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Students commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day by participating in a live Webcast

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We take a closer look at our young athletes on the path to success in sport!

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Sport goes from strength to strength as Lymm High School honour student success. A message from the Head of Physical Education...

ince September, Lymm have competed in over 220 sports fixtures in rugby, football, netball and hockey which is an incredible achievement. In addition to this, the participation levels at our lunchtime and after school clubs has been fantastic. Well done to all the students who

have represented the school this year and to those who have attended these clubs on a regular basis.

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Table tennis has been hugely popular this year, especially with the Year 10 boys who have been trying to improve their performances for GSCE assessment purposes. Currently, table tennis is running on a Monday lunch for all year groups and Tuesday lunch for GCSE students only. Additionally, there are sessions running after school (Tuesday and Wednesday) for GCSE PE students. There will be a table tennis tournament to look forward to during the final week of this half term. This will run during lunch times in the gym and will be open to all students.

Rowing (indoor) also continues to take place in the gym on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mr. Brownley. We have an Indoor Rowing competition coming up in March, which will be provide a great opportunity for our rowers to challenge themselves against other schools in the County. If interested in taking part, please attend the club or speak to Mr. Brownley. This will be open to years 7-10.

This Wednesday, our U18 Netball team will be competing at the Cheshire finals. Good luck to Mrs Walsh and the girls from Year 11 and Sixth Form!

Inter-hall Sports

After half term we will be running the KS3 inter-hall competitions in the swimming pool. Year 7 and 8 will both compete in swim galas whilst Year 9 students will be taking part in water polo. This is an optional activity, with each Hall requiring six boys and six girls for the galas.

Swimming is a fantastic sport. Not only is it a life skill, it is fantastic for health and fitness. Please encourage your child to take part in this opportunity and make sure they always have their correct kit when swimming in PE lessons.

Honours Boards

Before Christmas I asked all students, who have represented their county (or equivalent), to pass on relevant details so I can update the sports honours boards. Please can you check the details that follow and let me know urgently if there are any details omitted or incorrect.

