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## COUNTY CHAMPIONS THE JOURNEY TO THE TOP!

Lymm High School girls win the 2019 Cheshire School's FA Trophy.

Lymm High School won the 2019 Cheshire School's County Football Trophy last week, with both themselves and Christleton High School putting in a performance to be proud of. In what was an excellent contest and a fitting end to this

year's competition, Lymm High School's under 16 girls won 2-1 against their opponents, becoming the first Lymm High School girls' football team to ever win the Cheshire County Cup title. The mood from the Lymm side was one of excited

determination from the start, and having been resoundingly beaten by Christleton last year - the finalists knew they would be put to the test. As Christleton High kicked off the match, Lymm U16s set a fiery pace, leaving their

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opponents under no illusions that they were playing to win.

Within the first ten minutes, Lymm had not only found their feet, but also had a game plan that saw them create chance after chance.

The game itself was the perfect example of sporting spirit, with fans of both Lymm and Christleton getting behind the girls.

Lymm's Phoebe Hampson, who also plays for the Wales women's national football team, supported teammate Lily Parsons in controlling the centre of the field.

It was no surprise when, after a surging break, Lymm were awarded a corner, which was taken by Lauren Broadley.

Broadley aimed to the front post where the ball was flicked

on by a defender, only to be picked up by an unmarked Isabel Gare at the back post.

Isabel Gare gave Lymm High School the lead with a superb goal volleyed into the roof of the net, leaving the score 1-0 Lymm.

This early goal gave the Lymm girls the confidence they needed and, five minutes after roaring into the lead, Lymm were awarded a free kick wide on the right.

Phoebe Hampson fired her strike goal-ward, and Lymm's supporters groaned in disappointment as the ball glanced off the leg of a defender who was working to keep it out of the net.

Unfortunately, for Christleton however, Hampson's forceful strike proved impossible to

deflect, and the ball's ricochet off the keeper made it 2-0

Lymm - a score maintained as the whistle blew for half time.

In the second half, Christleton started well, and although matched by Lymm in most areas, it was inevitable that the rival team would get a shot on goal.

With fifteen minutes until final whistle, Christleton gained a free kick which they thundered towards the goal – an attack which Ella Oldland initially parried, before the ball rebounded back into play. The waiting Christleton attack tapped it home to make it 2-1.

With Christleton refusing to go down without a fight, the final moments of the title game made for tense viewing for the Lymm supporters.





Seeking out weaknesses, the opposing side began to heap pressure onto Lymm's back line, which Emma Parkinson and Evie Thornton had thus far been controlling effortlessly. In the space of five minutes Christleton's girls hit the bar three times, but Lymm goalkeeper, Ella Oldland, heroically managed to keep the ball out of the Lymm net - sealing the win and the trophy.

Applauded by PE staff from Lymm High School, the girls took time out to walk across to their tearful defeated semi-final opponents from Christleton, to put consoling arms around their rivals.

Jennifer Ball, Teacher of PE at Lymm High School, was delighted with the girl's victory, "It was a fantastic game, played in a good atmosphere. The standard of our girl's football is getting better and better every year and our girls have demonstrated some fantastic football throughout the competition," she said.

Both sides received medals after the game in recognition of their fantastic achievements in the 2018/19 Girls Cup, and Lymm High School lifted the trophy to great applause around the ground.

**Final score: Lymm High School 2 – 1 Christleton High School.**





# WORLD BOOK DAY

## World Book Day 2019: Teachers get into character to inspire their students

Teachers and staff surprised students, wearing fancy dress to celebrate World Book Day. There were some fabulous costumes on display; from the Grim Reaper to Dr Suess' 'Cat in a Hat' - We even had our very own Scrooge!

During the course of the day,

students across all the year groups enjoyed whole school tasks and competitions around the theme 'celebrating real stories'.

Staff encouraged students to tell each other a 'real' story about themselves recognising the many brilliant and authentic things happening in

their lives worthy of celebration.

There were World Book Day quizzes and a treasure hunt, as well as book themed lessons.

There was a real buzz about school and it was wonderful to see how many got involved in dressing up this year.





# STRINGS AT STOKE MINSTER

Senior String students perform a touching tribute to England goalkeeper



**L**ymm High Schools Senior String Ensemble performed at Stoke Minster on Monday 4th March to celebrate the life of Gordon Banks, one of the world's greatest goalkeepers and widely regarded as England's greatest ever goalkeeper and a key member of the 1966 World Cup winning side.

The legendary goalkeeper has consistently supported the string group over the years with two of his granddaughters playing in the

group before leaving for university.

Travelling to Stoke in a Stoke City Coach, students were honoured to pay tribute as crowds gathered and thousands of football fans, families and schoolchildren lined the streets of Stoke-on-Trent.

The funeral, which took place on the 47th anniversary of Stoke City's League Cup triumph, was broadcast live to over 20,000 at the Bet365 stadium.

