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prepares to host its  
biggest event of the  
school year.

# NEWSLETTER

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## YEAR 13 GRADUATE FASHION SHOW 2018

Sixth Form students light up catwalk as Lymm High School stages fashion show.

The next generation of fashion designers showed off their creations at Lymm High for the Year 13 annual graduate fashion show.

More than 20 students took part in the annual showcase organised by the school and Sixth Form's Art and Design department.

As well as designing and making the clothes, students organised the lighting, music and staging.

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They took inspiration from a wide range of fashion designers and themes to create their design ideas and final pieces.

All students have secured places at universities to study fashion related courses and we wish them the best of luck!

Former students have gone on to find success in the fashion industry, with four students last year receiving offers to study at the London College of Fashion.

Rachael Doherty, Head of the Technology and Art faculty, said: "We are extremely fortunate to not only have outstanding facilities and exceptionally talented students, but a school which places great value and emphasis on the creative arts receiving an Artsmark Gold award this year.

"The wealth of creative talent here at Lymm High is evident in the designs and in the show's staging."

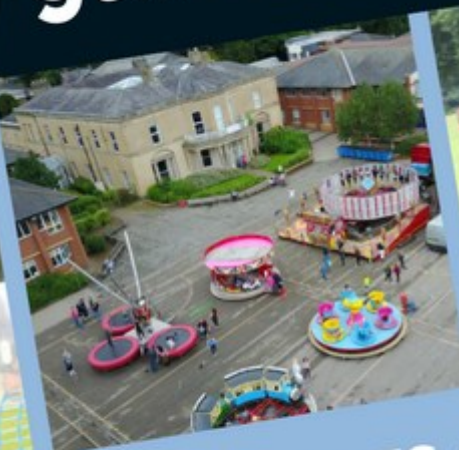




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# Summer Fayre

Saturday 9th June 2018



**ADULTS £2  
CHILDREN £1  
BABIES FREE**

**FAYRE STARTS 12PM**

*All  
Welcome!*

FAIRGROUND RIDES |  
TRADITIONAL GAMES | RODEO  
BULL | ZORBING | STALLS | BAR |  
FOOD AREA | COMPETITIONS | ITS  
A KNOCKOUT | PHOTOBOOTH |  
DANCE TENT | FACEPAINTING

# NOTICES

## PRIVACY NOTICE

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

Please click below to view:

[Updated Privacy Policy for Parents & Carers](#)

[Updated Privacy Policy for Students](#)

Students should, by now, have brought home an envelope containing important forms. These need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

## SUMMER FAYRE VOLUNTEERS

**R**OLL UP, ROLL UP! The Summer Fayre NEEDS YOU!  
We are in need of Parent Volunteers for the Summer Fayre, this coming Saturday 9th June. Please contact our business manager, Miss Tina McGuffie at [tmcguffie@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:tmcguffie@lymmhigh.org.uk) or a member of our PTA if you can spare the time to man a stall or help out during the event.

Please remind your child to return their raffle tickets into school for the summer fayre raffle. The form group that returns the most will receive a free breakfast and one lucky winner in the winning form group will win an iPad.

## CASH PAYMENTS

**A** polite reminder:

Please can you top up your child's cashless catering accounts via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food during their lunch break.

For enquiries please contact Ms Annabelle Ralph:  
[araplh@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:araplh@lymmhigh.org.uk)

## HAYFEVER

**N**ow the weather has warmed up can we please remind all pupils to bring a refillable water bottle to school to keep themselves hydrated. The hay fever season is also upon us. As a school we are unable to provide any medication so please can you insure your child has either taken or has the appropriate medication for that day on them.

# NOTICES

## EXAM WELL-BEING

Understandably this is an extremely anxious time for many students with their GCSE and A-level exams taking place.

Whilst some stress is natural, if you think your child is not coping with managing their anxiety levels in relation to their revision, and require some additional support, please don't hesitate to contact Student Services who will be able to provide support

## EARLY CLOSURE

Please note that school is open as normal on the 14th June.

The website at the start of the school year suggested we would be holding an open evening on this date and therefore closing early, but this is no longer the case.

## UNIFORM POLICY

Uniform policy can be a source of contention in every school, simply because there are so many different views on the subject. The more complicated a policy is and the more variations allowed, the more room there is for ambiguity, so it is our intention to keep things as straightforward as possible during the summer months.

When conditions are uncomfortable in school (something that depends on humidity, breeze and temperatures overnight as much as the actual temperature on any given day) we allow students to take blazers off and, if we feel it necessary, to remove ties and undo top buttons. Mrs Ryles-Dean is the person in school who typically makes the decision to allow these things and then emails all staff to pass on the message to students. These decisions are made on the day, and subject to the conditions within school at the time. We always allow teachers to use their discretion in allowing students to remove blazers in lessons, depending on conditions in that particular classroom.

