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Students have been enjoying a range of fun activities during their lunch breaks to win Hall points.

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A group of Year 8 are helping to promote student wellbeing across the school community.

# NEWSLETTER

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## A GOOD START BACK

In the words of Mr Williams, the start of term has been exceptionally positive.

“It is difficult to put into words how lovely it has been to have a completely 'normal' start to the school year after all the upheaval everyone has faced since that remarkable day in March 2020 when we went into lockdown for the first time”, said Mr Williams.

Our new Year 7 cohort seem to

have settled in remarkably smoothly. As well as getting to grips with their new timetables, navigating themselves around the school grounds, they have been enjoying our Inter-Hall activities at lunchtimes (see p.2).

Our new Year 12 students are embracing life in the Sixth Form following an amazing set

of exam results over the summer holidays (see p.4).

We've already started up over 20 enrichment activities at lunchtime, 31 extra-curricular sports clubs after school, and welcomed the Royal Navy, Shell and other local companies to inspire and educate our students.

Here's to a successful 2022–23!

# INTER-HALL: LET THE GAMES COMMENCE!



## Our Inter-Hall competitions have returned!

**S**tudents all have a Hall they represent which they gain points for throughout the year.

There are several ways to gain points: lesson behaviour; Inter-Hall competitions; fundraising; Sports Day and contributing to charitable events.

At the end of the year the points are accumulated for three separate trophies: Inter-Hall fundraising (current holders Moreton); House Cup

and Sports Cup (both held by Walton currently).

We have started up our Inter-Hall competitions, running every couple of weeks with Mr Hayes and Mr Skilbeck. Our first event was Year 7 Swingball. Students compete against a pupil from another Hall to try and take the victory. Dunham claimed the first event, boosting them in the standings.

Last week we had Frisbee Golf out on the field, with students

manoeuvring a tricky course. Our Key Stage 3 winners were Tatton, and Key Stage 4 winners were Moreton! The next event was Welly Toss, which was enjoyed by both students and the staff competitors!

We have had an excellent turn out so far, and we are looking forward to the next event: Golf Chipping Challenge.

All of these events contribute to the Hall competition for the



House Cup and it is already being closely contested.

“It has been wonderful to see so many students engage with September’s Social Responsibility focus of

leadership and participation”, said Mr Skilbeck.

For further information on this month’s Hall focus see page 6.



# SUMMER OF SUCCESS

It's hardly surprising that our A' Level students had high levels of nerves prior to receiving their results last month.

Not only did the 2021–2022 Year 13 students have two years of Covid disruption, they hadn't sat public examinations since their SATs in Year 6 at Primary School. This year group was the cohort that were unable to sit their GCSE exams in 2020. In addition, claims in the media stated that the exams would be subject to tougher marking this year following the previous teacher-assessed results. As such, it was especially satisfying to see such a superb stream of results and lots of happy faces at Lymm High on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Like-for-like, the results were even better than the excellent ones we were getting before the pandemic hit. Owen Longton, Jack Powell and Matthew Stow were the very top performers with four coveted A\* grades each: a tremendous achievement!

Mrs Jennings, Head of Sixth Form, summed up the excellent results by saying: "They

have done exceptionally well and we are incredibly proud of all of our students".

## Placements secured

Media coverage before the exam results heightened anxiety further by focussing on potential problems with students securing places at university this year. Thankfully, this hasn't been the case for our students and almost all have confirmed places at the universities of their choice.

This includes very high numbers going to the prestigious Russell Group universities. Jay Palombella and Owen Longton are heading off to Cambridge University to study English and Engineering, respectively. Others have won much sought-after apprenticeships.

"It's important to stress how proud we are of *all* the

students in this year group and just how many individual challenges were met", said Mr Williams.

"We've had a lot of very happy young people around the place today – and quite rightly so. They have worked so hard and showed so much resilience, maturity and good humour throughout the last couple of years that they thoroughly deserve all the success they have had. I am just so proud of all of them, as indeed I am of the staff who have worked so hard to help make all this happen."





## GCSE Geniuses

Following the tremendous success of the Year 13 students, Year 11's GCSE results were equally as impressive and we saw lots of happy faces on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We are trying to be modest and are waiting for the official government data to be published in October before we share too much with parents. However, we expect this data to confirm

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that Lymm High is one of the very highest performing schools in the North West and indeed the whole country. To give just one statistic for now, over 49% of all GCSE grades were at 9–7 (i.e., the old A\*– A).

