

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

This term seems to be flying by. We have probably seen less disruption as a result of COVID than at any point in the past two years, and it is great to feel that we really are starting to get back to normal. As always, there has been masses going on in school, but seeing hundreds of students going out on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions has been a particular highlight of the last few weeks and has helped to reinforce that feeling that we are clearly moving forwards again. It has also been lovely to see the students back on the fields with the advent of the warmer weather and a welcome reminder of how beautiful our grounds are.

Perhaps not quite as lovely for the students and families involved, but there is even a sense of relief amongst many of us that exams are back after two years of teachers-assessed grades. A few have already taken place, but it is really next week that GCSEs and A' levels start properly and I'm sure you'll all want to join me in wishing all the Year 11 and 13 students and their families the very best of luck. It will doubtless be a challenging time with some stressful moments along the way, but few things worth having come easily and we will be there to support them throughout. Both year groups have certainly been working very hard and deserve a lot of success. Good luck, everyone! On a related note, I must congratulate Year 10 for the way they have conducted themselves during their mock exams this week – they really have been fantastic.

I have spent most of this week at appeals for admissions into Year 7 for September. It's never an especially pleasant experience and I always feel extremely sorry for the parents involved, but there are a couple of positives I try to take from the process. Firstly, it is gratifying to know that the school is even more over-subscribed than ever and that so many parents and carers are so eager to be able to send their child to Lymm High School. We are never complacent about this, but we do take it as a vote of confidence and it helps to provide us with the energy to keep trying to improve the school. Secondly, it provides a reminder of the importance of the job we do as schools and the impact we can have on so many young people and their families. This is something I speak to staff about regularly and will be doing so again next week; we always try to bear in mind that every single student is precious and deserves nothing less than our best.

Finally, I hope everyone going to the PTA Band Night on Saturday has a great time. It has been very clear to me that I am best staying away because people might not be able to fully relax if they feel the headteacher is watching them... something does make me wonder a little about exactly what some people are intending to get up to, but I do hope everyone has fun nonetheless!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

Honours Boards

Lymm High School has Honours Boards that display the names of all students who have, over the years, represented their county or country at sport. Recognition is also given to those students who are placed (top 3) in national competitions. We update the Boards every two years; therefore, any student from Years 8–13 who has achieved county honours in the period of time from September 2020 to the present day should be recognised on these boards.

If your son or daughter meets the criteria, please email the following details to Mr Hampton, Head of PE (jhampton@lymmhigh.org.uk).

- Student name
- Current Year group

- Sport
- County or Region (e.g., Cheshire or North of England)
- Age Group represented (e.g., U15's)
- Year(s) (e.g., 2020–2022)

Prominence

The River Reeves Foundation is again launching their Prom outfit recycling scheme where they will be collecting pre-loved occasion wear. These items will be redistributed to students who require them so that Prom becomes accessible where it otherwise might not be. Dresses don't need to be Prom-specific; any occasion wear will be welcome. As Prom season is fast approaching, please bring any donations of pre-loved dresses, suits, shirts, ties, shoes, shawls, bags and other accessories to the Staff Room or Reception and we will forward to the River Reeves Foundation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For details of the Prominence scheme, you can visit the website by [clicking here](#).

PTA Band Night – Saturday 14th May

Tomorrow's PTA band night is a sell out! If you're lucky enough to have bought tickets on ParentPay, the evening is a ticket-less event, we will have a list of names to check off at the door. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Food will be served at around 9.30pm. Please bring money (notes) for the raffle! All entries to the raffle via ParentPay will be added to the raffle entries on the night and winners will be notified on Monday.

Doughnut Day

Students will once again be able to buy Krispy Kreme doughnuts for £1 on the penultimate day of this half term: **Thursday 26th May**. The PTA will be selling these at breaktime in the Main Hall.

Online school shop

Parents may not be aware that our school shop is now online. Uniform can be ordered on a 'click and collect' basis by [clicking 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.

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

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](#). 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 Mx. Poopalan 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 the school lottery works, please [click here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 11 Exams

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Miss Taylor about Year 11's final few weeks. This outlines all the support available over the coming weeks to ensure a successful end to their academic year. This week, students have received their [revision plans](#), which outlines the provision on offer over the next 2 weeks, and viewed a presentation on [exam etiquette](#).

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom is taking place at the Park Royal in Stretton on **Thursday 30th June**. Students need to arrive at 6.30pm, and be collected at 10.15–10.30pm. The outstanding payment is now due via Parent Pay if the full £40 has not yet been paid. A letter with further information will be sent to parents next week.

Year 10 Mocks

A huge well done to our Year 10 students who have successfully completed their first set of formal mock examinations. The punctuality and attitude of the students has been brilliant, and we are really proud of them. If your child has missed a mock examination for any reason they will be invited to a catch-up session, which is likely to be held after school next week. Further information on this will be sent home.

Business And i-Media trip to Chester Zoo

This is a last call for those wanting to join the Business and i-Media trip. The deadline has been extended until **Friday 20th May**. The trip gives students the opportunity to use their knowledge and understanding in an applied way, through the Marketing workshop that covers Edexcel Business (GCSE) Theme 2 – Building a business: 2.2 Making marketing decisions

The trip costs £32 and there are limited places. Letters and medical forms can be collected from the class teacher or Mrs Hill (S106).

SIXTH FORM

Year 13 Leavers

The Year 13 Prom is on **Wednesday 13th July** at Statham Lodge. Tickets are £45, payable now on ParentPay. Please note that students currently eligible for the bursary will have their ticket paid for, please see Mrs Hughes on Student Services to arrange this. If students do plan to attend, it is crucial they pay for their ticket by **Monday 16th May**.

Please [click here](#) to read the original letter sent home.