

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

It has been a very difficult week in school, following the tragic death of a member of staff on Monday. John Berry had worked at Lymm High School for a long time as our site supervisor and was an incredibly popular colleague whose loss will be felt keenly. You can read a little more about John by [clicking here](#). We held a minute's silence on Wednesday, which was a very moving moment and impeccably observed by everybody, with a full memorial service to be held in due course.

Last Friday was also something of a bittersweet day, as Year 11 students reached the end of compulsory education. On the one hand, we were very conscious that ongoing Covid restrictions meant it wasn't possible to celebrate in quite the same way as we would do ordinarily, as well as the fact that students' experience of their last year or so in school has obviously been far from ideal. On the other hand, we still managed to have a lot of laughs together and our hearts were swollen with pride at being alongside them as they made the very best of the day. At the same time, it provided an opportunity to reflect once again on just how superbly they have handled all the challenges thrown at them during Year 11. One of the best things about being a teacher is being constantly surprised by how resilient and adaptable young people can be, and this cohort of young people have certainly amazed us. All our fingers are now firmly crossed that the Prom will be able to go ahead and we can give them the kind of party they deserve.

There were very similar feelings as we held our leavers' assembly for Year 13 this morning. They too are a fine bunch of young people who have navigated their final year of school so impressively under the circumstances. Looking at them all, it was impossible not to feel very confident that the future of the country is going to be in good hands; the depth of talent and character is really quite something. I reminded them, as I always do at the leavers' assembly, of the importance of remaining decent, socially responsible citizens however successful they might be in other areas of life... but I had the strong sense that the reminder was not needed in their case. In the short-term, I merely begged them not to party *too* hard as Covid restrictions ease and they have so much spare time!

We will see them on 10th and 12th August for exam results and the vast majority of Year 11 will be back for the Sixth Form in September, but I know that everybody will want to join me in wishing all of Year 11 and Year 13 the very best for the future, whatever it is that they are doing next. Congratulations to all the students again – and indeed to their parents and carers, who also deserve to be feeling very proud of the job you have done to bring up such brilliant young people.

On a separate note, please do remember that we are **closed for an INSET day on Monday 7th June**. This is so that teachers have time to work on all the various things that need doing to ensure that exam grades are submitted properly. We are hoping that students will make the most of their INSET day and will get involved in our 'social responsibility in action' scheme (see below).

Thank you, as always, for your support during this half-term. There have been many challenges – some entirely unique to this year – but our community has once again risen to them and I am very grateful for the role of parents and carers in that. I hope you all manage to find at least some good quality family time over the half-term break.

Kind regards

Gwyn Williams

Social responsibility in action

Students are being invited to make the most of their INSET day and to get involved in some socially responsible action in the community. Mr Hayes will be putting some ideas on SMHW on how students can make a difference and have a positive impact on others. We would love to see what the students get up to. Please take some pictures so these can be shared with tutors. There will be rewards available for students who demonstrate how they have made a difference. #socialresponsibilityinaction

School shoes

A reminder that all students need to wear school shoes not trainers. A guide to acceptable footwear can be read [here](#).

Knowledge Organisers

Please note that Knowledge Organisers are no longer on the school website. Students can now access these via their Teams account.

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 Mrs Warner 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 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock Exams begin on 17th June. Students will soon be bringing home a [revision booklet](#) to help them prepare. For further information, please read this [letter](#).

Year 10 revision support

Year 10 students will be able to access the library for revision on 8–25th June over the following days:

- Tuesdays (open to all – first-come, first-served basis)
- Wednesdays (open to all – first-come, first-served basis)
- Thursdays (invite only – details to follow)

Students are welcome to come along and use the library as a quiet revision space and access the support of Miss Taylor (Assistant Headteacher, Raising standards), Mrs Wagstaff (Head of Year 10), Mrs Williams (Pastoral Manager – Year 10) and Miss Brown (Pastoral Manager – Year 11).

We look forward to seeing many students there. Don't forget to access [our website](#) to keep up to date with mock information and guidance.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor

GCSEPod Parent Webinars

GCSEPod are offering live webinar sessions for parents that are aimed at supporting your child prepare for their mock exams in June and future GCSE studies. The webinars are taking place on the 2nd and 17th June, and 15th July at 5pm. For further information and the registration link, please [click here](#) to read a letter from Miss Taylor.

SIXTH FORM

Join our Alumni

If any of our Year 13 Leavers (or indeed any ex-Lymm High students) would like to keep in touch with Lymm High School, please encourage them to complete the alumni form on [this page](#). We can then let them know of any events, news and reunions that may be of interest to them.