

WHOLE SCHOOL

Covid update

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly Covid-19 testing and reporting. Alongside this letter are some [FAQs for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

The Immunisation Team are back in Lymm High on Friday 5th November 2021 to deliver Covid vaccinations to any student in years 7–11 who didn't receive one last week. Please [click here](#) to read a letter about this next visit.

Chromebook scheme

We have received queries from some parents asking if there will be another opportunity this academic year to purchase a Chromebook as part of the leasing scheme offered through school with Freedom Technology. The leasing scheme is a cost-efficient method of purchasing a device suitable for your child to complete homework and remote learning, if required. Having spoken with the supplier, they are able to open another window for sign-up provided there is enough interest from parents. If you are interested in leasing a Chromebook for your child, please email an expression of interest to info@lymmhigh.org.uk. We will look at responses during November and advise as to whether a further window can be opened.

Webinar for parents on Relationships & Sex Education

A [letter](#) has been sent home about an online webinar that we are facilitating for parents and carers on **Tuesday 19th October 2021**, led by the organisation *It Happens*. This is one of the events we are organising as part of our desire to provide more information and support for parents and carers around topics that aren't always easy to discuss at home. The webinar will provide a platform for parents and carers to ask important questions regarding Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) and to consider important steps that can be taken by all to educate and empower our young people in making the right decisions regarding healthy relationships.

To make this session as useful as possible, we are asking parents/carers to complete [this survey](#). The more information you give to *It Happens* – and the more questions you ask – the more relevant they can make the presentation. It is completely anonymous so your responses will not be linked with your identity at all. The overall results will be shared with the school so that we can get a snapshot of parent feelings around this important topic. The survey will need to be completed today.

Parent Forum for parents and carers of BAME students

Many thanks indeed to those parents who attended this parent forum. We had a very interesting discussion and whilst (perhaps predictably) did not manage to come up with a long list of specific actions to take immediately, it was incredibly useful for governors and school leaders to have the opportunity to listen to, and reflect upon, the different views being expressed. This event forms just one element of our ongoing efforts to better understand some of the issues and, ultimately, to improve our provision for *all* students, regardless of their ethnic background.

Wellbeing Award

Lymm High is working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for School so we can improve our provision for emotional wellbeing and mental health for the whole school community.

In order to make sure that we improve the support we offer, we want to understand how well we are currently supporting our pupils. For this reason, we are inviting pupils at our school to complete an anonymous survey. Please [click here](#) to read how you can help.

Consultation on draft Admissions Policy

Lymm High School is now consulting on the [draft admissions policy](#) for 2023/24. There is one proposed change to the admissions policy from that which was adopted when the school became an Academy in 2012. This is a proposed amendment to the third category of the oversubscription criteria, which relates to medical conditions and has been updated to aid clarity. Please [click here](#) for further information.

It's Good to Grow Scheme

If you shop with Morrisons supermarket, please register your 'More' card with the Good to Grow scheme. It doesn't cost you anything and for every £10 you spend, you can earn one token that Lymm High can use to claim free gardening equipment. All you need to do is select Lymm High School as the recipient of your 'Good to Grow' tokens. The scheme ends on Tuesday 26th October.

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.

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Smith 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 sign up this term, you could win a Harry Potter theatre voucher and tour tickets.

If you want to find out how the school lottery works, please [click here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

UPPER SCHOOL

Apprenticeship information

The [Careers section](#) of our website is updated regularly with apprenticeship information. Please [click here](#) to see this week's list of current apprenticeships in the Warrington area.

Waterside Training is offering Manufacturing and Engineering Apprenticeships. You can visit their website www.waterside-training.co.uk to find out more.

SIXTH FORM

Year 13 Parents' Evening

The Year 13 Parents' Evening is taking place virtually on Thursday 4th November via the school Cloud. To register and book your appointments, please [click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs Jennings.

Help with mock interviews for Oxbridge applicants

Can any parents help with our Year 13 Oxbridge applicants? We are specifically looking for Oxbridge graduates to run some mock interviews for Law, Economics, English, Physical natural sciences and Engineering. Mock interviews will take place on Zoom (as their interviews will be virtual this year) and I will be happy to provide specimen questions and support.

Thank you,
Dr Dodds

Wear it Pink

On Friday 22nd October, the Sixth Form will once again be raising funds for Breast Cancer Now's 'Wear it Pink' day. This is a charity which is close to our hearts and we are looking forward to some exciting fundraising initiatives in the Sixth Form. If you'd like to donate to this important cause, please [click here](#).