Year 10 and 11 students will already know that we are allowing them to wear PE kit on days when they have external exams. This is because we know the Sports Hall can get very warm, especially when full of students. Students also know that they do not need to ask permission to remove blazers or ties during external exams.

In addition, when we are enjoying any nice summer weather it might be useful to remind students that the following suggestions are worth considering:

- Make use of the shady areas. We are fortunate that there is plenty of shade available around the school as well as the opportunity to stay indoors during break and lunchtimes. Students who choose to sunbathe or play football in the full sun for most of the break periods tend to be more likely to complain about the heat in the afternoon!
- Keep your refillable water bottle topped up. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles into school with them and to fill them up at breaks and lunchtime. They are allowed to drink water during lesson time, but please bear in mind that we do not usually let students leave lessons to get water.
- Girls are also reminded that they are free to wear plain black trousers if they find these more comfortable than tights on warm days.

If there are any truly exceptionally hot days, we will consider letting all students wear PE kit. However, we want to be very clear here; these will only be exceptionally hot days and not just normal summer weather. We would only anticipate needing to do this during a genuine heatwave.

We ask parents and students to bear in mind that there will always be differences of opinion as to what constitutes weather that is hot enough for adjustments to be made.

Whilst our aim is always to be reasonable, there has to be a balance between maintaining consistency of standards and making adjustments when really necessary. Thank you, as ever, for your understanding and support with this.

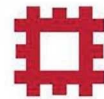
# EXPERIENCE MORE ADVENTURES WITH YOUR FAMILY THIS SUMMER!



A chance to **WIN** a Family Annual Membership with either the National Trust or English Heritage, when you play our lottery.



National  
Trust



ENGLISH  
HERITAGE

- Make a real difference and support OUR school and you could WIN £25,000.
- A GUARANTEED prize to one of YOUR supporters EVERY WEEK.
- Start supporting TODAY for only £1 a week!

To start supporting, Visit:

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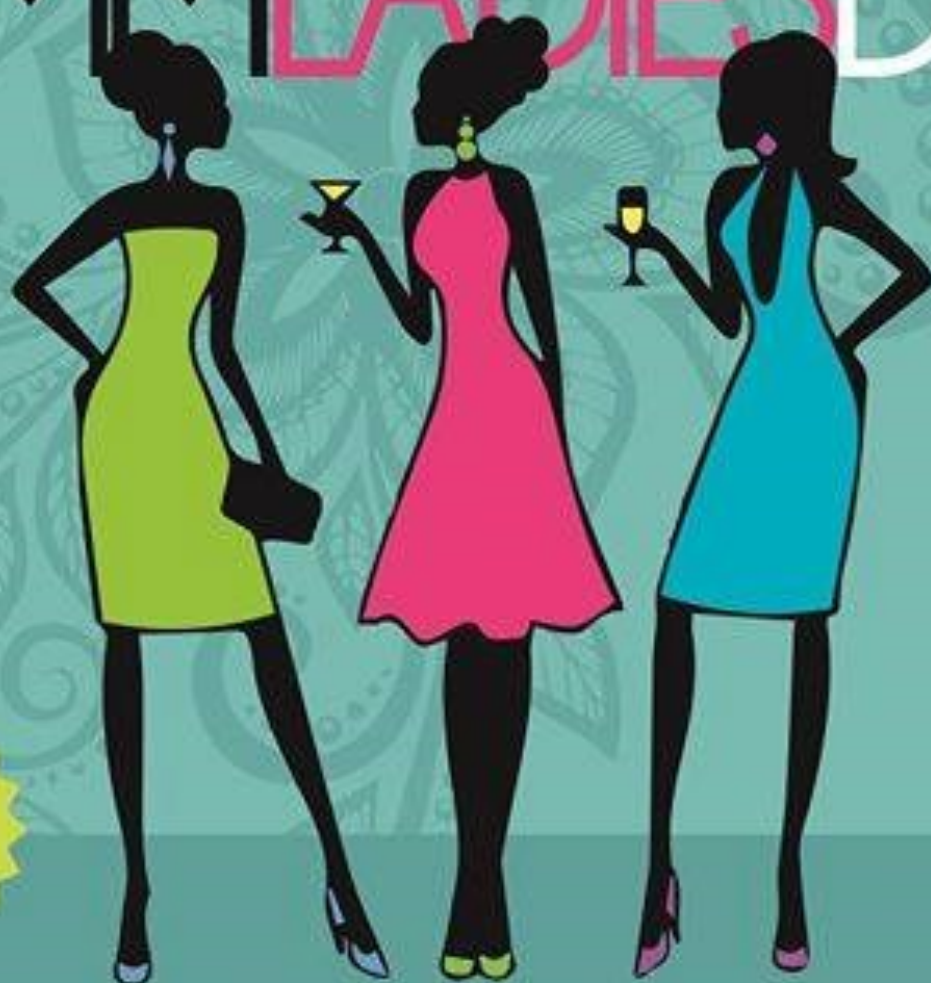
**Lymm**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 2nd May 2018