Mrs Wagstaff, Head of Year 11, said: “Despite having so much disruption to learning during the Covid pandemic, this cohort has performed exceptionally well and should be feeling incredibly proud of themselves”.

The highest achievers of all were Thea Benson and Eve Kayll, both of

whom registered absolutely perfect performances, with grade 9s in all ten of the subjects they entered. This is a truly extraordinary performance, especially given how many exams are involved and how challenging GCSEs are these days.

Ten students scored the top



grade 9 in nine of the nine or ten subjects they entered, 20 achieved grades 8 or 9 in at least nine different subjects, and a further 32 students gained at least nine grades 9–7 (i.e., equivalent to the old A\* or A grades).

## Excellent results

Commenting on the excellent results, Mr Williams said:

“Lymm High School students have done brilliantly again.

Huge credit must go to all those in Year 11 who have worked so hard to realise these results in the face of some really challenging circumstances. I am delighted for them.”

Mr Williams also paid credit to the parents and carers who had the difficult task of keeping children focused and motivated throughout Year 10 and 11.

“However hard staff have worked (and they have worked harder than ever) results like these are always the product of a successful partnership between home and school. Everyone associated with the school can feel proud of what has been achieved.”

More information on all our exam results will be shared once the official DfE data is released later this autumn.



# Hall System Update

Mr Hayes was delighted to address the students in the first Hall assemblies of the year last week. The theme of the month for September is ‘Leadership and participation’ and this was a great opportunity to reinforce the importance of the Hall system, and outline opportunities where students can participate in extra-curricular activities.

An exciting opportunity has come to light through collaboration with Steve Towndrow from Lymm Parish Council. Students across all key stages are being invited to present ideas to regenerate areas of Lymm including the Sunken Garden, the Cross and Lymm Dam. Students can submit their ideas in a range of formats including models, PowerPoint presentations, computer-aided design and written work. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop skills whilst also having an impact on our local community, which could create a real legacy. Students wishing to enter the competition should contact Mr Hayes. A £50 Amazon voucher will be presented to the best entry and the Parish Council are also offering prizes.

[Click here](#) to watch a video and find out more.

The Hall assembly also provided feedback on Student Voice issues raised last year, including lunch arrangements, uniform, the school experience, Founders’ Day and trips. It was great to demonstrate just how many areas we had been able to take action on, such as introducing a new food servery on the English Yard to ease queuing at lunch time and providing the opportunity for all Year 8 and 9 students to participate in a residential trip to Colomendy. This was seen as a priority given that these students had missed out on trips due to Covid.

Further participation opportunities were signposted in the assembly. In particular, students have been invited to contribute ideas regarding next month’s key theme of ‘Tolerance’, where we will be embracing Black History Month. Students were also encouraged to attend our Enrichment Fayre, where they can sign up to a whole host of extra-curricular clubs and activities. There are certainly plenty of opportunities to get involved in and our staff are looking forward to welcoming students to the various clubs.

For more information on the Hall System, [click here](#).

# ROALD DAHL DAY CELEBRATED IN THE ILC



The ILC's first activity of the year took place on Wednesday 14th September.

On 'Roald Dahl Day', it was good to see so many new students from Year 7 mixing with older students from Key Stage 3. Displays about the iconic author, books, quizzes and competitions were enjoyed by all.

Maggie Claire (7AL) and James Leung (9AL) both guessed that there were 85 sweets in Willy Wonka's sweet jar and they each won a prize.

"The excellent quality of entries for the colouring competition made it very

difficult to judge", said Ms Timson.

Ten fabulous golden tickets are now on display. Three star entries have won prizes and hall points.



# PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

On Monday 12th September local photographer Andrew Collier visited us to run an after-school photography workshop.

The workshop was focused on Architecture photography, specifically capturing interesting viewpoints and lines within architecture and the details within it. Students that attended ranged from Years 8–11 and all students came away with some fantastic images.

Students in Year 10 and 11 that study GCSE Photography or Art will be able to put the skills and techniques learned in this workshop into practice within their current coursework projects.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, exploring many different areas of the school to find interesting architectural points to photograph.









# ROYAL NAVY COOKS

**L**ymm High School welcomed members of the Royal Navy Catering Services Branch who gave a presentation explaining their roles. They gave an insight into life in the services, and explained the educational and sporting opportunities that the Royal Navy provides.

The students then took part in a Ready, Steady, Cook challenge where each group was given a mystery box of ingredients and had to create a main course and dessert from the mystery box within a 60-minute timeframe. The session was designed to meet current skill and criteria level for Year 11 GCSE exams.

