

# WHOLE SCHOOL

### Message from Mr Williams

Dear parents and carers

We have had a fantastic first couple of weeks back in school, with a very welcome return to normality. It has felt wonderfully liberating being able to do some of the things we used to take for granted, like holding year group assemblies and allowing students to move freely around site at social times again. We even held our first in-person awards evening last night for the first time in a long while, which really was lovely and I'd like to congratulate again everyone who won an award. The lifting of restrictions is also allowing us to get back to our usual routines for lots of smaller things, each one of which might not be tremendously important but, taken together, add up to allow significantly more efficiency in running the school. As always, the students themselves have been incredible and I have the strong sense that, much as many of them might not like to admit it, they have been very happy to be back too!

None of us know what the next few months will hold but, for now at least, we are enjoying a period of relative calm and the chance to really focus again on the things that matter most. I do hope that it has felt similar in your household.

Kind regards Gwyn Williams

#### **Covid vaccinations**

You will be aware that the government has recommended Covid vaccinations for 12–15-year olds. We have provisionally agreed to help facilitate this for Lymm High School students. For the avoidance of any doubt, no student would ever receive any kind of vaccination without written permission from parents. Equally, the vaccinations themselves will only be given by trained medical professionals, with school staff only used to help organise the practicalities of ensuring students are in the right place at the right time. We have no further details at this stage but will of course let you know as soon as we do.

#### **Buses**

We are well aware of the issues relating to the discontinuation of the 40A bus in the evenings (something I'm afraid we had not been told about in advance). We have been in close contact with the bus company all week, including working on-site with a member of their team and using school staff to help direct students so that loadings are more equally shared between the other buses on that route. The last few days seem to have been a lot better, with buses certainly being full, but also within recognised safety/capacity limits. The bus company have also said that they will be switching one of the buses from a single to a double decker, which will create more capacity. However, we will continue to monitor the situation. One important point is that if a child does ever miss a bus for any reason, they should come to Student Services for help, certainly before making any decision to walk.

# Parent forum event for parents/carers of BAME students

If your child is recorded on our system as having a minority ethnic or mixed-race background, then you should have received a letter from Mr Williams about a parent forum event in October. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend so that we can hear from a wide range of voices. If you haven't received a letter but think you should have done, please contact Mrs Headon (<a href="https://headon@lymmhigh.org.uk">https://headon@lymmhigh.org.uk</a>).

#### **Sports fixtures**

Please click on the link below to access Lymm High School's sporting fixtures and results:

Lymm High School | Sports, Teams, Fixtures & Results

### **Extra-curricular sport**

Please <u>click here</u> to view the extra-curricular sport timetable for Years 7–13. Sessions run at both lunch time and after school.

#### **Play Your Part**

As seen in the local media, Lymm High is backing plans to create a new centre for the performing arts in Lymm. As well as the school, the centre will be used by local primaries and the community and surrounding areas. The 450-seat theatre/performance space could also be adapted for smaller events and will include drama and dance studios; rehearsal rooms for music; a recording studio; and some flexible space for meetings and exhibitions. It will be based on the Lymm High site.

We would really appreciate it if all of our parents could spend 2 minutes completing this form: <u>Have Your Say</u> (<u>lymmperformingarts.org.uk</u>).

For more information on this project, please visit the website at www.lymmperformingarts.org.uk.

## **SEND Enquiries**

Please send all enquiries relating to SEND to <u>send@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>. The relevant members of the team will then pick up the enquiries from the shared in-box.

## **Cashless Catering**

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food at break and during lunchtimes.

## **PTA AGM**

The next meeting of Lymm High's PTA is taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Music room (Leisure Centre). As well as discussing upcoming fundraising ideas, we will be electing new committee members. All are welcome to attend and there's no obligation to become a committee member or attend each meeting. If you are able to join us, please email kirstyagreen@hotmail.com.

#### **LHS Lottery**

Congratulations to Mrs Eddleston-Rose 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 <a href="here">here</a>. If you want to find out how it works, please <a href="click here">click here</a>. Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

# LOWER SCHOOL

## **Year 8 Information and Guidance evening**

This will take place by Zoom on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30pm. A Zoom link will be forwarded on Thursday morning.

## **Year 9 Information and Guidance evening**

This will take place by Zoom on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5.30pm. A Zoom link will be forwarded on Tuesday morning.

# UPPER SCHOOL

# **Year 10 Information and Guidance evening**

This will take place by Zoom on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm. A Zoom link will be forwarded on Thursday morning.

# SIXTH FORM

# **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our first charity event of the year will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be able to purchase cakes at break time. There will also be quizzes and games throughout the morning, including a Sixth Form Bake-off! If you would like to donate to this important charity, please <u>click here</u>.