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Young artists in  
Cheshire.

# NEWSLETTER

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## DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Duke of Edinburgh students are recognised with their awards.

**I**t was lovely to be able to present last year's Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh certificates and badges this week in Hall

assemblies to our students. For a number in Y11 and Y12, this was the culmination of all their endeavours in completing the Physical,

Skill, Volunteering and Expedition sections of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

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**Julia Bradbury** ✓  
@JuliaBradbury

Peripatetic TV Presenter & mama of 3 inc. twin girls. Book Unforgettable Walks out now. Britain's Best Walks on ITV Friday nights. Insta:therealjuliabradbury

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Joined July 2009

**Julia Bradbury** @JuliaBradbury · Jan 27  
Met this adventurous group of ladies doing their @DofE bronze when I was filming the Cheshire walk in tonight's show @itv 8pm



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**Nicky Young** @NickysDofEDesk · Jan 31  
Almost 15secs of fame for @DofENorth @LymmHighSchool Bronze Expedition group with @JuliaBradbury on @ITV @DofE #Cheshire #SandstoneTrail

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**Julia Bradbury** ✓  
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If your child didn't receive their certificate and badge this time, it is simply because they haven't finished and submitted the final parts of their award. Once they do this, we can approve and submit to Duke of Edinburgh HQ who then endorse the award so we can present their certificate and badge.

If this applies to your child, please encourage them to complete their award; the next awarding of DofE certificates will take place in Hall assemblies between Feb half-term and Easter.

Lymm DofE students also enjoyed being in the limelight last week when programme 'Britain's Best Walks' aired on ITV.

The show's host Julia Bradley 'tweeted' about meeting Lymm students whilst they were out on their Bronze D of E expedition.

The programme focussed on the Sandstone Trail, a popular route for walkers through the

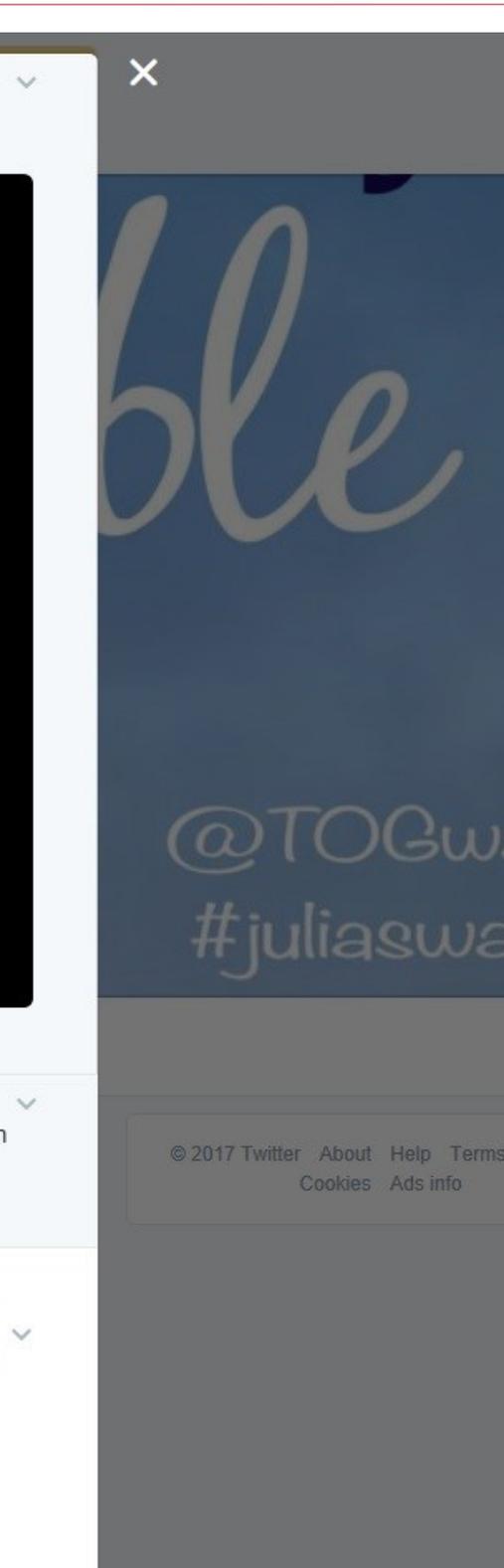
rolling fields of Cheshire. If you missed it, the episode is still available on the ITV Hub and if you look closely enough you can make out our Lymm cohort taking

on the great outdoors!