Mr James Hampton Head of PE



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-	Athletics	Joe Murphy	Cheshire	U17	2016/17
	Athletics	Jordan Jones	North West	U15	2016/17
	Athletics	Mohammed Ali	Cheshire	U15	2016/17
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	Cricket	Joe Tomlinson	Cheshire	U13	2016/17
-	Cross Country	Jordan Jones	Cheshire	U15	2016/17
	Cross Country	Eva Ferris	Cheshire	U13	2016/17
	Football	Phoebe Hampson	Cheshire	U15	2016/17
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	Golf	Zoe Hatcher	Cheshire	U18	2016/17
	Hockey	Emily Jones	East Cheshire	U15	2016/17
	Hockey	Tom Davenport	North	U15	2016/17
	Hockey	Hannah Wadsworth	East Cheshire	U17	2016/17
	Hockey	Finlay Turbull	Greater Manchester and North West	U15	2016/17
	Hockey	Anna Wrigglesworth	East Cheshire	U15	2016/17
	Hockey	Elena Cottrell	East Cheshire	U16	2016/17
	Hockey	Lily Turnbull	East Cheshire	U13	2016/17
	Hockey	Oliver Pyman	East Cheshire	U13	2016/17
-	Hockey	Sam Foster	East Cheshire	U14	2016/17
-	Inline Skating	Amy Nelson	Great Britain	Women's	2016/17
	Netball	Grace Bates	North West	U17	2016/17
	Netball	Macy Evans	Cheshire	U15	2016/17
	Netball	Lauren Smith	Merseyside	U14	2016/17
	Netball	Suzie Underwood	Cheshire	U14	2016/17
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	Netball	Abigail Hayden	Merseyside	U15	2016/17
	Rugby Union	Joe Murphy	Sale Sharks Academy	U18	2016/17
	Rugby Union	James Sherlock	Cheshire	U17	2016/17
-	Rugby Union	Alfie Simpson	Cheshire	U16	2016/17
	Rugby Union	Sam Dickenson	Cheshire	U16	2016/17
	Rugby Union	Harry Ratcliffe	Cheshire	U16	2016/17
	Squash	Matthew Quayle	Cheshire	U15	2016/17
	Swimming	Lydia Keeley	Cheshire	U12	2016/17
-	Swimming	Olivia Walsh	Cheshire and North West	U14	2016/17
-	Swimming	Olivia Molden	Cheshire and North West	U12	2016/17
	Tennis	Alice Sheilds	Cheshire	U12	2016/17
	Tennis	Gabrrella Komsiiski	Cheshire and Great Britain	U14	2016/17
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Cross Country	Lauren Ferris	North West	U20 2017/18
Cross Country	Jordan Jones	Cheshire	U17 2017/18
Football	James Cafferty	Cheshire	U18 2017/18
Football	Sam Bernard	Cheshire	U16 2017/18
Football	Phoebe Hampson	Wales	U17 2017/18
Football	Ella Oldand	Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Golf	Beth Hatcher	Cheshire	U18 2017/18
Golf	Zoe Hatcher	Cheshire	U18 2017/18
Hockey	Hattie Cosgrove	East Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Hockey	Ella Oldland	East Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Hockey	Oliver Pyman	East Cheshire	U14 2017/18
Hockey	Ewan Phillips	East Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Hockey	Grace Bradley	East Cheshire	U16 2017/18
Hockey	Georgina Cosgrove	East Cheshire	U17 2017/18
Hockey	Sam Foster	East Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Hockey	Tom Davenport	North West	U17 2017/18
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Netball	Suzie Underwood	Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Netball	Francesca Miller	Cheshire	U12 2017/18
Netball	Grace Bates	Manchester Thunder	U17 2017/18
Netball	Millie Wright	Cheshire	U12 2017/18
Netball	Heather Evans	Cheshire	U13 2017/18
Netball	Abigail Hayden	Merseyside	U16 2017/18
Netball	Macy Evans	Cheshire	U17 2017/18
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Rugby Union	Cameron Ellam	Cheshire and Sale Sharks	U16 2017/18
Rugby Union	Ewan Murphy	Cheshire and Sale Sharks	U16 2017/18
Rugby Union	Finlay Murphy	Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Rugby Union	James Rooney	Sale Sharks Academy	U18 2017/18
Rugby Union	Joe Johnson	Sale Sharks Academy	U18 2017/18
Rugby Union	Joe Taylor	Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Rugby Union	Josh Hadland	Sale Sharks Academy	U18 2017/18
Rugby Union	Mohammed Ali	Cheshire	U15 2017/18
Rugby Union	Nonso Agina	Cheshire	U16 2017/18
Rugby Union	James Sherlock	Cheshire & North England	U18 2017/18
Swimming	Olivia Molden	Cheshire	U13 2017/18
Tennis	Alice Shields	Cheshire	U14 2017/18
Tumbling	Tristan Franks	North West	U12 2017/18
Waterpolo	Daniel Farini	North West	U16 2017/18

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE...

he Department for Education published the official examination results for 2017 on 25th January. This again confirmed how well we did last summer and how much progress we have made over the last couple of years. As far as GCSE results are concerned, the Warrington league table shows that we were the highest performing school in terms of the numbers of students gaining a 'strong pass' (i.e. Grade 5 or above) in both English and Maths: our score of 67% puts us in the top few percent of state schools in the country. On the only measure that can be reliably compared to previous years, the numbers gaining 9-4 grades (i.e. directly equivalent to the old A*-C) in English and Maths, our score of 83% was the best the school has ever achieved since GCSEs were introduced.

On the new Progress 8 measure, our score of 0.1 shows our students made at least the kind progress that would be expected for an able cohort such as we have at Lymm, and is a lot higher than it would have been at any time



in the past few years. Please note that we urge caution when interpreting the Progress 8 scores; we refuse to follow many other schools in entering students for easy courses that would significantly inflate our P8 score but leave students with qualifications that are not valued by employers or further/higher education providers. Feedback so far suggests parents and carers support this principled approach and we hope this remains the case.

