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# NEWSLETTER

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## GCSE RESULTS DAY 2018

Students celebrate achievements at Lymm High School after top grades!

Last year saw us achieve our best ever GCSE results and we are delighted to say that it looks as if we have managed to maintain that level of performance this year.

At least 81% of students have met the government's 'basics'

measure of 9-4 grades in both Maths and English, with 61% managing to secure 9-5 grades in both subjects.

At the top end, a very impressive 27% of students gained at least five 9-7 grades (equivalent to the old A\*-A

grades) with at least forty-five students gaining 9-7 grades in eight or more subjects.

Amongst so many success stories, special mention goes to those students who gained the very top grades of 8 or 9 in at

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## GCSE RESULTS DAY 2018

least eight subjects.

They were: Imogen Walsh, Jade Carlin, Amy Wright, Cameron Green, Lewis Hindle, Ella Hoskinson, Amber Heckstall-Smith, Tom Davenport, Jada Moses, Jordan Jones, Marcus Mackay and Finlay Williams.

Hats off to all of them!

I cannot speak highly enough of the staff and students for the way they approached all the challenges presented by the new, tougher GCSE specifications.

It has taken a huge effort over quite a period of time and we are really pleased to see this effort being reflected in the final results.



**LYMM**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018  
5.00-8.00PM

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# A' LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2018



## Lymm High School celebrates excellent A' level results again!

Students, parents and staff also celebrated another excellent set of results in the sixth form over summer.

Headteacher, Gwyn Williams said:

“The picture is one of another set of really strong A' level results.

“When Ofsted visited us earlier this year, they said that our A' level students make some of the best rates of progress in the whole country and progress rates shown this year have risen even further, which is something we are especially proud of.

Once again, we have seen very high numbers of students achieving the top grades and the number of students who have been able to go off to the universities of their choice was fantastic. There were a lot of very happy people on results day and it was just lovely to see.”

57% of all A' level grades were at A\*-B and 84% A\*-C.

The overall pass rate was over 99%. Fully twenty students secured straight A\* or A grades, a fabulous achievement in these days of toughened A' level

specifications.

There are far too many individual success stories to mention, but we must highlight the eight students who gained at least two coveted A\* grades. These were: William Caldwell, William Catlow, Rory Foster, Joseph Hassall, Pip Hyde, Hannah Leighton-Jones, Ellen Thomas and Matthew Warren. Hannah and Will Catlow are now heading off to study at Oxford and Cambridge respectively and we wish them all the very best there.

## SCHOOL NEWS

We also had plenty of success in vocational courses with well over half of grades awarded being at Distinction or Distinction\* level and a 100% pass rate.

These included fantastic performances by Abigail Dickinson, Ruby Kelly, Jack Stride and Alex Perry who all gained three Distinction\* or A\* A' level grades.

Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Hayley Jennings, said:

"I have been on maternity leave for much of the year and want to thank Tony Scott for doing such a good job in my absence.

"Results days are always a bit frantic while we work so hard to ensure every single student gets the university place that they want, but it was a really positive morning and I am absolutely delighted for all our incredible young people and the success they've had.

"I was sad to see them go but I am so pleased that so many of them have now been able to follow the path they had set their sights on."





LYMM  
SIXTH FORM

# OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2018 | 5PM-8PM

5.00pm - 5.30pm

Informal 'meet & greet' in the lower hexagon

5.30PM

Headteachers address

6.00PM

Individual subject taster sessions

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## WHY LYMM SIXTH FORM?

WE ARE RANKED IN THE  
**TOP 15%** FOR A LEVEL PROGRESS  
**NATIONALLY**

“ ON A LEVEL COURSES  
STUDENTS MADE SOME OF THE  
**STRONGEST**  
RATES OF PROGRESS ACROSS THE  
**WHOLE COUNTRY** ”  
OFSTED 2018

**PERFECT**  
BALANCE BETWEEN  
INDEPENDENCE  
& SUPPORT

**SPECIALIST**  
ASSISTANCE FROM  
EXPERIENCED STAFF  
WITH UNIVERSITY  
& JOB APPLICATIONS

**EXTENSIVE**  
ENRICHMENT  
**TRIPS &**  
LEADERSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

DISCOVER WHAT QUALITY SCHOOL SIXTH FORM EDUCATION CAN OFFER

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# TOP MARKS FOR YEAR 10



Of course, it wasn't just last year's Year 11 who were sitting GCSE exams in the summer: Year 10 students also sat English Literature. The idea behind this was that they would be able to devote all their energies to revising for this one subject in Year 10 and, if things went well, they would be free to focus on English Language in Year 11 as well as having one fewer subject to revise for at the end of the year.