Congratulations to all students involved it takes a huge amount of hard work and perseverance to achieve a DofE Award at any level!

And, as Julia Bradley says: 15 minutes of fame is good!

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# NOTICES

## YEAR 11 PARENT REVISION WORKSHOP

Please click [HERE](#) to download a letter inviting you to the Y11 Parent Revision Workshop evening. As mentioned on the flyer distributed at the recent parents evening, the workshop will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 6pm.

Please print and return the reply slip to student services. Students were given a paper copy in registration on Thursday.

## YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

Year 10 Parents Evening will be taking place on Thursday 9th February, from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Appointments are now being made for the evening which will provide parents/carers the opportunity to discuss your son or daughter's progress.

As always, if you are unable to make an appointment with a particular teacher you especially wanted to see, please do feel free to email them and ask for a short telephone conversation.

## LYMM HIGH SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club is run by Student Services as one of the interventions used to support students in KS3. The allotment requires funds to cover the annual costs of materials and maintenance; to this end we try to raise as much as we can through the sale of bedding plants and hanging baskets.

If you usually buy plants or hanging baskets for your garden, please give our order form the once over [HERE](#) - there are some great deals to be had!!

# NOTICES

## SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

**S**ainsbury Active Kids has launched its 2017 campaign again. All Sainsbury stores will give vouchers when you spend above £5 in store. These vouchers can be used by the school to purchase new equipment and resources that focus on keeping your child healthy. Vouchers can be submitted into school via a box in the school shop or handed in to Student Services. Happy shopping!

## A LEVELS TOP 10% IN THE COUNTRY

**A** Level league tables published by the Department for Education have revealed the top schools for 16 to 18-year-olds.

Click [HERE](#) for the full article.

## GCSE RECOMMENDED REVISION GUIDES & TEXTS

**A** reminder that the list of recommended GCSE revision guides for current Year 11 students can be found in Parent Communications/Year 11. Please click [HERE](#) to be taken directly to it.

## YEAR 8 OFF TIMETABLE DAYS

**Growing Up; Keeping Happy, Keeping Safe  
February 3rd and February 13th 2017**

**Y**ear 8 students will be having a special day, when their normal timetable will be suspended, on either February 3rd or 13th. The students have been informed which day they are affected. On this day they should come to school as usual in full uniform and with their pencil cases. They will not need their exercise books. The day is part of our personal, social, health and sex and relationships education offer. If you have any questions over the day, please contact Ms O'Grady or Mr Spencer



Skies



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# Year 13 Graduate Fashion Show

**Wednesday 3rd May**  
**Free Entry**  
**Lymm High School**  
**Main hall**  
**WA13 ORB**

**Doors open : 19:00**  
**Show starts : 19:30**



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**Lymm Year 13 Graduate Fashion Show**



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**Year13 Fashion**

# A NOTE FROM THE HEAD

Dear parents and carers, One of the items in this week's bulletin focuses on behaviour, attendance and rewards. These are things we have worked very hard on over the past 18 months and all the evidence suggests we have made huge progress. In particular, behaviour is now something to be very proud of. Whenever I show prospective parents or teachers around the school, one of the first things they comment upon is how well behaved our students are, how calm the atmosphere is and how well students are working in lessons. The same is true of various headteachers and other education professionals who have visited the school recently; these are people who spend time in a lot of different schools and they are all telling us that the behaviour of Lymm High School students is superb.