As far as A' levels are concerned, we were the top performing school in Warrington for numbers gaining AAB grades in facilitating A' level subjects: a remarkable 24.4% of our students achieved this benchmark. The second highest in Warrington was 10.7% and we cannot find a non-selective school anywhere near here that has a score as high as ours; indeed, many selective 6th forms - e.g. Urmston, Stretford and Loreto Grammar schools – actually have lower scores. Sir John Deane's College scored 17.1%.

Our progress score was also significantly above average, placing us in the top 15% of the country for the second year running and we are the only post-16 provider in Warrington with a significantly above average score.

The government publishes a lot more data on school performance than it used to and it can all be rather complicated these days!

However, whichever way we look at all this data, it is a very positive story and is a real credit to the students and teachers involved: well done!

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE



ABOVE & BEYOND

s there a member of staff who you or your child has been especially impressed by, for whatever reason? If so, please let us know!

A word of praise or thanks is always hugely appreciated and, when this comes from parents, it is especially powerful in helping to keep colleagues going through the more challenging days. Over the next couple of weeks, we are making a particular effort to thank those staff who regularly go 'above and beyond' and would be really grateful if as many of you as possible could just drop a short email to hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk letting us know who you would like to single out, and why.

We really don't need a long email – just one or two sentences is more than enough to put a smile on the relevant faces.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

NOTICES

BAVARIAN BIERKELLER 2018

B avarian Bierkeller comes to Lymm High School on 16 March!

Lymm High School is proud to announce its very own Bavarian Bierkeller Party! In aid of Prevent Breast Cancer Care and the Lymm High School Pitch in! Campaign, we'll be turning the main hall into Lymm's one and only Bavarian Bierkeller, for some serious sing-a -long stein-clinking madness!

Includes: German beers and lagers on draught, prosecco and gin bar, hog roast with all the trimmings, a selection of delicious desserts, and the finest traditional Bavarian music and entertainment brought to you by Robert Burton.

Tickets are £25 and will be available to purchase from the school shop soon. Fancy dress is encouraged but optional. So come along from 7.30pm (Happy Hour!) in your best dirndl or lederhosen for an evening of oompah, Bratwürst, Tanzen & Pilsner and raise a toast to good friends and good times!

SCHOOL SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

The School uniform shop will be open during the February half term holiday on:

Thursday 22nd February 9.00-15.00

Friday 23rd February 9.00 - 14.00

PARENTS FORUM

A s you may well be aware, Ofsted are visited school on Tuesday 6th February. In light of this, we have postponed our planned Parents Forum event until further notice.

We will set a new date as soon as possible and hope that you are able to attend.

We apologise for the cancellation at short notice and thank you for your ongoing support.

Y8 PARENTS EVENING

Y ear 8 Parents evening takes place on Thursday 15th February. Your child has now received a letter with details of the evening.

Please could you sign the slip at the bottom of the letter and ask your child to return it to their form tutor by Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTICES

AUCTION OF PROMISES

A fritwin Challenge is a project which has been coordinated by students and staff of Lymm High School since 2003. Our aims are to improve the education for pupils at our partner school in the Eastern Cape of South Africa whilst developing our own personal skills and global awareness.

On Friday 9th March, the school will be hosting an Auction of Promises evening to raise money support several different to projects that we would like to undertake to help improve the lives of our counterparts. Tickets for this event will shortly be available to purchase from the school shop. In addition, a separate online auction will go live in a couple of weeks' time. More information to follow shortly.

If you are able to donate items or make promises that could be included in this auction, then please email:

cburnett@lymmhigh.org.uk

Or, telephone Christopher Burnett/ Philip Davies

01614858681/ 07795 447417

LHS LOTTERY

Our first School Lottery Draws took place over the last two weekends. Congratulations to our first lucky winners, Susan and Jayne! Join now and you could be a winner too...

As well as knowing you're supporting YOUR school AND a weekly chance to win up to £25,000 this term you could also win one of two Fitbit Fitness Trackers!

