



LYMM
HIGH SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



A WARM WELCOME



Ever since receiving its Royal Charter in 1601, Lymm High School has had a strong tradition of providing outstanding opportunities for local children. We take particular pride in making sure that every one of our students is loved and cherished as an individual throughout their time here.

We do not have a complicated, clever sounding mission statement or a series of radical ideas about what education ought to be. Rather, we aim to keep things simple and focus on the things that matter most.

We work hard to ensure that all of our students leave with excellent academic outcomes, something that is reflected in exam results that are amongst the very best in the whole country and in the high numbers of students going on to study at top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

At the same time, we provide a remarkable range of extra-curricular activities and trips. These enable young people to enjoy their time here, to taste success in whichever areas their talents and interests may lie and to develop as well-rounded, socially responsible human beings.

We are very fortunate with the grounds and facilities we have, but the real strength of the school lies in the people. Our students are typically very well brought up, polite, ambitious and bright. Their good behaviour and attitude to learning helps us to attract excellent teachers, who in turn give up a great deal of their own time to ensure that the students gain a first-class, all-round education.

As a parent myself, I recognise the huge responsibility we have towards the young people who attend our school; for some time now, Lymm High School has been a very popular first choice for our community, but we will never be complacent about ensuring that remains the case. I also understand that choosing a school can be difficult and wish you the best of luck in making your choices. Whatever you decide in the end, I do hope that you will take the time to visit us and to meet some of the people who help make this place so special.

Gwyn Williams
Headteacher

ACADEMIC STANDARDS



Parents and carers recognise that the academic standards on offer at Lymm High School are high, with year-on-year success at GCSE and A' level, as well as in other recognised qualifications.

Great schools are about far more than preparing students for examination success. However, at the same time, we are unequivocal about the fact that academic outcomes are hugely important to the life chances of young people. Expectations here are high, and they are rising still further.

Our retention into Sixth Form is very high, with the majority of our students wishing to remain at Lymm in the knowledge that they will have the best chance of excelling and entering into the world of higher education, employment or training.

A great deal of emphasis is placed upon developing the quality of teaching and learning, whether this be more traditional teacher-led activities or lessons where students themselves take more of a lead. Regardless of the style of teaching or teacher, we strive to ensure all lessons contain high degrees of both challenge and engagement.

Teachers and support staff here care about what they do and the young people they work with. Students appreciate this and enjoy their lessons, which plays a key part in them achieving such high standards.



“Putting the curriculum at the heart of what we do, and continuing to evaluate, reflect and refine where needed, means we can best meet the needs of all of our students.”

THE FACILITIES

The Lymm campus is a mix of traditional and new buildings surrounded by wonderful countryside.

The school is situated in its own beautiful grounds with extensive playing fields, an AstroTurf pitch, a brand new 3G pitch and our own leisure centre, including a swimming pool, fitness suite and sports hall.

Originally Oughtrington Hall, the oldest block, was built in 1810 and is a Grade II listed building. The newest block of classrooms was built in 2012. Our buildings are in good condition and provide an excellent environment for learning.

We are also very fortunate to have our own residential centre, the magical Ty'n-y-Felin – situated in an incredibly picturesque part of Anglesey. Students visit 'Tynny' at various points during their time with us, including for the annual Year 7 visit, different field trips and revision and study weekends.

Inside the school, we are well equipped with ICT facilities, including a state-of-the-art Apple Mac suite. There is a purpose built Sixth Form block and a well-stocked library. We even have our own restaurant, 'Chapters,' where our Food Technology students can often be found cooking and serving excellent food to guests.

An aerial photograph of Lymm School campus. The image shows a mix of traditional and modern buildings. On the left, there's a large, light-colored stone building with multiple windows and a central entrance. To its right, there are several red brick buildings, some with multiple stories and many windows. The buildings are surrounded by lush green trees and a large green lawn in the foreground. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a blue sky with some clouds.

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I think the 3G pitch and sports facilities at Lymm are really great - I love playing sport at school in PE lessons and for the school teams.

We're really lucky to have a swimming pool and fitness suite too!

Max - Year 10



ENRICHMENT & LEADERSHIP

Academic excellence is an essential part of any great school, but is not the only aspect that matters. We offer a remarkably wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that help students develop their leadership skills and grow into well-rounded, decent, socially responsible citizens.