Terms and conditions apply – see website. A chance to WIN a Family Annual Membership to either the National Trust or English Heritage.

Lymm Rugby Club & The Schools Of Lymm Present

# LYMM LADIES DAY



**Hurry!**

Last year's  
event  
sold out...

**LYMM RUGBY CLUB FRIDAY 15TH JUNE**

*A day of indulgence for the ladies, from 10:30am-5pm*

**Tickets**  
**£32.50**

Includes fizz on entry,  
2-course lunch, browsing  
lovely boutique stalls,  
fashion show and  
fabulous goody bag

**Shop!**

Browse an array of gorgeous  
stalls, bubbly in hand...

**Fashion**

Enjoy a suitably glamorous  
fashion show

**Dress  
to impress!**

**BUY TICKETS**

through your school PTA,  
Lymm Rugby Club or Lymm High  
School uniform shop



# PITCH IN!

We'd like to express our enormous thanks to parents, students and members of the LHS Community who have already raised over

**£51,000**  
for the PitchIn! campaign

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## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to parents, old Lymmians and friends of Lymm High School for your extraordinary support and generosity so far this year, both in terms of donations you have made and also the support you have given in many other ways to our students.

It has been humbling to see how the community has responded to our Pitch In! appeal and we are delighted to announce that we are now over halfway towards reaching our fundraising target to bid for a new 3G sports pitch. Improving the changing rooms and implementing a new sports pitch will not only provide our students here at school with fantastic facilities, but also will provide opportunities for our partner schools and the local community to benefit.

Going forward, we still have the ambitious goal of raising the remaining £49,000 before we make an application to the Premier league and Football Association.

There is still much to accomplish and we are determined to achieve our goal and to ensure that the next stage of the 'PitchIn!' campaign will be as every bit as bold as the first. Each generation of Lymmians and parents benefit enormously from previous generations' philanthropy, and with your continued help and support, we are confident that we can achieve all that we have set out to do.

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## FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR

**£1826**  
raised for Pitch In! from non uniform day

**£24,801**  
raised by the Santa Dash and Interform event

**£1298**  
in sponsorship for staff who successfully climbed Mount Snowdon

**£10,000**  
kindly donated by Lymm Rovers F.C

**£3500**  
raised for Bavarian Bierkeller

# DofE EXPEDITIONS



## Bronze Expedition Complete! Miss Dixon with this report:

**W**e had a fantastic expedition with our Bronze DofE Year 9 students just before May half-term near Tarporley and Northwich.

Students experienced two tough days of walking with their substantial backpacks and the warm conditions making it all the more challenging for them!

Despite the warm weather, they were finally able to put into practice all of their classroom expedition training. Navigating, hiking, camping – they conquered it all – with a few adventures and extra

miles along the way.

It was also great to see such independence at the campsite in the pitching of their tents, cooking and washing up.

Nearly 80 of the students on the expedition joined in a big game of 'tag' just before bed and it was fantastic to see students socialising with others they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to interact with at school.

All of the teams impressed the supporting staff with their team work and determination.

Participants were a credit to the school and to themselves

and it was a great 'dress rehearsal' for their qualifying expedition which takes place on the 15th/16th June.

*Students should have received their letters. If for any reason your child hasn't, these are available to collect from Student Services or via the DofE section on the LHS website.*

*Reminder that there is a pre-expedition meeting for all Bronze (see letter for details) this Thursday 6th June 3:15 – 4pm in the Main Hall. Please let Student Services know if your child cannot attend.*

**Miss Dixon**

# SUMMER FAYRE 2018

Lymm High School is preparing to host it's annual Summer Fayre on Saturday.

**T**he popular event held on the school grounds returns again this June and is undoubtedly one of the biggest community celebrations in the school's calendar.

Visitors will enjoy a whole host of activities including traditional games, fairground rides, inflatables, zorbing and a number of stalls run by the school as well as community enterprises.