The students' meals were judged by Mrs Deane, and Aaron and Jason from the Royal Navy. Well done to our master chefs Grace, Jamie, Emma, Emily and Maddie who won the cooking competition.



# UNI MATHS CLUB

This University of Liverpool Maths Club is aimed at Year 10 up to Year 13, who are keen to experience challenging and enriching mathematics from beyond the school curriculum, and meet others with a similar interest.

The dates of this free monthly Maths session are:

- 29th October 2022
- 26th November 2022
- 28th January 2023
- 25th February 2023
- 25th March 2023
- 22nd April 2023

The sessions take place on the University campus on a Saturday morning and are designed to be as interactive as possible. They are delivered mainly by academic staff and postgraduates from across the Faculty of Science and Engineering, with occasional invited speakers from research or industry.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to be introduced to a range of mathematical ideas, experience what it's like to learn mathematics in a university environment, explore topics linked to research and the university curriculum, and meet University of Liverpool staff

and students informally.

All meetings take place from 10–12.30pm with a short break between the two sessions. A reminder email is sent ahead of each date. There is no dress code for Maths Club and school uniform is not necessary. Students need to bring along a pen, pencil, ruler and scientific calculator to all meetings. Any specialist equipment or resources

needed in addition to those basic items will be provided. Details of forthcoming talks and an archive of some past talks may be [found here](#).

## How to join

All prospective members need to [sign up here](#) before attending Maths Club for safeguarding reasons.



# HELLO YELLOW

On Monday 10th October, the national children's mental health charity, Young Minds, are running their yearly campaign for World Mental Health Day.

Young Mind's 'Hello Yellow' Day, encourages people to raise awareness for young people's mental health by wearing an item of yellow clothing. We are inviting our students to swap an item of uniform for something yellow to raise awareness for this important cause and spread positive messages about the importance of mental health.

On Monday 10th October, students can attend school wearing either yellow socks, yellow hair accessories, a t-shirt or jumper under a blazer or even paint on some yellow nail varnish to shine bright for the charity.

The JustGiving page link is [here](#) for those interested in donating to [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) on the day.

For the morning of World Mental Health Day, all students will also receive an assem-

bly from [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com), the online mental health support service. This assembly will highlight the help that is available from Kooth such as free 1-1 anonymous counselling and a peer support network.

Please speak with Mrs Hunter our school Mental Health Lead in Student Services for more information on the events of

the day.

We're confident that taking part in #HelloYellow and Kooth's assembly will show our young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.





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# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



**Thursday 10th November 2022**

5.00pm to 8.00pm

[www.lymmhigh.org.uk/sixth-form](http://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/sixth-form)

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**01925 755458**





# RECYCLED UNIFORM

Lymm High is working towards becoming more sustainable and is aware that the cost of new school uniform and shoes is prohibitive for many, especially in the current economic climate.

Last year, Lymm High set up its School Uniform Bank and the first recycled uniform event was a huge success.

This year's recycling event took place at the start of the summer holidays. And despite the problems with accessing school due to the car park being closed, there was another huge turnout.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Lymm High School community, we received lots of used items of clothing to be redistributed", said organiser Ms Beck. All of these clothes were sorted and organised before families were invited in to source branded and generic

uniform items and take what they needed.

"We were overwhelmed by the support on offer and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made this possible by donating their old uniform to the event", said Ms Beck.

"Thanks to you many families have benefitted."

Please note that recycled uniform is still available on a rail at the back of the school shop. If anyone would like to donate clean items of uniform, they can drop these off at main Reception.

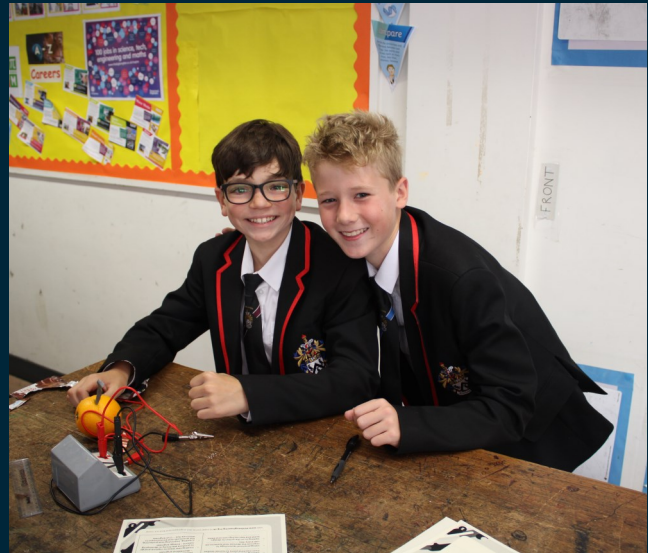


# It's all About STEM

On Wednesday 28th September, 70 Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in Shell's Energy Quest workshop.