Our 'Leadership Ladder' is an important element of our provision. By taking part in various different activities, students can work their way up the Ladder, gaining leadership colours as they go. In the early stages, the focus is on encouraging every single student to take part in the extra-curricular life of the school but, as they progress, more and more emphasis is put upon leadership.

One of the advantages of being a large school is the number of trips, visits and exchanges that we can provide.

Typically, we run over 70 trips every year, including recent ones to South Africa, Berlin, New York, Morocco, Naples and Paris – as well as many others a little closer to home!

We make great efforts to support those students capable of going on to the top universities, with a significant number of enrichment activities specifically targeted at the most able through our Scholars Programme.

Many extended activities are at lunch time or immediately after school and we encourage all students to take part. Details of the programme (which changes regularly) are available on our website.

We run all 3 levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in school: Bronze in Year 9, Silver in Year 10 and Gold in Year 12 with typically around 300 students taking part each year.

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There's a really wide variety of sports on offer at school and extra-curricular has encouraged me to continue playing sport outside of school which I really enjoy.

It's a great place to make new friends and extra-curricular activities have really helped me to gain confidence in communicating with other people.

Afy - Year 10

THE ARTS



The academic curriculum is further enhanced by an outstanding variety of music, dance and theatre as well as the visual arts. In 2018, Lymm High School received an Artsmark Gold Award in recognition of the many high-quality art and cultural activities on offer to students.

The school boasts a wide range of musical groups, including a brass band and strings group that are both of exceptional quality. We place a great deal of value on music and instrumental lessons during the school day are encouraged.

Our musicians regularly perform in school and in the wider community, including at prestigious venues such as the Bridgewater Hall and Parr Hall. They have embarked on three European tours in recent years – to Strasbourg, Venice and Barcelona.

The annual school production takes pride of place and involves many students and staff both on stage and behind the scenes. Recent school productions include; *Oliver!*; *Les Misérables*; *400*; and *Oh What a Lovely War*. The latter two took place in a packed Parr Hall and included over 300 of our partner primary school students taking part in the choir. Students have also performed nationally at the prestigious Dorfman Theatre with the production *Snow Dragons*, and in recognition of our students' recording of John Lennon's *Imagine* we were given a Runners Up Character Award by the World Class Schools organisation.

The visual arts are also very important to us and there are many opportunities for students to get involved in areas such as art, graphics and photography. We routinely hold exhibitions of student work in school and out in the community.



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Holding hands with the cast before the curtain goes up is my favourite part.



SPORT



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When I moved to Lymm from Uganda, I got involved in sports straight away even when my English wasn't very good. This didn't matter and sport helped me socially and I made friends because of it. It also improved my sports abilities, which I was really pleased about.

Duncan - Year 10



Lymm High School has a long-standing and very strong tradition of sport. Many individuals and teams enjoy success, gaining national honours in their chosen disciplines. These are reflected in school on our honours boards and by the international shirts displayed in our dining room.

The Physical Education programme is wide-ranging and of high quality. The 28 acres of playing fields, our own leisure centre and our outdoor centre in Anglesey ensure that we cater for all interests and abilities. Saturday morning fixtures are well established in rugby and enjoyed by lots of our students.

Many of our students have gone on to play professional sport or compete in world class events, including the Olympic rowers Richard Egington and Lucy Glover and rugby union player, David Strettle. We also have very strong links with professional clubs, including Sale Sharks.

Student talent is developed throughout all year groups, with sport included in the curriculum as part of core PE, GCSE PE, and in Sixth Form Level 3 BTEC Sport and A' level PE.

CARING FOR STUDENTS



Although we are a large school, student and parental feedback tells us that we provide excellent support and ensure that every child is treated as an individual.

'Student Services' at Lymm is the focal point for many of our students and parents. Here, you will find highly trained and caring staff who will never accept that a problem cannot be resolved.

Each year group is overseen by a Head of Year who is ably supported by a Pastoral Manager. The year group teams work closely with form tutors to provide clear communication and support and care for all students, whatever their needs.



We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and our Learning Development Department provides excellent support for those students with special educational needs or disabilities. We work very closely with parents and partner primary schools to ensure a smooth transition for SEND students.

Purposeful partnerships with parents are created for every year group. These range from supporting the learning process through information and guidance events to our very active Parent Teacher Association.





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