The intention has been to raise expectations very considerably of what is considered to be good behaviour whilst, at the same time, still maintaining a

warm, positive atmosphere and without seeking to create conflict for the sake of it. Students now know our expectations and also know that it is futile to try to challenge these; as a result, we can focus more and more on

all the positive aspects of school life. We will never be complacent about behaviour and, as in any large school, will always have

the odd incident or issue that needs attention, but we really do believe that we have something to celebrate here. Thank you all for your support in this area.

On a different note, you will have noticed that the format of this bulletin has changed recently and we hope you like it. We have a fantastic new communications officer, Miss

Wilson, who must take all the credit. Feedback has suggested that the majority of you would like to know even more about what is going on in school and so we are trying to make sure that the bulletin does contain more information whilst still

keeping the important, day-to-day notices and messages nice and clear. In order to manage all this properly, the bulletin will now be issued every two weeks rather than weekly.

**'the behaviour  
of Lymm High  
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superb'**

Should any important messages need to go out in the meantime, we shall send text messages as normal.

**Gwyn Williams**  
**Headteacher**

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

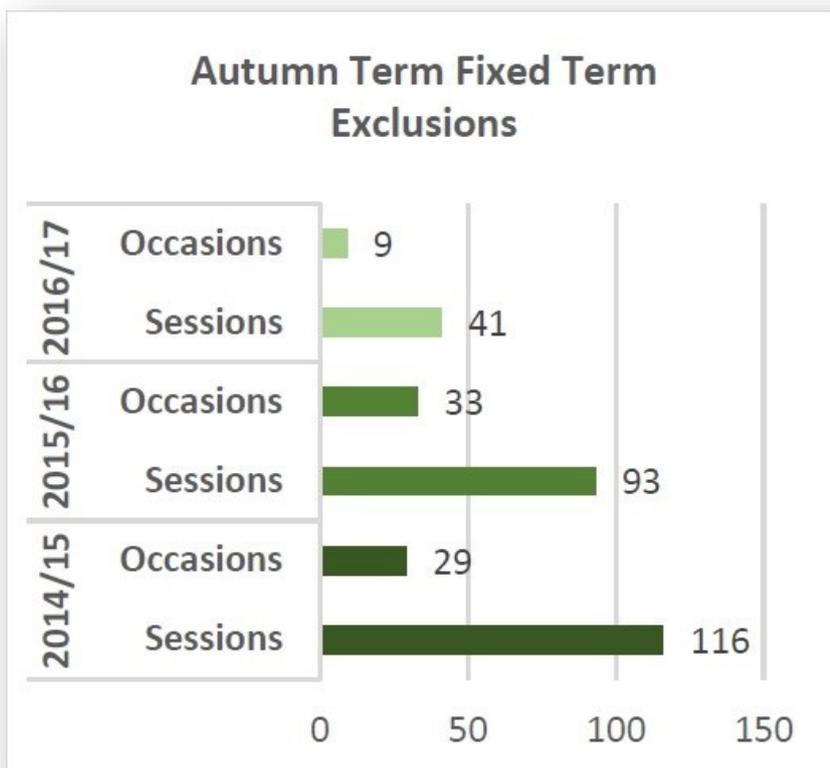
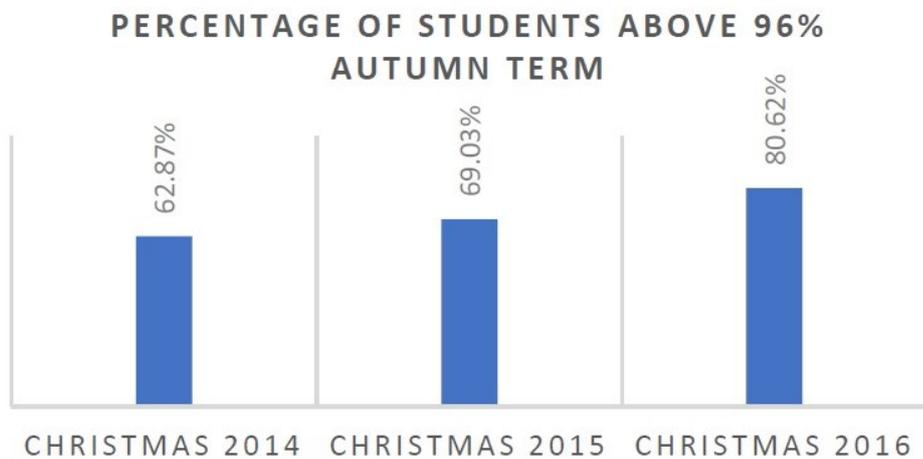
A summary of attendance and behaviour improvements made within the school by the hard work of our students, their parents and staff...