You'll find a range of music and performing arts, displays and presentations, including the opportunity to compete in Lymm's very own singing competition, 'The Voice'.

There will also be a staff sumo race, a coconut shy and raffles, and a range of refreshments available throughout the

afternoon including a bar, hot food, cream teas, ice-creams and a BBQ.

Between 1pm – 2pm, families are encouraged to bring their dogs to enter the school's very first dog show for the chance to win a doggie makeover and bottle of champagne.

All are invited to the fun-filled event which aims to raise funds to improve the school's sports facilities.

Money raised from the fayre will go towards the high school's 'Pitch In!' campaign, a fundraising initiative with a £100,000 target to bid for a new 3G sports pitch and changing room facilities.

Entry is £2 for adults and £1 for children, with children under the age of 4 admitted for free.

Tina McGuffie, Business Manager for Lymm High School said, "Our Summer Fair is always a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

"It's a lovely way to mingle and have fun with other friends and families and raises much needed funds for our school.

"It's been a huge feat of organisation for everyone involved in the school community and we are so proud of how students, staff and local businesses have pulled together to create an event which will help provide our students and community with fantastic facilities.

"We look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible there for what promises to be a great family day out."





# FOODBANK SUCCESS

Lymm High School students helped contribute back to their local community by donating tonnes of food to their local Foodbank.

The collection, a Sixth Form-led volunteering food drive before the half term break, urged students to collect as many food donations as possible.

The Trussell Trust runs a network of over 400 foodbanks, giving emergency food and support to people in crisis across the UK, where thirteen million people live below the poverty line.

The aim of the collection was to provide extra resources in

aid of the area's local Foodbank, who are experiencing a worrying rise in emergency demand.

The school as a whole, collected four barrels of food donations, with the collection proving to be a huge success!

Trish Cockayre, volunteer for the Trussell Trust, said the food would be warmly welcomed.

"Just looking round at the food that's been collected it will make a massive difference

to help people who are currently in crisis."

Students coming together for the collection to help out in the community truly encapsulates Lymm High School's mission to develop socially responsible citizens.

Well done to all who donated!

# GOLD IN VENICE!

Year 9 student Amy Jade Nelson has recently competed in the International Diamond Skate Trophy competition in Dollo, Venice.

The young figure skater won a gold medal in the competition, landing all her jumps in a beautiful programme despite the increase in technicality.

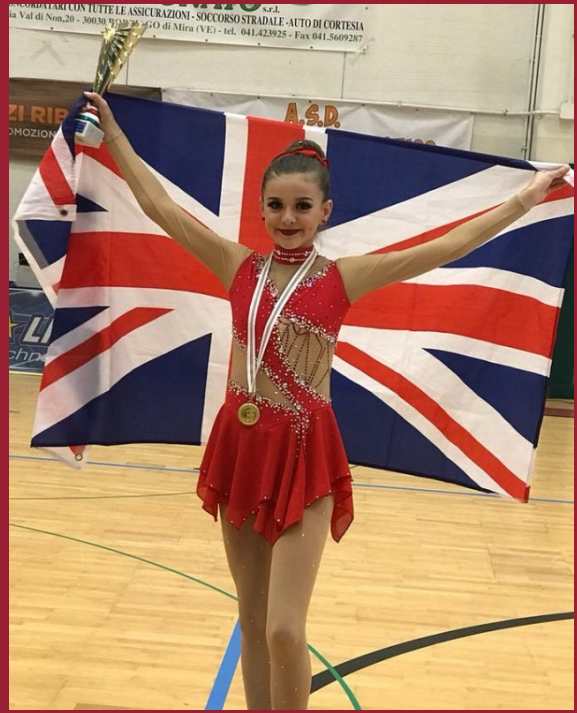
Sharing the rink in Venice with 140 other skaters from seven countries, Amy was skating for the first time in junior ladies' division, having earned her move up to the category when she won at the world championships last year.

She is now preparing to compete in the World Open Inline Figure Skating Championships this summer.

Amy trains regularly, before and after school and also at weekends. When asked about the upcoming competition Amy said, "It was such an amazing experience and I would like to thank my coaches Jane and Donna for helping me achieve my goals!

"Over the past three years I have completed numerous tests and competitions, skated at Ice hockey matches, been in Christmas shows, Easter galas and skated in the professionals on Ice tour.

"I also do inline skating which recently resulted in winning gold for Great Britain in the 3rd and 4th junior ladies' division in Dijon last year. I'm really looking forward to competing again in the world championships for Great Britain in July with all my skating friends"





# WATER WARNING

There are many sites in Cheshire where on a hot day children are entering into the water surrounding Lymm, for example The Bridgewater Canal, The Bollin River, Lymm Dam and the river bed at Warburton. Cheshire Police have asked us to speak to parents/carers about the danger of going into open water after dealing with incidents of children in the locality.