The journey to inspire more young people about engineering starts in school and that's why Shell have been supporting and delivering this in-school programme since 2014. More than 215,000 students across the UK have had a chance to take part in this experience.

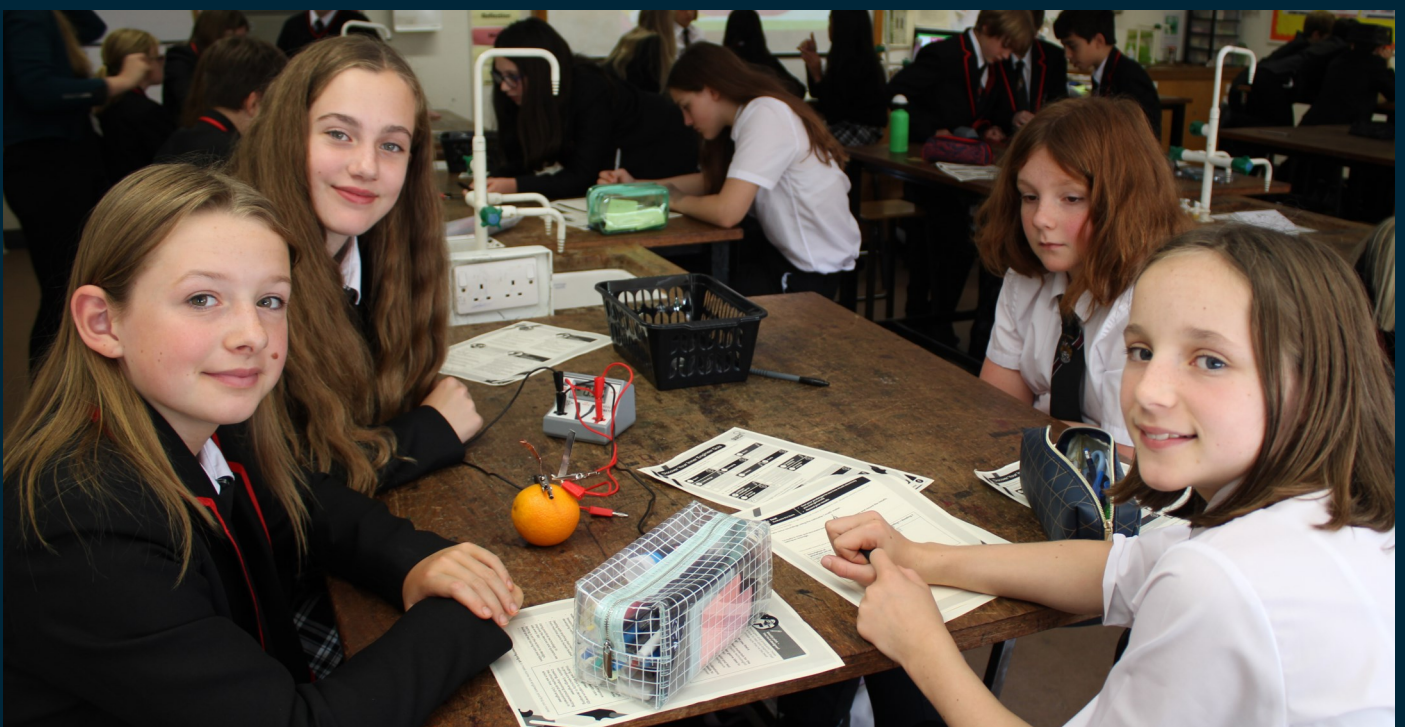
Our Year 7s unlocked their inner engineers as they explored sustainable energy sources to solve a real-life situation. Students were tasked with saving Coletta and her friend Ruby from a forest. They had to come up with a way to keep Coletta's phone charged and to shelter the girls until they got rescued, using only an orange, some coins and



resources from the woods.

Students learned from Vicky, our facilitator, about the importance of failure in any design process. Our students took this information onboard and dived straight in. With each failed attempt, the teams worked together to solve the problem and try again. Eventually, with a little bit of help and lots of great teamwork, we all managed to power the device and Coletta and Ruby could be found using the GPS tracker on her phone.