As it turns out, everything went very much to plan and the students did superbly. 84% of them gained 9-4 grades (which was actually even higher than the Year 11s managed) and over 60% gained 9-5 grades. Six

students were able to secure grade 9s – the new highest grade and even more difficult to attain than the old A\*. For this fabulous achievement, our congratulations go to: Imogen Good, Leah Hodgkinson, Hannah Maudsley Barton, Katie Richardson, Olivia Walsh and Lucy Whitmore.

All in all, the year group seem to have taken a great deal of confidence from sitting their Literature exam early and, now that they know what a GCSE exam really entails, they are in the perfect position to approach the challenges ahead.

When asked about the results Miss Jones, Head of Faculty for English said,

"We are so proud of the outstanding results attained by our Year 10 students who sat their English Literature GCSE.

"A special mention must go to those students who achieved grade 9s, their mature and conscientious attitude towards their English Literature qualification has set a wonderful example to their fellow students and we couldn't be more thrilled with their achievement.

"Year 10 students have worked incredibly hard, both in lessons and outside of school, and we are very pleased that this has been reflected in the grades that they have been awarded."

# GCSEPOD & TASSOMAI

September has seen the launch of two fantastic Apps offering extra support to our GCSE students – GCSEPod and Tassomai.

The launch of GCSEPod took place three weeks ago and all our key stage 4 students and been really impressed with it.

GCSEPod provides highly concentrated 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, expert-written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons. The App is available on and offline and is proven to increase students grades if

used regularly. The students are able to create bespoke playlists of content ready to view and learn off line at any time or can stream via mobile, laptop or desktop. Everyone has been hugely impressed with how much the students have embraced this opportunity and were amazed to receive a Bronze certificate for the school from GCSEPod as the students had watched over 3000 pods in three weeks!

Year 11 have also been introduced to the Tassomai App, this is unique to Science and offers low stake testing.

Tassomai is a way to avoid stressful cramming near exams by spreading the learning and revision throughout the year.

We are encouraging all students to just spend 10 minutes each day on the Apps.

In order to support students and parents, from half term, there will be a dedicated section on the website for revision support. We will also be offering a 'Help your child to revise' master class for parents after the half term holiday so watch this space for further information.

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# Congratulations!

*This is to certify that your school has reached*

# 3,000

*podcasts streamed & downloaded  
so far this academic year*

*Lumpkin*

The GCSEPod Team

BRONZE STANDARD  
3,000  
BRONZE STANDARD



# USE GCSEPOD TO EARN CREDITS

**STEP  
01**



**IDENTIFY A TOPIC YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND**

Identify a topic you don't understand, are struggling with, or would like to improve your knowledge.

**50 CREDITS**

**STEP  
02**



**WATCH A POD & FILL KNOWLEDGE GAPS**

Find the topic on GCSEPod, watch the Pods to improve your understanding and fill gaps in your knowledge.

**50 CREDITS (PER POD)**

**STEP  
03**



**5 QUESTIONS TO PROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Write down 5 questions that your teacher can ask you to prove you have a better understanding of the topic.

**150 CREDITS**



# TY'N-Y-FELIN

## YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL 2018



The annual Year 7 trips to Tynny have started with Walton, Arley and Dunham already experiencing the joys of crabbing at the creek.

The sun has been shining (for most of the trips) and the children have loved playing rounder's, football and cricket on the beach at Silver Bay. The traditional competition to build the hall names on the beach will prove stiff competition for following year

groups with artistic use of seaweed, driftwood and rocks.

Anglesey Adventures were invited in to work with the children; in small groups they had to work together to solve a mystery, at one point this did include trying to get from one point to another blindfolded, lots of trust needed for that activity. As a head of year it is lovely to hear about how well the children have got on



and how quickly they have been making new friends.

It is nice to see them working so closely together and building friendships that will last over the next five years.

# MAKE YOUR MARK



Lyymm High School youth MP encouraging young people to make a change in Warrington.

Student Imogen Walsh beat four other candidates to be named Warrington's member of Youth Parliament eighteen months ago.

Now studying for her A levels in the Sixth Form, she has her sights set on a career in politics, continuing her campaign for more young people to get involved in political affairs and to drive change in Warrington.

As youth MP, Imogen helps

organise the youth council in Warrington and has run a number of campaigns throughout the past year and a half - including a mental health campaign aimed to remove stigmas surrounding mental illness.

