortly after the Easter break.

For those students not staying on for the Sixth form, we will certainly be available to provide any advice and support needed for their next steps.

Year 11 Revision timetable

Please click for the [Easter Support Sessions](#) timetable outlining the revision support that staff will be providing to Year 11 students remotely between 6th and 14th April. There is also a section outlining further revision resources which will be useful for students as they complete their own preparation and study. All information regarding Zoom links etc will be available via email (from the class teacher) or on Microsoft Teams. All students have received a paper copy of this, along with a paper copy of the Assessment Guide to support them in identifying key topics for revision. The Year 11 Assessment Timetable can be accessed [here](#).

Year 13 Leavers' Day

Students will by now have received their assessment timetable which details both of the assessment weeks which run after Easter. Given that the assessments will be complete on Friday 21st May, we can now confirm that Friday 21st will be the final day students need to attend school.

We intend to allow students the usual rite of passage and we will provide them with a 'proper' last day and Leavers' assembly on Friday 28th May. Further details of this will follow after Easter. Our Leavers' prom is booked for Thursday 8th July; we sincerely hope this can go ahead and that as many students as possible can attend. Again, details will follow after half term.