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be. The next draw takes place on Saturday 10th February. Click <u>HERE</u> to support the lottery today and, who knows...maybe you will be the next £25,000 winner!

THINK FAMILY MATTERS

T echnology is amazing and the Internet is a fantastic resource, yet the internet and social media have the capacity to present both physical and psychological dangers.

Keep up to date with eSafety and sign up to the Think Family Matters eSafety Event. Following successful 'Think Family' pilot events, this event will provide quick, clear facts about current eSafety issues and provide essential advice and resources to manage the risks that children and young adults could be taking. Based at Cherry Tree Primary school this event is free for parents and carers for all local schools. To book a place, click <u>HERE.</u>

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Students commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day; participating in a live Webcast Event set up by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

n Friday January 26th, as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust live webcast event, our Year 9 scholars were privileged to take part in a webinar, delivered by HET and a Holocaust survivor Janine Webber BEM.

Janine was born in Lwów in Poland (now L'viv, Ukraine) in 1932. Germany invaded the USSR in June 1941 and persecution of the Jews of Lwów began immediately. Thousands of people were murdered within weeks of the invasion by the Nazis and Ukrainian collaborators.

Our students listened intently to Janine's powerful and moving story, where she experienced first-hand, the persecution and systematic removal of the Jewish communities in Poland during Nazi occupation.

This emotional account was followed by a question and answer session centred around how Janine coped after these events and her views on the evil of humanity. Janine spoke for an hour and answered questions posed by some of the 40,000 viewers online and our students were inspired

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and moved by this unique and significant testimony.

Hearing this testimony made our students feel humble and grateful for the relatively simple life they live in and enabled them to reflect on the horrific events of the Holocaust.

27 January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau Extermination Camp and is a sobering reminder of how important it is for ordinary people to stand up to hatred and tyranny and to remember the victims of the Holocaust and other acts of genocide. To mark the day, four Year 13 students also presented assemblies to their peers to commemorate those affected by the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Alexandra Caudwell, Josh Kirk, David Robinson and Tom Gleave spoke about their trip to Auschwitz and Oswiecim last summer.

The four students presented as part of a project called 'lessons from Auschwitz' organised by the Holocaust Education trust (HET). They talked to students about what they saw there, and discussed how the trip greatly affected them personally.



KS3 ART EXHIBITION

n Wednesday 31st January, the art department held their annual KS3 art exhibition.

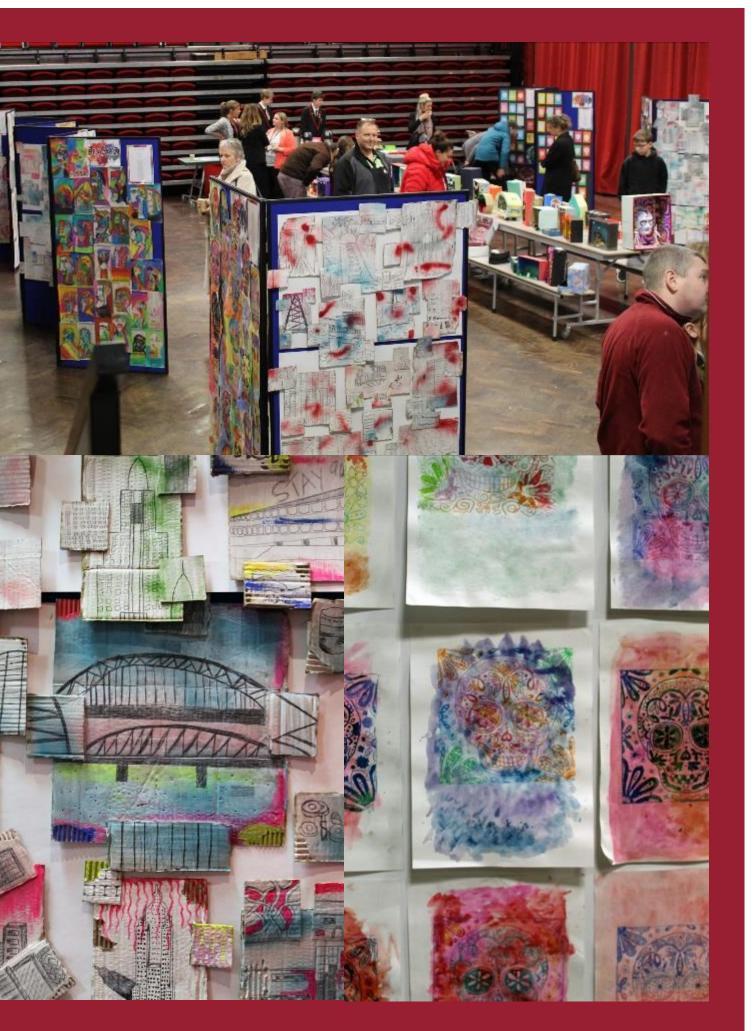
The exhibition showcased all of Year 7, 8 and 9 student's recent art pieces. Year 7 have recently been working on the theme of Day of the Dead, Year 8 have been studying portraiture and Year 9 have been learning about architecture.