Working with the youth council to create posters and displays for health centres around Warrington, Imogen has aimed to deliver a positive message about mental health,

highlighting the point that one in four people presently suffer with mental health issues.

The youth council is now starting 'A Curriculum for Life' - a national campaign by Youth Parliament.

As part of the campaign, the youth council are currently in the process of making small educational videos about topics not currently included in the national curriculum.

These focus on themes such as; budgeting, politics, sex and relationships and how to handle a payslip, and it is hoped this campaign will prepare young people in Warrington for adult life.

Each year the largest youth referendum in Europe takes place and people decide what the Youth Parliament should campaign for.

The youth council is now encouraging young people to vote in the Make Your Mark ballot, the largest consultation of young people aged 11 to 18 in Europe.

The top five most voted issues

are taken to parliament where they are debated by members of Youth Parliament.

Whichever school or youth group gets the highest percentage turnout in the Make Your Mark vote will win an award from the youth council.

Imogen makes it clear that the youth council is open to anyone with an interest in making a change in Warrington.

She said: "You don't have to understand politics to come to our meetings. I didn't, I just wanted to change things for young people in Warrington.

Imogen remains in her position until March, serving two years and will debate again in November, visiting the House of Commons for a third time.

If you would like to get involved with the Warrington Youth Council and find out more, get in touch via their Facebook page, Impact - Warrington Youth Council.



# SOUTH AFRICA SPORTS TOUR

At the end of the summer term a group of students had the amazing opportunity to tour South Africa as part of the Lymm High School Sports Tour.

Students in years 11, 12 and 13 competed in Rugby, Football, Netball and Hockey against local schools.

The tour began in Cape town where students spent the first week visiting local projects such as POP (Path out of Poverty), along with taking in the main sights such as Table Mountain, Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope.

After a none-stop first week, we flew to Johannesburg where students faced their most daunting aspect of the trip; the hosting!

Despite many initial nervous and worries, students had an amazing experience finished with a fixture and BBQ to cement lifelong friendships. We also had the privilege of being the first touring school to visit St Josephs, receiving an incredibly warm welcome and wonderful hospitality; one we hope to visit again in the future.

Please keep looking for our collection of sports shoes, kit and equipment which we will be launching after half term. This will be sent to the POP project and local townships which we visited during our trip.

There were without doubt to many amazing experiences to mention and as staff we feel incredibly lucky to have accompanied such an amazing group of students.

A huge thanks to all of the staff who travelled and also to Mr Pickles for organising such a unique and fantastic trip.





# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

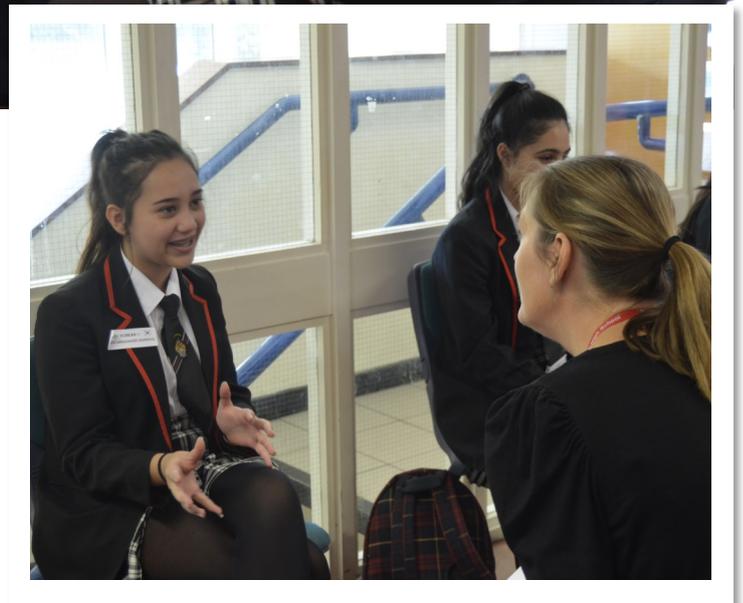


As part of the celebrations of European Day of Languages (26th Sept), our talented and multilingual students have been teaching their peers the basics of another language they speak. We hosted a Language Learning Speed Dating session during lunch which was very well attended.

Students rotated on two minute intervals and there were over 15 different

languages to be learnt including Thai, Greek, Latvian, Polish, Danish, Romanian, Cantonese and many more.

There was a lovely atmosphere as well as the beautiful tones of the many languages spoken.



Well done and many thanks to everyone involved.