## ATTENDANCE

Owing to the work done to continue to improve attendance we achieved our target of maintaining above 96% in the academic year

2015/16, with the national average set at 94.7%. This places us in the top 20% nationally. The percentage of students achieving bronze,

silver and gold certificates at our recent Christmas awards assembly went up to 80.62% which is fantastic.



## BEHAVIOUR

We have worked very hard over the past 18 months to raise expectations in terms of behaviour and all the evidence strongly suggests that behaviour is continuing to improve. One of the pleasing aspects, as you can see from the chart to the left, is that we are seeing a vast reduction in the number of incidents requiring a consequence at the level of a fixed term exclusion.



We are not afraid of excluding students when appropriate – it is an important part of our sanctions system and essential for maintaining good order in any school. However, as a result of all the work we have done to

improve behaviour, we are finding that we need to use this route less and less often. When students receive an exclusion they are supported in their return through our pastoral team, who work to ensure that the same

behaviour does not re-occur. The percentage of students in our school that have received exclusions has been significantly lower than the national average for some time but it is now exceptionally low.

## LEADERSHIP LADDER & REWARDS

With improved behaviour, comes increased rewards. More and more students are now achieving their Leadership Ladder colours. More than 850 awards were given last year, with over 582 students on the Leadership Ladder. We have a further

122 students from last term, who have either joined or moved up this year already. The new Hall Points rewards pyramid has also proved extremely popular, with students hoping to be entered into one the draws for some amazing rewards.

Competition between the five Halls is really up, with Walton coming out on top last year. This shows that students are, on the whole, being extremely well behaved and engaging brilliantly in their learning.

Leadership Ladder Awards 2015/16

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
582	225	52	2

Hall Points 2015/16

Arley	Dunham	Moreton	Tatton	Walton
5160	4840	4640	3939	5379

## THANK YOU

The efforts of our students, their parents and our staff working in partnership are what is making all this possible!

# ELLENA HUDSON EXHIBITS AT THE WILLIAMSON GALLERY

On Tuesday 17th January, the Williamson Art Gallery opened its doors to students, parents, teachers and the public for the 'Young Artists in Cheshire' Exhibition. Our Yr 13 student Ellena Hudson was successful in securing a place on the prestigious residential and now has a selection of her work on display at the gallery.

'Young Artists in Tuscany' has been a highly successful sixth-form project since 1984, with coverage in the past on both Italian and English television and exhibitions of the work in London, Florence and Montreal. Many students have used this experience to gain places at prestigious art colleges across the country and this year's 'Young Artists in Tuscany' promises to build on these achievements.

Students drawn from Wirral, Cheshire West, Cheshire East, Warrington, Halton and Manchester undertake an interview process and



an interview process and successful candidates receive the unique opportunity to study and work in Tuscany, probably the most loved region of all Italy.

Over a period of 8 days practical work runs alongside organised visits to see some of the great works of the Italian Renaissance. Visits to Sansepolcro, Arezzo, Siena and Florence reveal the world's finest masterpieces by Giotto, Piero della Francesca, Raphael, Duccio, Benozzo Gozzoli and others, some housed in the art galleries, others in beautiful churches and cathedrals.

Having prepared for the visit in advance, the 42 students drew and recorded personal responses to the Renaissance works of art in their own sketchbooks. This helped to hone their skills of critical appraisal and added to their knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of art.