With the warm weather and the Whit and summer holidays children and young people may be tempted to take a dip in open water to cool down. Please can you speak with your children to get the

message across that rather than being a bit of fun, swimming in reservoirs, quarries, dams, lakes, canals, meres, weirs and similar bodies of open water is very dangerous and every year young lives are lost in tragic drowning incidents.

For awareness it has been reported that some children have become unwell and have had an allergic reaction to being in the local River Bollin suffering a rash and blisters and have had to seek medical attention.

Please see below from Cheshire Police highlighting the dangers around water safety for children and young

people.

Beautiful but deadly: why reservoirs are best enjoyed from the banks.

We have 180 reservoirs across the North West, many in beautiful locations. We'd love you to visit your local site, but please, stay out of the water. Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are about the worst possible places to take a swim.

The freezing cold water can numb your limbs, while hidden currents and machinery can drag you under, even the strongest swimmers can quickly get into difficulty.

# MASTERING YOGA



Our Year 9 and 10 Youth Health Champions are currently working with local Yoga instructor, Callie Meakin on a 6-session course of challenging Yoga.

The students want to strengthen their understanding of how the physical body and the mind work together to aid our overall wellbeing.

After a 'giggly' start the students are now working with their specific breathing techniques to enable them to negotiate poses such as 'Warrior', 'Cat and Cow', 'Downward Dog' and 'Crow' to name just a few. However, it is their effort in understanding that there is no competition in



Yoga that has allowed them to engage with their own personal journey.

The students love to work with Callie who makes the sessions fun and challenging. Callie has complimented our student's

level of maturity and willingness to "get stuck in and have a go".

The sessions continue throughout June.

# It's all About STEM



On Wednesday 16th May a group of 8 Key stage 3 girls attended a Cyber First Day at Priestley College. The event was organised by the Youth Fed to highlight IT careers and pathways and encourage more girls to enter this field.

The students took part in group challenges and discussions and listened to some engaging speakers talking about topics including the history of computing, e safety and the impact of mobile phones and social media.

The students were given the opportunity to do some hands on coding and programming with Python and met with industry experts and people who work in the Computer Science industry to find out what their daily jobs entail and how their careers have progressed. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening and the students gained a lot from their experience.

## Junior Maths Challenge

This year Lymm High School has seen unprecedented success in the Junior Maths Challenge, with a large proportion of students who were entered gaining an award. This year we had five students in Year 7 and five students in Year 8 achieve a Gold award. Special congratulations must go to Zuza Konca in Year 8 who, not only achieved best in school and best in year, but qualified for the Olympiad – an accomplishment that only the top students nationally achieve. Zuza is the first student for some time to qualify for this prestigious competition. Charlie Exley – also in Year 8 – also qualified for a secondary competition – the Junior Kangaroo. Well done to both of them. The Junior Maths Challenge is an annual national maths competition that tests student's problem solving and reasoning skills.

## STEM Careers Club

The final half term of this academic year also sees the launch of the STEM Careers Club. The Club will allow students to find out about a variety of different STEM Careers – some traditional and some in evolving industries. Each week a different career will be explored and students will watch a live broadcast with a professional who works in the science, technology or digital media industries. Students will complete mini challenges set by the interviewee and do their own research on the careers featured. They will also be given the opportunity to set questions each week in advance of the interviews. Future guests will include a Sugar Scientist, a digital entrepreneur and a Google innovator!

STEM Club will run on Monday  
(Challenge and Question setting) and  
Thursday (Live Broadcast) at lunchtime,  
1.30-2.05pm in Room E103



# HATS FOR HEADWAY

Lymm High School hold cake sale for charity close to students heart and mind.

**H**ats for Headway Day took place during Action for Brain Injury Week on Friday 18 May 2018. Miya O'Brien from 7DH organised a cake sale with her form group to raise money for the charity Headway as this charity is very important to her

and her family. The cake sale was a fantastic success for the form group and approximately £300 was raised for the charity.

Headway has a charity shop in Lymm village and more information about the charity can be found on their website [headway.org.uk](http://headway.org.uk).

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Summer Fayre**  
Saturday 9th June

**Ladies Day**  
Friday 15th June

**DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition**  
Friday 15th June -  
Saturday 16th June

**Year 11 Prom**  
Thursday 28th June

**Awards Evening**  
Tuesday 3rd July

**Year 13 Prom**  
Thursday 5th July

**Founders Day Service**  
Tuesday 17th July

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