Fantastique! Muy bien!  
Wunderbar!

# FRENCH EXCHANGE



Earlier this week, French students from Years 9, 10 & 11, set off for the French exchange visit to Bordeaux.

We're pleased to say our students have settled in quickly.

So far, students have enjoyed testing their knowledge of the language by interviewing passers-by in Bordeaux and have also

successfully climbed to the top of Dune du Pilat – the tallest sand dune in Europe.

A few photos from the 2018 French Exchange so far...



# It's all About **STEM**

## STEM CAREERS CLUB

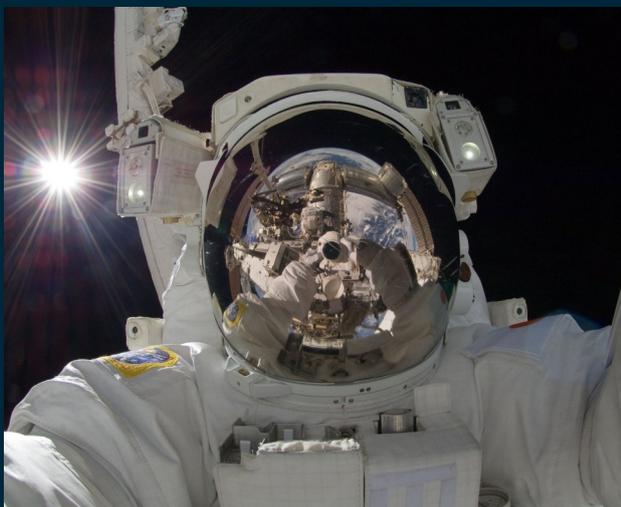
**H**ave you ever wondered what it's like to work in cyber security or to make sure that soap does its job properly?

How about what opportunities there are to work in the Space industry or to start your own tech business?

If the answer is yes to any of these, then STEM Careers Club is for you.

Every Monday come along to E101 at 1.20pm to find out about a different STEM career each week and learn about the developments in the world of STEM and technology.

Coming up on Monday 8th October – Space Week. Find out about what it's like to live and work as an astronaut.



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK?

**A**s we approach the first half term of this year, parents may be starting to consider how to keep their children occupied during their time away from school.

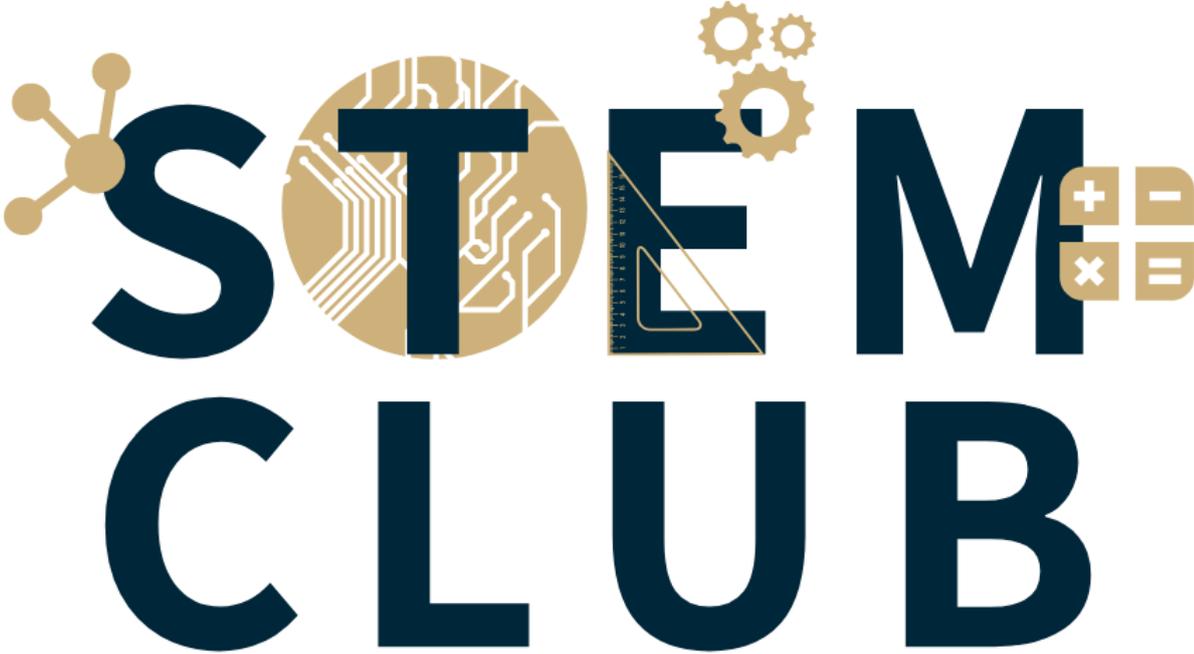
This year, half term coincides with the Manchester Science Festival which runs from Thursday 18th until Sunday 28th October.