Once home they developed their ideas further through a range of mediums and produced a final piece for the exhibition.



The work exhibited was of exceptional quality and we are all very proud of Elle for her artistic achievements.

The exhibition closes on the 26th February.

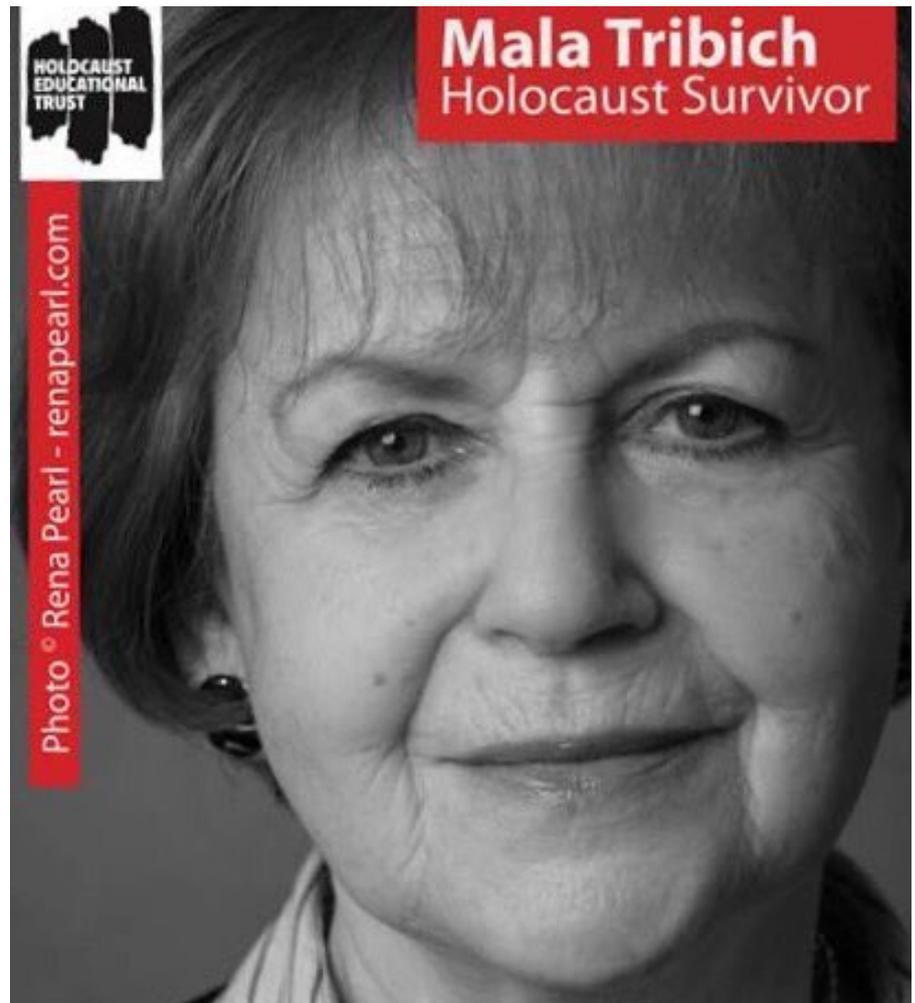
**‘The work exhibited was of exceptional quality and we are all very proud of Elle for her artistic achievements.’**

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Students witness a survivors testimony webinar for Holocaust Memorial Day

**H**olocaust Memorial Day was marked with a series of hall assemblies presented by four Year 13 students, who completed a series of workshops and a trip to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational trust in November. Their presentation discussed the rich cultural heritage of Jews prior to the Holocaust to give students an understanding of what was lost in Europe during World War Two. They also identified the significance of Holocaust Memorial Day to us today by making parallels with the modern refugee crisis in Europe and Jews during and before World War Two.