Parents, staff, students and members of the local community gathered in the main hall to celebrate the student's artistic achievements.

All the students work looked fantastic and many commented on the high standard of art that had been produced.

We are extremely proud of the student's successes and had a lovely evening celebrating their achievements.





A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME



Year 10 take a field trip to London in order to broaden their knowledge of Whitechapel for the Crime and Punishment Unit, Elizabeth I, Nazi Germany and the Cold War.

A t the first stop on the itinerary, the Museum of London, students were given an idea of what living and conditions were like in Industrial London. They gained a better understanding of the extreme poverty that was faced by many people at this time and how it could have contributed to a rise in crime.

A walking tour through St James' Park to Buckingham Palace followed to help students gain an understanding of how the monarchy has changed from Elizabeth I reign to the present day. Students also experienced the chilling Jack the Ripper walking tour around Whitechapel to get a sense of the area and why the culprit was never captured.

During the second day of the visit, students focused their attention on Elizabeth I by visiting the National Archives and participating in a session called 'Elizabeth: In her own words'. This allowed students access to original documents created during Elizabeth's reign. The session was a useful introduction to Elizabeth as it highlighted some of the problems faced during her

reign linked to gender and marriage. It also enabled students to appreciate what a strong, and sometimes manipulative, leader she was in a 'man's world'. the Tudor reign. They visited the tombs of Elizabeth I, Mary I and Elizabeth's rival Mary, Queen of Scots.

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This session was then followed by a guided tour of Westminster Abbey where students focused on Elizabeth's coronation and the importance of religion during enjoyed a walking tour of the sites of Westminster including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street and the dismounting ceremony at the Horse

Students also

Guards' Parade. They learnt about the history of the parade ground, which was initially used for jousting competitions during Tudor times. In the evening our cohort attended the West End production of Aladdin...not technically linked to our history course, but when in London...

On their final day in London, students visited the Imperial War Museum to familiarise themselves with the two Year 11 topics that they will begin learning later this academic year; Nazi Germany and the Cold War.

Students were brilliant on this trip and were highly commended by the staff at the various tours and learning sessions they attended on their enthusiasm for the activities and their impeccable behaviour.



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

Afritwin 2018

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Proceeds raised will be used to support Afritwin's work in South Africa

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 7.00PM - 10.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Includes: auction, bar, buffet, games & challenges TICKETS £5 | available from the school shop

YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION



Students speak up for Afritwin at community 'Youth Speaks' competition.

ast week three of our Afritwin students took part in the annual 'Youth Speaks' public speaking competition, run and organised by Lymm Rotary, at Statham Lodge Hotel.

They were entered in the Senior age group and came up against teams from Alderley Edge School for Girls, who challenged the notion that our society is truly civilised, and a team from Wilmslow, who discussed sexism in Hollywood.

Our team was chaired by Cameron Green who introduced the topic and the team.