Manchester Science Festival is a hands on and exciting way to get your child interested and enthused about science.

Based mostly at the Science and Industry Museum, the Manchester Science Festival is an annual celebration of the creativity, wonder and awe of science.

This year the headline events celebrate how our lives have changed dramatically thanks to the mass generation and distribution of electricity ("Electricity: The spark of life), allow us to explore the mysteries of black holes in "Distortions in Space-time" and a Science Spectacular at the Manchester Museum on Saturday 20th October.

For more details of individual events: <https://www.manchestersciencefestival.com/>



# STEM CLUB

SCIENCE  TECHNOLOGY  ENGINEERING  MATH 

**WILL BE LAUNCHING AFTER  
HALF TERM!**

## Upcoming STEM Events

### Wednesday 3rd October

Speaker from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge  
Lunchtime talk for Y10 and 11 Girls who are interested in STEM careers

Period 5 talk for Y12 and 13 students who are applying for STEM subjects at Russell Group University

### Wednesday 17th October

Bletchley Park Trip – Year 8/9 students

### Friday 23rd November

GCSE Maths in Action Day – Salford University for Year 10

### March 2018

The Big Bang Fair – Year 8 students (More details before the end of term)

We are always looking to offer enrichment opportunities to all our students to help foster/develop their interest in STEM so will be adding more events and trips over the school year.

If you could offer some help or support with this or would be happy to speak to groups of students about how STEM impacts your working life, please contact Mrs Dowdall - [bdowdall@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:bdowdall@lymmhigh.org.uk)

# NATIONAL SCHOOLS CUP



Wednesday saw Lymm 1st XV take on Merchant Taylors School, Crosby in the 1st round of the national Schools Cup. With near perfect conditions and a confident team after getting back from South Africa undefeated in the summer, Lymm were confident.

The game started well with some fantastic team play, moving the ball around the pitch with confidence and scoring a number of early tries

with Ewan Murphy scoring two.

The game moved quickly out of Merchant Taylors grasp and whilst they continued to try and stop the attacking play Lymm were just too strong.

Sale Academy Coach Noel Speed commented 'I loved the enterprise of trying to keep the ball in hand and play rugby'.

Captain and Head Boy James Rooney said 'I'm happy with our first cup game, the performance was good and I

don't think that we realised how well we played. As always there are things to improve but if we keep getting better each game then I'll be happy'.

The next round sees Lymm drawn against Altrincham Grammar School to be played week commencing 8th October and Lymm are set to play Stockport Grammar in the Cheshire cup 1st round on Wednesday 3rd October at 2:15.



# UK SCHOOL GAMES FOR LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

Lymm Sixth Form student wins Bronze medal at the UK School Games.

Student Jordan Jones took part in the games representing the North of England in the 1500 metres Steeplechase.

The 2018 UK School Games is a major multi-sport event for the most talented young athletes across the UK.

On Friday 31st August, more than 1,400 young athletes competed across 11 sports at

venues across Loughborough University Campus.

In the steeplechase, Jordan Jones came third overall, winning a bronze medal in the 1500 metre race.

This is a fabulous end to an impressive 2018 track season for Jordan, which has seen him gain both County and Inter-County titles in the 1500 metres steeplechase and the

3000 metres in the under 17 age group.

Full footage of Jordan's medal winning race can be seen [here](#).





# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all Sixth Form students who organised and took part in the Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday 28th September.

Macmillan Cancer Support, the national charity, holds a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on an annual basis in September at numerous venues around Britain to raise funds for this well known and important charity.

The tables were positively groaning with cakes and biscuits of every description

and on the day the Senior Student leadership team ran the event with the other students descending on the goodies as if they hadn't eaten for a week!

We are pleased to announce that Sixth Form Students raised £145.57 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A huge 'well done' goes to the student organisers, the student and staff cake makers and not forgetting all the wonderful people who bought and consumed all the items. Thank you all!

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 4th Oct**  
LHS Open Evening

**Early Closure**  
12.15pm

**Tues 16th Oct**  
Parents Forum

**Friday 19th Oct**  
Half Term Ends

**Mon 29th Oct**  
Students Return



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