

WHOLE SCHOOL

Social media rumours

It has come to our attention that there have been some rumours going around this week on social media, mainly amongst Year 7 parents and carers, related to alleged incidents inside and outside of school. It seems some of these rumours are of a serious nature and have, understandably, caused concern. Whilst we totally understand why some people may appreciate explicit reassurance from school in such cases, we'd like to remind everyone that we almost never comment on rumours of this sort. This is for lots of reasons – partly to do with confidentiality issues – but also because commenting on one incident quickly sets up unrealistic expectations that we will provide a running commentary on any given incident. Also, because we can rarely provide the full picture when individuals are involved, we run the risk that giving partial information simply prompts more worries and more rumours. We are often very tempted to respond (whether that be to reassure parents or to provide a more balanced view of events where the school is being criticised) but we are sure most of you will appreciate why it is generally not sensible to do so.

Our central message is always the same: please resist the temptation to pay too much attention to what you hear or read that hasn't come directly from the school and please do [contact us directly if you have any concerns](#). The issue this week is very typical of this kind of thing in that most of the rumours we've been made aware of seem to be wildly inaccurate and, certainly with the more serious elements, completely false. Please know that we would always keep parents informed if an incident was serious enough to warrant doing so; otherwise, it is generally a sound assumption that the social media rumour mill has quickly run out of control.

Lymm High Open Evening

Our main school Open Evening is on **Thursday 6th October** from 5–8pm. Headteacher presentations will take place at 5.30pm and 6.15pm.

Knowledge Organiser access for parents

As you will be aware, KS3 students are issued with Knowledge Organiser booklets termly which outline the core knowledge for each of their subjects. Following feedback from parents suggesting it would be helpful to access these directly, we have now made Knowledge Organisers available for download on the school website. To view or download these, please [click here](#).

Outer wear

As the weather is now turning, we would like to remind parents about the need for suitable dark coloured, waterproof coats. For a visual reminder of acceptable outer wear, please [click here](#).

Chromebook collection

If you have ordered a Chromebook via the Freedom Tech Leasing Scheme, these will be available for collection on **Monday 3rd October** from 8.30am. Please bring some ID and ask for the IT Department at main Reception to collect your device.

Changes to CAT5 & 5A bus service – Monday 3rd October 2022

From Monday, the 5A bus service will be replaced by a new X5 service. Please [click here](#) to see the new timetable.

Scholars' Lecture support

Following on from the success of last year's Scholars' Lecture series, I am now looking for volunteers to contribute to this year's programme. Last year, we had a fantastic range of inspirational talks which were open to all students in the main school and Sixth Form. My plan for this year is to run the talks during Thursday lunch times from 1.30–2pm. From experience, most people prefer to come into school and deliver the talk. If this would not be convenient for you, however, please still get in touch as we can find an alternative arrangement. If you are interested in giving a talk, please email sgraham-brown@lymmhigh.org.uk with your name and a very brief description of your career. If you spoke last year and would like to return, you are most welcome! Thank you in advance for your assistance.
Dr Graham-Brown.

PE kit policy

I am writing to inform you about a change to Lymm High's PE kit policy. As you are aware, all students that need to be excused from a PE lesson need to have an explanatory letter from their parent/carer. They also need to still get changed into their PE kit to undertake other roles where possible (e.g. leader or official). From this week, if students do not have their PE kits with them, they will need to wear one of our spare, clean kits. Students have been made aware of this new requirement. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to always bring their PE kit in to their lessons.

Mr J Kerwin
Head of PE & Sport

Cross-country races

The first Lymm High cross-country race for Years 7–11, organised by Warrington Athletics Club, is this weekend: **Saturday 1st October**.

The dates of the subsequent races are:

- Saturday 19th November
- Saturday 10th December

For more information, [click here](#).

World Mental Health Day

This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow. On **Monday 10th October** we are asking our students to show their support for mental health provision by swapping an item of uniform for something yellow. Please donate what you can to YoungMinds via our school just giving page ([linked here](#)) and post a photo on social media.

Ideas for wearing yellow on the day will be shared with students in form time next week.

Kitchen Assistant vacancy

We are advertising for a Kitchen Assistant, which may suit a parent with children at school. For more information, please view the [vacancy on our website](#).

Exam certificate collection

Certificates for Students who left in Summer 2020 will be available to collect until we break up for Christmas, after this they will be returned to the exam board.

Please email exams@lymmhigh.org.uk to arrange a date/time to collect. Students are able to nominate someone to collect their certificates on their behalf but written permission must be provided.

PE news

Parents are reminded that they can follow Lymm High's [PE Twitter page](#) for all updates on fixtures, results and news from PE.

School shop

The school shop will be closed on INSET Day (**Friday 7th October 2022**) and during term time every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon. However, parents can still order uniform online on a 'click and collect' basis by [clicking here](#). If you have ordered uniform, please collect this after you receive your email confirmation.

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.](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 this week's school lottery winner who won £69.90! 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

'How to help your child revise' evening – Thursday 20th October

All Year 11 parents are invited to attend this event on **Thursday 20th October** from 6–7pm in the Main Hall. We will be sharing proactive tips on how best to support Year 11 students with organising their revision in the run up to the December mocks, as well as core subject-specific strategies. Reminders will be sent out closer to the time.

Sixth Form Open Evening

For parents and students in Year 11 who would like to find out more about coming to Lymm Sixth Form in September 2023, our Open Evening will be on **Thursday 10th November 2022**. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to tour the facilities, meet the Sixth Form staff, find out more about the subjects on offer and about life in general in the Sixth Form. Please [click here](#) to register and more information will be sent to you nearer the time.

SIXTH FORM

Oxbridge Graduates

Dr Dodds is recruiting volunteers to support our Oxbridge applicants for:

- Maths
- Engineering
- Economics and Management
- Modern and Medieval Languages
- English Literature and English Language

The interviews take place in early December and this support would be in the form of helping students prepare for interview (likely through running mock interviews). The sessions will be held virtually and support will be provided with guidance on the format and some questions to start you off.

This is a great opportunity for the students to be put through their paces by someone they don't know and makes such a difference so thank you in advance for anyone who can help us out! Please email fdodds@lymmhigh.org.uk if you can help.