Many thanks to Shell. We can't wait to welcome you back next year to inspire our next group of students.



# WELLBEING CHAMPS

We would like to congratulate the group of Year 8 students who have successfully applied and been appointed as this year's 'Wellbeing Champions'.



**Y**ear 8 students were asked to apply for the role at the start of the academic year. This role will help to raise awareness of the importance of pupil wellbeing across the school community, in particular focussing on reducing the stigma around mental health difficulties for young people.

The group will receive training from Warrington Public Health Team and will work alongside Mrs Hunter (Mental Health Lead) and Miss Newton (Mental Health and Wellbeing Manager) to deliver a series of wellbeing

campaigns throughout the year.

In previous years, our group has visited local primary schools to raise awareness, this year we hope to similarly work within our local community to support positive wellbeing messages from the transition to high school through to the Sixth Form.

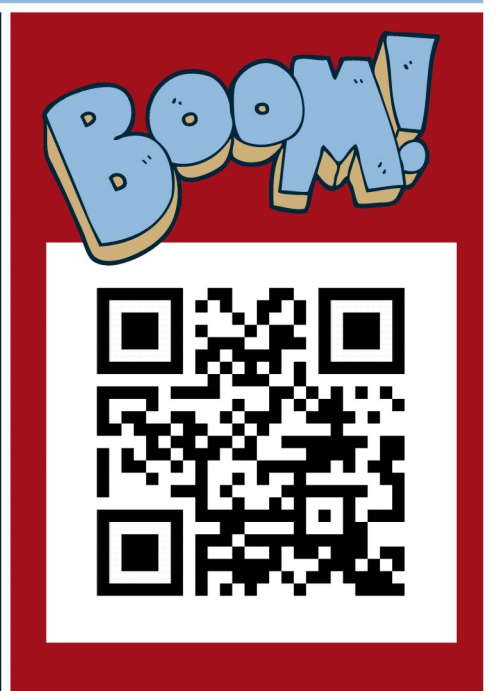
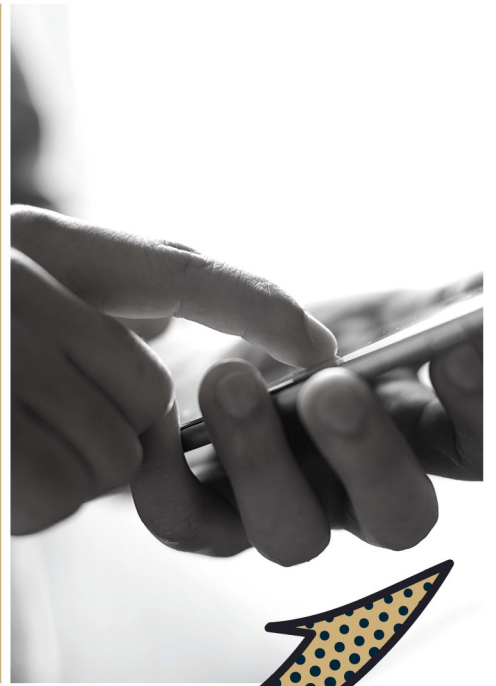
Our Sixth Form Wellbeing Reps have also been appointed and will work closely with the lower school team. We look forward to seeing the fantastic work of the team and sharing it through the newsletter throughout the year!

**Sixth Form:** Suranne Wright, Keira Read, Daisy McCue.

## Lower School

- Ella Walker 8AL
- Isabelle Barnes 8AL
- Isabelle Hesford 8AL
- Roha Tahir 8AL
- James Buteux 8AH
- Izzy Minnery 8AH
- Emily Hester 8DL
- Alicia Gomez-Galdon Ansell 8ML
- Felicity Jacques 8TH
- Selena Anstee 8TH
- Phoebe Grimes 8TL
- Mia Persolgio 8TL
- Leo Williams 8WH





# LANGUAGES CAKE BAKE

Many thanks to all the students who participated in the Cake Bake competition on Monday 26th September: the European Day of Languages. "The standard was really high, and we were super impressed with the quality of presentation and taste of all the entries", said Miss Moreno.