Year 10 scholars were given the opportunity to investigate the experiences of those during the Holocaust further by watching a live stream of Mala Tribich's survivor



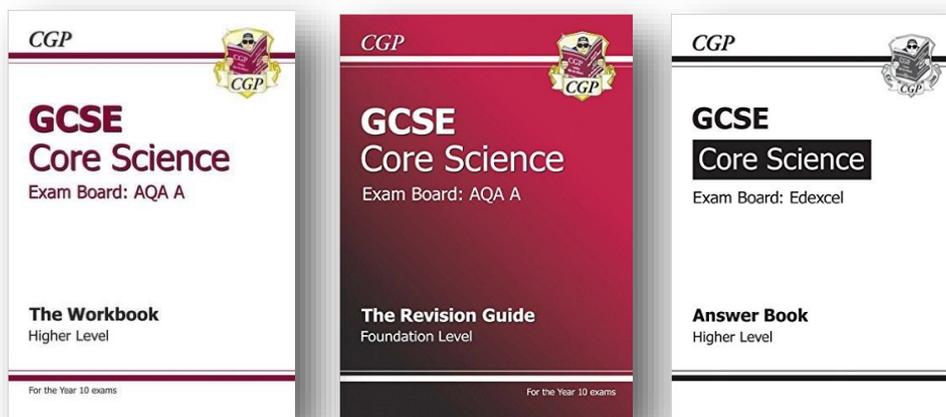
testimony. This helped them to appreciate the theme of this year's memorial which was 'How can life go on?' and looked specifically at the survivors of the Holocaust and how they dealt with the trauma of losing many family members and friends.

'Without hope there is no survival.'

Mala Tribich

# PLEA FOR GCSE SCIENCE AND REVISION GUIDES

Do you recognise these old revision guides? We need your help!



As you may be aware, our current Year 11 are the last cohort to sit the old 'legacy' Science GCSEs in either Biology, Chemistry and Physics, or Core and Additional Science.

Many schools sit Core Science at the end of Year 10 (ie in summer 2016) and possibly because of this, most

of the revision guides have gone out of print and even second hand copies are proving impossible to obtain. If your child sat either Separate Sciences, or Core and Additional Science (Dual Science) in the last 5 years and they have any of the AQA Science revision guides, workbooks or answer books

kicking around their bedrooms, we would be most grateful if they could donate them to school via Student Services.

Please see an example of the Core Science guides on the picture in this newsletter. Many thanks in advance.

## MEDIC PORTAL WEBINAR FOR LHS STUDENTS

On Monday 9th January students interested in studying medicine had the opportunity to attend a webinar delivered by the Medic Portal a company that specialise in supporting students on the process of

applying to medical school. As part of the presentation students benefitted from learning about writing a personal statement, entrance exams and the interview process.



# LYMM SPORTS STARS

This week we look at Lymm Sixth Form student Ellie Fletcher who plays football for England under 18's

I was first introduced to football at the age of 7 after being influenced by my dad. However it wasn't until the age of 12 when I joined my first club - Manchester City U13's. After a successful season with them, winning the league and cup double and being voted players' player of the year, I was scouted to join Manchester United Centre of Excellence; despite failing to reach the squad the previous year.

During my 4 years at Manchester United, I developed both as a player and a person. In 2015, we won the league and in 2016, I was selected as captain and led my team to the FA Cup Final which was held at St Georges Park against Arsenal.

In June 2016, I moved to Liverpool Ladies Development Squad, where we are unbeaten in all competitions so far this season. Following on from this success, I train with the first team on a regular basis which has been an exciting experience due to being exposed to top professional players of the Women's Super League.

All the hours of training and commitment dedicated to football has paid off as I received my first England call up for the U18's in early January to attend a training camp at St Georges Park.

The staff at school have been extremely supportive by helping me balance my school work with my heavy training schedule as I train nearly every day. This is especially important due to that fact I am in my last year of A Levels and looking to go to University next year, therefore learning to manage my time well is key in order to achieve that. The PE staff have had a massive influence in progressing me as a player by allowing me to use the fitness suite to support my training as well as doing extra



pitch based sessions at lunchtimes with me.

