

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Save the date – Wellbeing Evening

On Wednesday 17th November (6–7pm) we are inviting parents and carers to attend school for a mental health information evening in the Main Hall.

The mental health and wellbeing of our young people is vitally important and now, more than ever, we hope to encourage our students to speak out, ask questions and access the support they need for their wellbeing.

The wellbeing evening will include a presentation from our Mental Health Lead Mrs Hunter alongside information from the School Nurse service and Kooth.com. The evening will explore a variety of mental health difficulties faced by young people together with practical strategies and advice for parents and carers to help support our students with their wellbeing.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the evening. More details will be sent out next week.

### Early close on 17th December 2021

The bus company have told us that they will not be able to send buses earlier to collect students for our early finish at 12.15pm on the last day of term, 17th December. We know from the early finish for Open Evening last month that nearly all parents found alternative ways for their children to make their way home and only a handful actually used the buses on this day. We are assuming the picture would be similar again in December and would like to avoid the need for all buses to come to school at 3.15pm only for most to return to the depot empty. The most straightforward thing to do will be to cancel the buses altogether and make alternative arrangements for the few who are likely to need them.

Therefore, if your child will **not be able to make their way home any other way on Friday 17th December at 12.15pm, please let us know by Friday 3rd December** by emailing [amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk) and we will organise transport home for them separately, probably via a school minibus. If the numbers involved mean that we do need to use school buses, we will make arrangements to look after your children until the buses leave at their normal times.

### Pilot Broadband scheme

The Department for Education are currently running a pilot scheme which may be able to offer students and their families who don't currently have fixed line broadband at home, the opportunity to get 12 months of fixed line broadband free. We'd be grateful if you could let us know if you do not have fixed line broadband and whether you'd be interested by emailing us ([info@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:info@lymmhigh.org.uk)) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are delighted to re-launch the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Lymm High School for 2021–22 after a lengthy break due to the pandemic. When we last ran DofE programmes, we had more than 240 students sign-up and it has been fantastic to see numbers increase year-on-year. We will be offering the following awards this year in collaboration with Get Outside The Classroom (GOTC), the expedition provider we have worked with for the last 5 years:

- Bronze to Year 9
- Silver or Bronze to Year 10 (students can only choose one award and are not able to do both concurrently)
- Gold to Year 12

Sign-up letters for Years 9 and 10 can be collected from Student Services, and from Sixth Form Student Services for Year 12.

### Consultation on draft Admissions Policy 2023/24

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 and is currently in force. 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. The consultation period will run from 15th October 2021 to 3rd December 2021.

### PTA online quiz

Join us on Friday 19th November at 7pm for the return of Lymm High's PTA online quiz.

Help us raise funds for school by buying a ticket for the quiz for a minimum donation of £10 per family. Then all you need to do is email [pta@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:pta@lymmhigh.org.uk) with the email address you want the Zoom link sending to. It should be a fun evening and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible taking part. The quiz should last around an hour and there are some great prizes to be won, including a family portrait package worth £345 from local photographer Andrew Collier.

To buy a ticket, please [click here](#).

### 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 Mr Laidlaw 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

### Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 11th November

We invite all Year 11 students and their parents to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The evening begins at 5.30pm.

- Students with surnames A–J need to arrive through the Atrium and go straight to the Main Hall for the Headteacher's talk.
- Students with surnames K–Z need to arrive to the Lower Hexagon to collect welcome packs. They will then attend subject sessions from 5.40pm and the Headteacher's talk at 6.45pm.

If you haven't already, please ensure you have reserved your place [here](#).

## SIXTH FORM

### Charity events

Well done to our Sixth Form Charity Team and everyone who contributed to our fundraising total of £1049 for Breast Cancer Now's 'Wear it Pink' day. If you'd still like to donate to this important cause, please [click here](#). This month our Sixth Formers and staff are raising funds and awareness for Movember.