The star bakers were:

- Talia Coxon 7MH – representing Ireland
- Isla Anderson 7AH – representing Germany
- Lulu Horner and Isla Loxam 7TH and 7WH – representing Ukraine

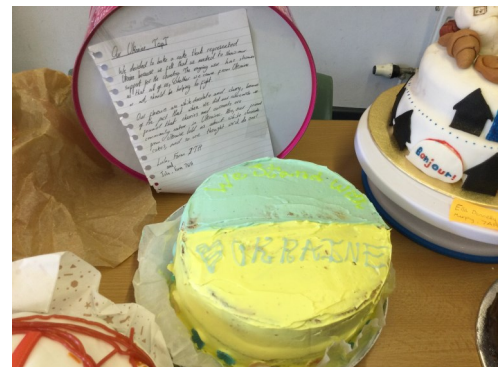
The winners and all the participants were treated to a free breakfast on Wednesday 5th October in the Language office.



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future for young people's  
mental health.**



# SADIE'S SWIMMING SUCCESS

For Sadie Harrison's latest Open Water challenge, the Year 9 student tackled Lake Windermere, which is 10.5 miles long.

**T**here were two teams at the event in the Lake District on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The first team, with four swimmers, completed their relay of Windermere in 5 hours. Sadie's team, with only three swimmers, managed to smash it in just 4 hrs 32 minutes! A tremendous achievement!

Spurred on by this success, the three girls are now intent on tackling Loch Lomond next summer, which is double the distance. Sadie told her Open Water Coach: "We may as well do the Channel next, it's about the same distance!"



In addition, after watching the Mens' 10m synchronised diving final, Sadie now has another hobby: diving.

We look forward to hearing about Sadie's future success in this sport too!

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## Harry Potter Double Prize

**Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher** & **Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket**

# BROTHERS UNITED AT WIGAN WARRIORS

Yeoman brothers both selected for Lancashire vs. Yorkshire fixture.

Brothers Charlie and Fin have both been progressing through the Wigan Warriors Scholarship programme and were selected to play in the U16s fixture vs. Hull Kingston Rovers during the summer holidays.

Charlie played Stand Off and Fin played Scrum Half in a 46–10 win for Wigan. Fin scored two tries on his Scholarship debut.

Charlie said, "After playing rugby for most of our lives, playing together for Wigan is something I'll never forget and one of my best experiences in rugby".

Fin said, "It was nice to show the Wigan coaches who the best player in the family is".

Charlie has now signed a contract for Wigan and is playing Academy level rugby: he made his debut on Thursday 22nd September. He is contracted for 2 years and has to be very disciplined to manage his

A' level studies around his training schedule.

Fin has another year of his Scholarship to complete. He is also

part of Sale Sharks' Academy and is working hard to develop in both environments and see what opportunities present themselves in the future.

Both brothers are continuing to play school rugby subject to their training and commitments. They both played together for Lymm High first on Friday 23rd September.



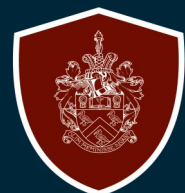
# SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2022

Sports Day is the biggest sporting event in the school calendar and is looked forward to by staff and students alike.

This year's event was due to take place on Tuesday 19th July, but as we were in the midst of a heatwave with record temperatures, Sports Day was moved to the morning of Thursday 21st July. Thankfully, Sports Day's Field Events had taken place the week before when students took part in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot Put and Javelin under much cooler conditions.



*Just before we broke up for the summer holidays, Walton was crowned Sports Day winners. Well done to everybody for making the event such a huge success!*





YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10	
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**Congratulations to Ben Keeley on breaking the boys' 1500m record with a time of 4:42.63. A record that has been held since 1990!**

# SUPPORT AS YOU SHOP

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We have nearly 2000 students at Lymm High so the cumulative effect of Amazon shop-

ping could see some really substantial fundraising by just using Smile instead of going straight to [amazon.co.uk](#).

From your desktop, go to Your account and select the option to 'Change your charity'. Or, from your mobile browser, select 'Change your charity' from the options at the bottom of the page and search for Lymm High School Parent Teacher Association.

Thank you for your support.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 7th October 2022**  
INSET Day

**Monday 10th October 2022**  
'Wear it Yellow'  
World Mental Health Day  
(see p.12)

**10–12th October 2022**  
Year 8 Colomendy Trip

**12–14th October 2022**  
Year 9 Colomendy Trip

**Monday 17th October**  
'Let's Talk about Drugs'  
Parent information evening  
6pm, Main Hall

**Thursday 20th October  
2022**  
Year 11 'How to revise  
evening' for parents

**24–28th October 2022**  
Half-term break

**Thursday 10th November  
2022**  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
(see p. 13)