

WHOLE SCHOOL

Jubilee Bank Holiday

Because the Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee falls in half-term, the government have said schools should have an additional bank holiday in term-time, at a point in the year of our choosing. Mindful of the amount of disruption students have already had over the past couple of years, we have decided to take this on what would have been the last day of the school year – i.e. **Friday 22nd July**. This means that the last day of term this year will now be **Thursday 21st July**.

Covid latest and 'Window into Lessons' for students isolating

As you would expect, numbers of Covid cases are still fairly high (albeit nowhere near as high as at times last year) and this includes amongst staff. We have been able to manage this pretty well so far and, especially with the latest reduction in the time for self-isolation announced by the government, feel confident we'll continue to be able to do so. However, it can present real challenges at times and we are grateful for people's continued understanding of the fact that certain things continue to be less than ideal.

For students who are well, but need to isolate at home due to Covid, we continue to offer our 'Window into Lessons'. If children are well enough to take part in online lessons, they should be logged into Teams so that they can join the lesson once started by the teacher. Please bear in mind that this may be a few minutes later than ordinary lesson times, to allow for staff movement and the settling of students in the classroom. These online lessons are provided for the vast majority of lessons, but in some cases of staff absence, or practical subjects for which the online format is not suitable, they will not necessarily always take place – again, thank you so much for your patience and understanding in these kinds of situations.

As you may be aware, there are changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for Covid from **Monday 17th January**. From this date, people who are self-isolating with Covid will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow test (LFT) on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if students test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to [NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, students should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFTs on consecutive days, or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFTs or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Further information on self-isolation for those with Covid is available by [clicking here](#).

Covid testing

Lateral flow test kits have been distributed to all students this week. A reminder that students should be performing a Covid test twice-weekly on a Wednesday and Sunday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

E-Safety Information

Thank you to everyone who joined us online for the E-Safety Information event yesterday evening. The slides have been sent to all parents today by email and text.

Duke of Edinburgh update

We hope your child enjoyed the DofE training day last week. It was so fantastic to see DofE up and running again and so many students involved – nearly 300 this year, which is the most we've ever had!

If your child is on Silver or Gold awards, their next training day is fast approaching on Saturday 29th January at Moel Famau in Wales. All the details including drop-off times for parents and locations will be sent out on Monday via School Gateway so please check to ensure you have all the correct information. We are sure it will be a really enjoyable day whatever the weather. Parents are required to drop-off and collect for all expeditions including this training day on 29th January, but many parents choose to car share to help with this.

In the meantime, students on Bronze, Silver and Gold awards should ensure their 'aims' are now set and submitted to Mrs Hill on eDofE and they should have actually started the activities they have chosen. Any log-in problems, please ask your child to call into the school shop for Mrs Hill on Tuesday to Friday.

Careers help

This term, I am organising a series of talks on various careers as part of the Scholars Programme at Lymm High. These will be open to all students. If you feel you would be able to talk to the students about your particular career, this would make a fantastic contribution to the series. The talks last around 30 minutes and are hosted during lunch time (1.30–2pm). We can meet via Zoom so there would be no need to come into school for the talk. Alternatively, another option would be to record your talk in advance. If you are interested in giving a careers talk, please could you email sgraham-brown@lymmhigh.org.uk with your name and a very brief description of your career. Many thanks in advance,

Sarah Graham-Brown

Scholars and Most Able Coordinator

Extra-curricular sport

Please [click here](#) to see the full list of clubs, which run at lunchtime and after school. Please ensure that a consent form is completed and sent in with your child when they attend their first session. For further information, please see our [Extra-curricular sport webpage](#).

Discussion Guide

A new guide from the Children's Commissioner for England explains how to talk to young people about online sexual harassment. *The Things I Wish My Parents Had Known* is aimed at parents/carers and is based on the experiences and opinion of young people, and includes simple but very important tips.

To read the guide, please [click here](#).

Cashless catering

You can [click here](#) to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be [viewed here](#).

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.

Amazon Smile

You can help us raise money for Lymm High's PTA while online shopping at no extra cost to yourselves. All you need to do is sign up for the Amazon Smile Account by clicking here: [smile.amazon.co.uk: You shop. Amazon gives.](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Any of your Amazon purchases will then benefit our school by giving us a little cash each time. Thank you for your support.

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to Ms Dobson 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 half-term you could win a Forest Holiday worth £500 in one of 11 locations throughout the UK.

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.

LOWER SCHOOL

Year 9 Choices Evening

Further to the letter sent last month, the Year 9 Choices evening on **Thursday 20th January** will take place online. Further details will be sent next week.

Details of the key dates, FAQs and the Choices Booklet can be viewed on our [Year 9 Choices webpage](#).

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 27th January** via School Cloud. Further details will be sent next week.

Year 11 exams and assessments

Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home yesterday from Miss Taylor about exams, assessments and the support available for our Year 11 students.

National Citizen Service

This week we had a visit from the National Citizen Service (NCS) team. Year 11 heard about how the NCS programme could offer them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life.

To read a letter about this scheme, and sign up for more information, [click here](#). You can also watch the virtual NCS assembly [here](#).

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom is planned for **Thursday 30th June**. Please save the date and further details will be sent nearer the time.

SIXTH FORM

Visual Arts trip

The payment deadline for the Visual Arts London residential trip is **Friday 28th January**. Please ensure that the full payment of £215 is paid on ParentPay by this date.

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom is planned for **Wednesday 13th July**. Please save the date and further details will be sent nearer the time.

Certificate collection for Leavers

Students who sat Exams in Summer 2021 are invited to come and collect their Certificates on **Tuesday 25th January**. Certificates will be available for collection between 8–12pm from Main Reception.

If candidates are unable to collect their certificates at this time, someone can collect on their behalf, but they will need written permission from the candidate and Photo ID.

For any queries, please contact Exams@lymmhigh.org.uk.