Colette Young gave the main speech explaining the main challenges facing education in South Africa, as well as how the Afritwin group attempt to make a difference in this area. She was also called upon to answer a challenging question from a member of the audience concerning the gender in-balance in educational success.

Katie Reader then summed up our speech and proposed a vote of thanks.

The team acquitted themselves very well and were a credit to themselves and the school.

YOUTH HEALTH CHAMPOINS

ontributing to the huge and continued success of last year's Youth Health Champions, the current Year 9 group have held their first campaign planning session. The group, who were selected by the current Year 10 team will be focussing on promoting physical activity school wide.

The team conducted extensive research surrounding physical activity and were able to find direct links to improved mental health and wellbeing. They are extremely motivated and feel passionate about trying to engage all students, prompting them to be mindful of their physical and mental health.

As a side project, the team are working on developing their visual presence within the school community. Badges and new ties are among the discussion points. Watch this space...

Meanwhile, the Year 10 Youth Health Champions were also informed this week that they have successfully achieved a Level 2 qualification accredited by the Royal Society for Public Health.

This dedicated group of students have delivered campaigns around school and have completed training to become peer mentors for health and wellbeing. This qualification demonstrates how hard the group have worked and we are very proud of their campaign and effort to raise awareness around mental health for our students.



LYMM HIGH NEWSLETTER - 7TH FEBRUARY



A FUNDRAISING THANK YOU

A small group of Afritwin students attended a presentation evening on Wednesday, run by the Rotary club. This was a celebration evening where groups that had assisted with the Rotary's Santa float in the run up to Christmas were presented with Cheques as a thank you for their hard work.

Elena Cotrell (Y11), Emma Davies (Y11), Alice Lohan Ganley (Y12) and Nina Virk (Y12) collected the cheque. Elena and Emma also gave a small speech in front of the Rotarians and the other guests during the evening to explain a bit about the Afirtwin project and what the money would be used for. This is just one of the fundraising events that the students take part in over the two-year period that the project runs for.

The next big fundraising event that the students are hosting is the Auction of Promises on the 9th March. It would be great if families could support the students by coming along to this event. Tickets can be bought from the school shop.

URBAN THEMES

orty Year 12 Geography students spent the day studying various urban themes across Liverpool starting with a quality of life survey comparing the inner city to the Central Business District.

In the afternoon they looked at the success of failure of the Liverpool one regeneration project, speaking to local people about their opinions on the changes made.

Students worked hard throughout the day and were as credit to Lymm High School.

They will now use information gathered from this visit to help plan their own investigation in Year 13.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS... AND YOU CAN HELP!

ood attendance helps students to develop a sense of responsibility and helps them to form good habits that prepares them for the world of work. We want all students to take advantage of all the opportunities provided at Lymm High School. Evidence shows that there is a link between poor attendance and underachievement. The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a secondary school pupil.

At Lymm High, we aim to celebrate and reward students who have an attendance above 96%, should your child's attendance drop below 94.9% we will contact you to discuss our concerns. There are only 39 teaching weeks in the school year. Attending school 90% of the time means missing over half a day of school per week. Over one year this equals to 3 weeks and 4 days of school and if the pattern continues throughout years 7-11, very nearly half a year of schooling would be lost! Missing 6 days a half term every year is the same as missing just short of one whole school year! So what can you do to help...

Ensure your child attends school every day and on time

Make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or at weekends

Attend parents' evenings and school events so you can support your child at home If your child is not well enough to attend, contact the school on the first day of absence. If in doubt send them in – we can always send them home again if they get worse! It is not like primary school where they were not allowed into school. Please send them in!

Talk to your child about school and take an interest in the work that they are doing Contact us immediately if you have any concerns about their progress or welfare



Take family holidays during the school holidays – Holidays in term time will not be authorised

We want all students to fulfil their individual potential and in order for this to happen, we need your co-operation and support in ensuring that your child has full attendance and excellent levels of punctuality.

For more details about school attendance please speak to our Attendance Officer in student services or make an appointment to see your child's Head of Year.