The Lymm students performed brilliantly on what was an emotional day to a church packed with many sporting celebrities including Jack and Sir Bobby Charlton.

Towards the end of the performance, Bobby Charlton made a point of coming over to say how much he'd appreciated the music.

Not only did the students play beautifully but their behaviour was immaculate throughout. They were a real credit to Lymm High School.



# ILLUSTRATOR VISITS LYMM HIGH SCHOOL



Ex-pupil and talented illustrator Kate Hulme returned to Lymm High school to share her knowledge of illustration.

Artist and illustrator Kate, who has worked on a wide range of projects from media illustrations to designing babies clothing for John Lewis, visited the school to talk to Year 12 & 13 Art and Fashion students on Friday 8th

March.

A recent graduate from Leeds Arts University and a past student of Lymm High School, Hulme emphasised the importance of embracing any opportunities you may be given as an artist, and not

being scared to do something you have never done before!

During her visit she gave inspiring advice in regards to advertising yourself and the importance of researching before contacting potential clients or employers.



The main focus of Kates visit was to advertise the Life Drawing course which she is running for five weeks which began from Wednesday 13th March at the Lymm Heritage Centre.

It's a fantastic opportunity for our A Level students to learn a new skill which will be very beneficial to them not only for their current projects but also if they choose to study a creative subject at University level.

It's also a great way to meet other creatives in the local area, in a friendly and relaxed environment.





## ENGLISH LECTURE TRIP

A group of twenty-five Year 12 and 13 students attended a day of highly informative and entertaining English Language lectures at the Central Hall in Manchester on the 13th March.

Two highly respected linguistics experts, Dan Clayton and Marcello Giovanelli, spoke to a packed hall about language and gender, social groups and accent and dialect, with a clear focus on the importance of the words we use.

Highlights included forensic analysis of a passive aggressive note from a flatmate, exploration of the horrendously sexist language in the Daily Mail's Sidebar of Shame and Mrs Culver being the only one to laugh at the Heaven 17 joke - clearly showing her age!

The day was thought provoking and helpful: both for Year 13 in terms of the lead up to their exams and to year 12 as an overview of what they have studied and what is still to come in year 13 of the course.

As ever, our students were a credit to the school and we thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with them.

Mrs Culver and Mrs Lorenzelli.

# GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

Lymm High schools first LGBTQ+ fundraising event went off with a bang – or should that be crunch!?

Members and friends of the club made a mouth-watering three hundred ginger bread people all beautifully iced and decorated to raise money for The Proud Trust!

Over £100 pounds was raised for the organisation, who work with the community to ensure that young people can be proud of their identity.

The Proud Trust have continued to support us in our

commitment to inclusivity and diversity within Lymm High school.

One student commented "It was a fantastic opportunity for the club to get together and have a social event – not one single batch was burnt so we're really happy!

"We're really proud to have this club in school and can't wait to get started on future projects!"





# LYMM MAYBALL



LHS PTA



SATURDAY 18TH MAY  
**HALLMARK HOTEL WARRINGTON | 7PM**

THREE COURSE MEAL  
FANTASTIC LIVE AUCTION AND RAFFLE  
ENTERTAINMENT WITH MUSIC AND DANCING

**TICKETS: £40 (Earlybird offer) / £45 | Tables of 10**  
**Available via ParentPay or by emailing [ptachair@lymmhigh.gov.uk](mailto:ptachair@lymmhigh.gov.uk)**

DRESS CODE

Dress to impress (Black Tie Optional)



# It's all About STEM

## THE BIG BANG FAIR

On Friday 15th March, a group of 50 Year 8 students attended the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers Fair is the largest celebration of STEM for young people in the UK. The fair takes place annually in and is led by EngineeringUK in partnership with over 200 organisations across government, industry, education and the wider science and engineering community.

The Big Bang programme exists to bring science and engineering to life for young people. The Big Bang celebrates and raises the profile of young people's achievements in science and engineering and encourages more young people to take part in science, technology, engineering and maths initiatives with support from their parents and teachers.

The Big Bang Fair gives young people the chance to get hands on with experiments, meet employers and take part in live science shows. This year the live science shows included an opportunity to cook with a robot chef, to deal with dangerous equations, to discover how deadly diseases are spread and to answer some of wackiest and weirdest questions young people may have about science.

The Fair also showcases a huge variety of careers and young people are encouraged to talk to professionals and find out more about what they do. Every STEM career imaginable was represented and there was something inspiring to match the interests of everyone who visited.

There was so much on offer and it kept the students busy throughout the day. The students gained a lot from their trip and were inspired and enthusiastic about what they learnt and had the opportunity to take part in over the day





# DARESBURY SIXTH FORM TRIP

The purpose of the visit was to provide students with hands-on experience of leading research at some of the world-leading scientific facilities at the Daresbury Laboratory. The students were given the opportunity to see some of their A Level Physics and Chemistry courses applied in action.