My short term ambition is to secure a place at either the University of Birmingham or Liverpool John Moores to study Sports and Exercise, as well as to extend my contract with Liverpool Ladies. However my overall aim is to reach the pinnacle of my sport, and become a professional football player in the Women's Super League and compete internationally for my country in a World Cup.

## Q&amp;A

**Tell me about the England Camp:**

The camp was such a good experience being able to train and learn off the best players in the country for my age group and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was physically and mentally demanding however, having to cope with the early mornings and double sessions each day. The camp was the first one as part of a two year cycle preparing us for the qualification rounds for the U19's European Championships in 2018.

**Did you feel nervous?**

Yes before the camp I was extremely nervous, especially because this was my first England Camp I've been called up for. However I settled in well and once I'd met all the team and staff I was more relaxed and could focus on the football side of things.

**Did they train you all day every day?**

No not all day every day. A typical day would include hydration testing in the morning followed by breakfast. After that we would have two training sessions lasting around 1.5 to 2 hours, split up in the day around lunch. Then we would have several meetings analysing our training sessions and reflecting on how we could improve our performance for the next session with the head coach and the video analyst. It's also important we got our rest so we had a few hours in the day to relax and socialise with our new team mates and prepare ourselves for the next training session.

**What about school work?**

While we were away, we had an Education Officer as part of our team of staff who puts on compulsory education sessions for us to complete our school work in between training sessions. These are in place to help us balance our school work and football and make sure we do well in our exams in summer despite missing school for camps.

**What was St George's Park like?**

St George's Park is an amazing campus as all the England Teams from both men's and women's use it. Being able to use the fantastic facilities was amazing and seeing and speaking to the likes of Gareth Southgate there was great!

**What is my ambition?**

My ambition is continue to get selected for England camps hopefully make the final squad for the U19's European Championships in 2018, providing we qualify. In the future I hope to play for the England Seniors in a major tournament and sign a professional contract to play in the Women's Super League!

**Do you have any advice to any our girls athletes?**

I think the best advice I could give to them would be to never give up on whatever you're trying to achieve, always work hard and the most important thing is to enjoy what you're doing and have fun!



Competing at a high level in football has provided me with unforgettable experiences that I am ever grateful for. I have met some fantastic people along the way and adopted skills that I am able to transfer in my life outside of sport which I may not have learnt. I fully recommend everyone to take part in sport at Lymm, because with hard work, you never know what you might achieve.

*Ellie Fletcher*



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# SPRING CONCERT

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH · 7PM  
Main Hall

Performances from the Junior and Senior Brass Bands, Junior and Senior String orchestras with guest players from local Primary schools, Big Band, Flute Ensemble, and Lymm High Orchestra

Tickets available from the school shop priced  
£6

THE SMART WAY TO LEARN SCIENCE  
THE SIMPLE WAY TO STUDY

# TASSOMAI SCIENCE REVISION

It's the final chance for Year 11 to subscribe to the Tassomai Science online revision programme.

If interested, please pay via Parent Pay. It is now only

£15 for Core/Additional Science until the end of this academic year or £20 for Separate sciences (reduced rate due to less time left before the exams).

## GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

Last week, four students were crowned golden ticket winners. Lucky students, Georgia Moore 7TH, Ella McCarthy 7ML, Katie Reader 10DL and Ruby D'Arcy 7DL won a complimentary swim pass for them and a friend to be used at Lymm Leisure centre.

# Schoolgateway

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Year 9 Choices Deadline**  
Thursday 2nd February

**Year 11 Parent Revision  
Workshop**  
Tuesday 7th February

**Year 10 Parents Evening**  
Thursday 9th February

**February Half Term break**  
Monday 20th February

**Spring Term Second Half  
Begins**  
Monday 27th February

**Year 10 Poetry Live! Trip**  
Monday 6th March

**Year 8 Parents Evening**  
Tuesday 14th March



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