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school, please let us know and we can try to help. lymm high school

SPORTS FUNDRAISING DINNER

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SPORT NEWS

HOCKEY VS HARTFORD



The LHS Hockey team arrived raring to go as they faced Hartford with a full team.

The Lymm side were expecting a good game against their opponents Hartford, and this is exactly what they got. Hartford started the game with the push back, but Lymm player Hattie Cosgrove dived straight in with Lily Turnbull there for back up to take possession.

Hartford's team started with a strong ball out wide, but

student Beau Harry was straight in for the tackle and turned it over. Lymm ran into the circle, with a hard hit where the ball just skimmed the edge of the goal.

Hartford's number 16 hit out but Lymm intercepted the ball, skilled round Hartford's defence and passed back to Lily T, who flicked it straight in to the back of the net. One nil up and Lymm managed to keep the ball passing to Lily T who (with her fancy skills and V-drags) passed everyone, hit and scored the second goal.

Hartford made significant changes to their squad as Lymm kept up the pressure.

As the weather got worse both teams powered through

showing both resilience and determination. Hartford played the ball down the middle, but were blocked consistently by the Lymm side.

Our team played the ball and sprinted up the line. To bide time the Lymm team passed the ball back between players and crossed it into the D, where Hattie finished with a reverse slap into the goal.

Brilliant tackles from Katie Swann, Martha Farrow and Alicia Kelly kept the play strong throughout.

The first half ended 3:0 to Lymm with after a lot of giltedged chances, but the tempo was raised immediately in the second half, with our team sensing a positive result in this game.

The second half started and Lymm were straight in with more shots and tackles, as they attempted to get another goal. Hattie pulled a sneaky trick and scored with Nell following suite, scoring a fantastic goal with a right post shot.

A Hartford injury stopped play and a substitution had to be made.

Hartford increased the pressure but Lymm retained the ball, who skilled round the one on one defender and lifted it over the keeper.

A strong tackle and won the ball, which was passed to player Alicia who did a triangle swap using Katie and Lilly D.

Katie made a run with her skills on the line, passing the ball to Beau who hit a foot and got at short for Lymm.

Lily T got the ball and passed back to Katie who then switched it to Beau who slapped it in and Lily did a one touch slap and scored.

With the weather getting even worse, the hail was hitting our legs as the whistle went.

We finished the match with a 7:0 win.

Overall Lymm played with great skill, sportsmanship and enthusiasm especially with the harsh weather conditions.

Thanks again to the Year 7s Charlotte Storey and Kate Martin and to year 9 Emma Parkinson for stepping in goal for the first time (She was freezing).

Lymm's player of the match went to Lilly Dell.

Written by Lilly Dell

SENIOR NETBALL

he last day of January brought with it a fabulous win for our Senior netball team. They beat Sale Grammar School 55-4.

Special mention to Nell Dixon-Pybus (Y9) who played with (and against) girls from Year 13. Her contribution to the team was seamless and very level-headed for one so young. Player of the match was Grace Bates who continues to impress with her long reaching arms and pinpoint accuracy in the shooting circle.



LYMM SPORTS STARS

Caitlin Baldwin is the youngest Sponsored Skier at Chillfactore, having won the British Indoor Title and the British Grand Prix series...

started skiing after I was adopted just before my 5th birthday. I loved it straightaway and for some reason found it really easy to turn. I loved going really fast so I always wanted to turn parallel even though my instructors didn't want me to.

By the time I was 8 I had got every qualification in the French Ski School system, including the Racing Level. I watched the Sochi Olympics and saw a British Lady called Chemmy Alcott going to her 4th Olympics even though she had a fracture in her leg. She managed to finish in the top 15 which was amazing. I decided I was going to go to Olympics and started racing on the Indoor Slopes in the UK.

That year, I came third overall in the Under 10s category. In the Winter I did a couple of races in the mountains with girls from all over Europe. I came 8th in both races and was top of all the 8 year olds.

The next Summer, I won the British Indoor Title and the British Grand Prix series which was amazing. Chemmy Alcott had retired by then and she was looking for children to coach. I was chosen to train with her. In the Winter I came 3rd overall out of just under 100 British Girls in the mountains, beaten by two girls who had one British Parent and a Parent who was an Olympic racer from another Country.



