

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

I have to start by paying tribute to the Year 11 and 13 students who have just finished their exams. It's been a gruelling few weeks for most of them and I cannot speak highly enough of them for the way they have conducted themselves and kept going to the end. As I said to both year groups in their leavers' assemblies, even more important than their attitude to study is the fact that they have proved themselves to be such fantastic young people who will be huge assets to society in the future. We will obviously see the majority of Year 11 again in September to start their exciting Sixth Form journey but I'm sure you'll all want to join me in wishing all of Year 11 and 13 the very best for a well-earned break this summer and for everything they do after that.

Well done also to Key Stage 3 students and those in Year 12 for the way they have gone about end-of-year assessments and mock exams. They too have been brilliant throughout.

Away from exams and assessments, it is almost impossible to over-state how good it feels to be back in the swing of a 'normal' half-term 6. There is just so much going on! Amongst many other things, we have already had the Fashion Show, Year 12 work experience, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, the DT/Art exhibition, the Year 11 Prom, Hall competitions as well as various other trips and visits. Still to come, we have the Summer Concert (including meet-the-tutor event for Year 7 and 8), Sports Day, the Year 13 Prom, Awards Evening, Year 6 induction day, the Alton Towers rewards trip and Founders' Day (including the much awaited 'colour run'). All of these kinds of things are such an important part of school life and a defining feature of Lymm High School, so it is wonderful to be able to run them all again properly having missed out on so much over the past couple of years.

It was also lovely to be able to invite so many parents and carers of Year 7s and 8s into school earlier this week for a look around. It was great to meet you and I do hope you all found it valuable. The feedback we've had so far certainly suggests that you enjoyed seeing how well-behaved and diligent students are in lessons, as well as many of you having the chance to embarrass your own children in front of their friends when you came across them in lessons!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I hope the final three weeks of term are as enjoyable for you as they promise to be for us in school.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

INSET Day next year

Please note that we have switched one of the planned INSET days for next year from **Friday 21st July 2023** to **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. We will of course issue reminders nearer the time. School still finishes for the summer for students on **Thursday 20th July 2023**.

Drop Down Day

Our next drop down day will be held on **Thursday 7th July**. The day will involve a collapsed timetable and will comprise of a series of PSHE /RSHE /SMSC themed sessions. To read the letter emailed home, [click here](#).

Buses on last day of term

As was the case in December, the bus company have told us that they will not be able to send buses earlier to collect students for our early finish on the last day of term, 21st July. We are assuming the picture will be similar to the case 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 Thursday 21st July, please let us know by Friday 8th July by emailing amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk and we will organise transport home for them separately, probably via a school minibus.

Founders' Day celebrations

We are delighted to invite our parents and carers to our annual Founders' Day celebration evening on **Wednesday 20th July** at St Mary's Church in Lymm. The theme is 'A celebration of community, kindness and togetherness'. As part of the service led by Reverend Beverley Jameson, there will be an array of musical performances to enjoy from our Lymm High School musicians. The evening starts at 6pm and will conclude with refreshments from our catering students.

Supporting charities is a key part of this important day, and at school the students will be taking part in Lymm High's first sponsored Colour Run event. Please note that the deadline for sponsorship money is **Monday 11th July**.

In addition, we will be supporting both the Trussell Trust and a local Ukraine Appeal by doing a food bank collection. Our students and families have always been incredibly supportive in previous food bank appeals. These can be left with Form teachers. If you are in a position to be able to donate, the Items being collected include:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home, which includes the Colour Run sponsorship form. Thank you for your support.

Sports Honours Boards

Thank you to all the parents and students who provided details of sporting achievements for the update of the school's Honours Boards (2020–22). Please check the draft information, [linked here](#), is all correct. If you have any changes or details are missing, please email Mr Hampton (jhampton@lymmhigh.org.uk) before **Friday 8th July**.

Hot weather reminders

Please remind students to bring water bottles in with them while the weather is warm. These can be refilled at various water stations dotted around school. When it is very hot, students can remove their blazers at break and lunchtimes, and in lessons with the permission of their teachers. In addition, we have been telling students to avoid running around too vigorously in the direct sun, and to seek shade under the trees on the field at break and lunch. On very rare occasions in the past we have allowed students to wear PE kit but this is generally only when there is a prolonged period of extreme heat and not for the odd hot day here or there, or else we get into an unhelpful debate about when precisely PE kit can be worn every time the forecast is for warmer weather.

Nut-free school

Lymm High has several students with severe nut allergies. For this reason, we do not sell any food that contains nuts in the school canteen. Please do not send students to school with any nut-based products. Thank you for your support.

School communication

We are aware that some parents' emails from school are being diverted into their junk folders. This appears to especially be the case with Yahoo accounts. Please remember to check this folder in case you are missing information from school.

Photo Consent

At Lymm High School, we sometimes take photographs of students. We use these photos in the school's prospectus and newsletters, on the school's website and on display boards and TV screens around school. We may also use the images as promotion material in local news stories and this helps us celebrate our students' achievements throughout their time at Lymm High School.

Please [click here](#) to complete a Photo Consent form for your child/children. If you have previously submitted a paper version of this form, please also submit an electronic version.

Chromebook Programme 2022

Our latest Chromebook scheme is now open to all current students and our new intake for September 2022. Orders can be placed up until **Wednesday 10th August** and devices will be delivered to school, ready for collection in September. Please [click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Uniform recycling

If you have any good-condition school uniform (lower school, Sixth Form or PE kit) that you no longer need, please consider donating these items to school so they can be shared with those who need it. If possible, please wash items before donating. There is a drop-off point in main reception. If you have any questions, please email nbeck@lymmhigh.org.uk

School shop

From next week, the school shop will be closed during term time every Tuesday and Thursday from 11.15am. However, parents can still order uniform online 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 this week's school lottery winner, Mrs Scott! 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.

LOWER SCHOOL

Year 7 and 8 Residential Trips

Year 7 and Year 8 students have brought a letter home about a residential trip to Kingswood, Colomendy. The trip dates are **10–12th** and **12–14th October**. Please ensure the Consent and Medical forms are returned as soon as possible to secure a place for your child.

- [Click here](#) to read the Year 7 letter
- [Click here](#) to read the Year 8 letter.

UPPER SCHOOL

GCSE Results Day

GCSE Results Day is on **Thursday 25th August 2022**. If any student isn't able to attend in person to collect their results, they must email examsresults@lymmhigh.org.uk.

SIXTH FORM

A' level Results Day

A' Level Results Day is on **Thursday 18th August 2022**. If any student isn't able to attend in person to collect their results, they must email examsresults@lymmhigh.org.uk.