# BOYS FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Lymm sent a strong squad to the final and on the back of a fantastic semi-final the boys were full of confidence. An outstanding team effort saw the boys crowned County Champions by beating a very talented Kings Chester HS squad managed by ex- Everton player, Barry Horne.

Lymm led at half time 2-0 thanks to goals from Matthew

Williams and Nathan Lowe and further extended our lead to 3-0 when Archie Steed scored early on in the second half. Kings then mounted a spirited comeback, scoring 2 goals in quick succession to make the score 3-2 to Lymm. Billy Davies in goal for Lymm produced some outstanding saves to keep the boys lead intact, next goal would be crucial! Up stepped Archie

Steed to calmly control the ball and execute a perfect lob over the Kings Goalkeeper to make the score 4-2 and ease players and supporters nerves.

A thoroughly deserved victory for the boys and an unbelievable experience that will stay in our memories for a long time to come.



# GIRLS HANDBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Lymm High School's U15 Girls' Handball Team stormed to victory in March, to become Cheshire County champions.

Having previously won the Warrington finals, the girls travelled to the Northgate Arena, Chester, to compete against other winning schools from across Cheshire.

Our team, comprising Year 9 and 10 students, played some

fantastic handball throughout the day, showcasing the high levels of skill and commitment that Lymm High School's handball teams are renowned for.

The girls were unbeaten – tying one match, and winning

the other four, ensuring their resounding success, and qualification for the North West finals. These will take place in Oldham, in May, and we look forward to seeing what they can do there.





# GIRLS RUGBY

## TACKLING A NEW SPORT

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**L**ymm has introduced girls' rugby in response to a number of girls who said that they would like the opportunity to tackle a new sport.

Girls & women's rugby is a fast growing sport, every weekend more than 18,000 women and girls lacing up boots, taping up legs, running, rucking and tackling.

Girls are also getting into rugby at a much younger age. It is becoming a popular sporting choice now, just as much as Hockey and Netball.

The opportunity for girls to play rugby at junior level is huge and nearly every rugby club across the country will see girls running out to train with the boys and give them a good challenge on the pitch! Traditionally seen as a male

sport Rugby Union is a territorial, full-contact, team game which contrary to popular belief is inclusive of all shapes and sizes.

It's your speed, skill, strength and attitude that will determine where you'll play on the pitch; our Year 7 girls will often demonstrate this by giving the Year 10 girls a run for their money when speeding up the wing.



It is a very skilful game and sees players creating lots of space and using their footwork and pace to play some pretty amazing rugby and score some great crowd pleasing tries. The girls love it!

During training girls use the core values that lie at the heart of rugby union. Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship; all of these values can be taken into the classroom and inform their lives outside of school.

As part of their training, girls learn how to play the basics of the game. These basics include; passing drills, footwork and agility and the girls are never happier than when the pads come out and the gum guards go in for some tackling training.

The girls play a mixture of touch and contact rugby dependent on numbers and ages but the girls often like playing together with a mixed team of Year 7 to Year 10 using each other's strengths to get the ball over the try line.

The future of girl's and women's rugby is looking bright indeed and at Lymm, we are keen to develop and encourage young women to be not only the best they can, by seeing the best of themselves, but by becoming part of one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

#thisgirlcan





# ETON DORNEY

## Lymm High School student success during Junior Sculling Head.

Lymm High School students laid a marker on the national stage during the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head in March.

Four of our girls competed at the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head at Eton Dorney Lake, completing two legs of 1,800m.

It was an excellent opportunity for students to not only compete, but excel as well, at a national competition held at a venue that hosted rowing during the Olympic Games back in 2012.

Representing Warrington Rowing Club, students Emilia McMonagle, Isabel Potts, Jemima Worth and Martha Farrow made up the coxed quad, with Worth acting as Cox.

Putting in a solid performance amongst a national field, the girls came sixth out of nearly sixty crews from all over the country.

Racing at Eton Dorney was a fantastic experience for these young crews and they all performed extremely well and should be very proud of themselves.

They now have more training and racing ahead in the Summer Term, with the National Schools Regatta at the end of May where they hope to repeat their success.





# BASKETBALL

**W**ell done to our Year 9 boys basketball squad on their performance in the Cheshire finals finishing 4th.

# ATHLETICS

**W**ell done to our Year 7 girls and year 8 boys athletics teams for their performances at the Cheshire Indoor Athletics finals. Some outstanding performances against some tough opposition.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 5th April**  
End of Term

**Tuesday 23rd April**  
Term Begins  
(students return)

**Fri 19th - Mon 22nd April**  
Easter Weekend

**Saturday 18th May**  
LHS May Ball

**Thursday 27th June**  
Y11 Prom



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