

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

The last couple of weeks have been lovely. Perhaps the best way of putting it is that things have felt more 'normal' than at any point in the last year or so. We have opened up the field at lunchtimes (zoned into year groups, of course) and are re-starting more and more extra-curricular activities – a new timetable for which will be published shortly. We are even able to start sports fixtures against other schools again. We haven't (touch wood) had any positive Covid cases this week and, as more and more people are vaccinated and restrictions are being eased, it does feel as if there is every reason for optimism.

On the other hand, of course, there is nothing normal about the way exam grades are being awarded this year. Year 13 students have just completed their first week of assessments and deserve a great deal of credit for the way they have conducted themselves; it's not an easy time for them, but they have rolled their sleeves up and got on with things with admirable fortitude. Year 11 start their assessments next week and we wish them all the very best too.

Finally, for this week, I received a lovely email a few days ago from a member of the public and thought it was worth sharing some of it. This gentleman wrote:

*"Today my wife and I, with two of our friends, were nearing the end of a lovely circular walk around the beautiful Lymm countryside. We passed your school as the pupils emerged at home time.*

*Many of them passed us as we oldies slowly ambled towards town. I have to say that they seemed happy, and were courteous, well mannered, calm and sensible, not to mention impressively smart in their uniforms. There was no bad language, and no falling out. We all agree that they are a credit to their parents, to the school, and not least to themselves. A source of great pride."*

It is sometimes easy to focus on the negatives or those occasions when young people sometimes slip up, but this can lead us to forget that the vast majority are in fact wonderful for the vast majority of the time. That is certainly the case for Lymm High School students. I thought this note was a very welcome reminder of this and I hope it helps some of you remember what a fabulous job you are doing as parents and carers.

Kind regards  
Gwyn Williams

### Women in STEM

Any parents who are, or know, women in the STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) fields who would be interested in talking with students at school, please get in touch with [stem@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:stem@lymmhigh.org.uk). On the 7<sup>th</sup> July we are running a day to battle inequalities, and are hoping to feature women in STEM jobs. This will give girls the chance to hear from people who know the jobs first-hand and will offer some inspiration from other women in areas that are still under-represented by females. Even if you're not available for this date but would be keen to get involved in other activities, or would like to be a potential contact, it would be really appreciated if you got in touch. Many thanks in advance!

Miss Heeks.

### Lateral flow testing

Please remember that students need to perform their lateral flow tests twice a week. Ideally, we recommend the tests being performed on Sunday evening then Wednesday evening, or Monday before school and Thursday before school. There needs to be 3 days between tests. Please [click here](#) to refer to the original letter.

### Girls tights and socks

A reminder that plain black opaque tights, no less than 40 denier, should be worn at all times of the year with skirts. However, during half-term 6, girls may choose to wear black knee-high socks as a replacement for tights.

### Overdue library books

A large number of students have overdue library books, which we appreciate may be down to the lockdowns. Can any student with an overdue book or a pink 'reminder screen' please have a good look for their book at home and drop it into the Book Returns Box in the ILC as soon as possible. If students can't remember which book they have (or if they've got any issues regarding their books) please call into the ILC and speak to Ms Timson or Mrs Cheney.

### Leggings for PE

The school shop has a supply of PE navy leggings in all sizes. Black or any other coloured leggings are not allowed in PE lessons.

### 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.

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Ms Johnson 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.

## LOWER SCHOOL

### Year 6 Transition Day

We will be holding a virtual Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. More details will follow.

### Year 7, 8 and 9 Summer Exams

Just some advanced notice that students in KS3 will sit their summer exams between 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June in Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, RS, French and German/Spanish (Year 8/9 only). Teachers will be preparing classes for these exams and a revision booklet will be sent home to parents detailing the topics/areas that will be covered in each exam, any equipment needed for each exam, and guidance about where to go for support with revision. These exams will take place in classrooms with subject teachers. Please look out for a letter and the revision booklet which we will be aiming to get out to students and parents on or around Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### ONS Schools Infection Survey

The next round of the School Infection Survey for Years 8 and 9 is 5–7<sup>th</sup> May. Students already signed up, don't need to again. Any new students can [click here](#) to take part.

Please note that this testing study is in addition to the lateral flow testing that all students now need to complete at home twice a week.

Further information for parents can be [found here](#). For all other queries, please contact [AMogey@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:AMogey@lymmhigh.org.uk)

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please [click here](#) to read Mrs Wagstaff's letter.

### Year 11 assessments

As we approach our assessment window for Year 11, please [click here](#) for a letter from Mrs Feast, which includes a reminder of some key pieces of information which will be relevant over the coming weeks.

### Year 11 Prom

Can Year 11 parents please return the expression of interest slip along with the medical consent form by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May if their son/daughter wishes to attend the Prom, as outlined in [this letter](#) from Miss Taylor. Please also pay the deposit of £10 via Parent Pay.

## SIXTH FORM

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 12 IAG

Parents are invited to join us on Zoom at 6pm for additional information, advice and guidance regarding the final term of Year 12.

### Introducing 'The Sixth'

Each week students receive a weekly bulletin which informs them of the tutorial activities and notices for the week ahead. Traditionally we have shared this only with students, until now! Please [click here](#) for the first *The Sixth* bulletin, which will give you a greater insight into the tutorial activities students complete during form time, along with an overview of all the university sessions running this week. Please do encourage your son/daughter to engage with these activities; there is a huge variety on offer and we recommend they complete one per week where possible. We hope you find *The Sixth* useful as we are aware of the reluctance young people sometimes have in sharing things with their parents!