Since then I was very proud to be selected as the youngest Sponsored Skier at Chillfactore where I am based and train every week. It was a big shock to see my picture on the walls at Chillfactore and I'm still not really used to being recognised, due to having to wear special jackets when we ski. I won all of the major Indoor Skiing Championships last Summer and competed Indoors against the best in Europe, at huge Indoor Slopes in Maastricht and Dubai. I won the British, Scottish, English and British Grand Prix Titles as well as the British Primary Schools, British Ski Cross and European Lowland Championships.

This Winter, now studying at Lymm High, I have had to switch to a new Ski Team which was sad, but I needed to be able to balance my Schoolwork. My team is called Ambition Racing and we are based in Leogang in Austria. When I go to train, we get up at 6am and ski from 7.30am to 12.30.



After lunch we have to go to school for 3 or 4 hours every day in a local School in Saalfelden, when we aren't racing. We then have to do fitness work, watch our videos and at 8.30 we go to bed. Its hard work but lots of the older team ski for Great Britain already so I try to follow their example.

So far, I have raced in Austria and various Championships and come 2nd, 3rd twice and 4th in all sorts of races. I am away again soon and racing in the huge English Championships in Bormio in Italy and then in France around Easter. I have qualified to be selected for the English team next year when I am classed as Under 14 and from there, I hope to be picked for Great Britain the year after and race all over Europe.

Skiing is great fun and with the Winter Olympics coming up I will be cheering on our skiers. I know them all really well so its exciting. In the UK there are lots of School Team Skiing Competitions and it would be great if anyone who likes to ski, would like to race, we could enter into School Competitions and have lots of fun.

Caitlin Baldwin

SALE SHARKS FOR JAMES ROONEY

Lymm have traditionally had a strong showing of players in the Sale Academy, James Rooney currently in the lower 6th describes the season so far for him and the other boys.

Sole Sharks has been a great experience despite a tough start.

After many tough training sessions, the season officially began at home to Leicester Tigers, coming into the new premiership, the squad was extremely confident after an extremely impressive finish last year where 2nd place was achieved, closely behind a strong Harlequin's outfit containing stars such as Marcus Smith who has stormed into the professional game.

With these achievements from the previous year, there were high expectations for the opener.

Due to illness of flanker Joe Johnson and injury to Lymm 1st team captain Joe Murphy, Lymm's only representation was on the bench in myself who came on for 20 minutes. Despite strong efforts, the sharks fell to a 16-6 defeat.



With many lessons learnt, the squad travelled to Coventry, the new training base of Wasps, after a strong week of preparations, Myself and Joe Johnson received places on the bench for the important tie against the northern conference leaders.

Although a much better performance, many missed chances and simple errors and we fell to another defeat, Wasps 22 Sale 19.

With little time to morn our losses, we travelled away to Newcastle Falcons for a must win clash. Personally it was a great achievement for me to earn my first start for the team against Newcastle Falcons, playing the full game in the centre alongside fellow Lymm student Josh Hadland (flanker) who made a strong appearance off the bench.

With Joe Johnson missing out due to injury. A strong defensive display and much improved attack saw us race to a 33-14 win, a much needed bonus point!

After a week's break, we welcome Worcester Warriors

on Saturday 4th February. Due to a poor start, we are extremely disappointed not to be in contention for 1st place with the impressive team we have, but remain confident in our ability for a strong finish that will get us to finals day at Sixways in either 2nd or 3rd place.

Being part of the Academy is a great honour for all of our Lymm representatives and we hope many more in future years will develop through the system and follow in the footsteps of past players such as James Mitchell, Alex Mitchell, Ross Harrison and Mark Jennings.

After this season, myself, Josh Hadland and Joe Johnson all look forward to another year of U18 rugby as we are all U17, With the final goal of becoming professional players. For Joe Murphy U18, his season has been unfortunately disrupted by a knee injury that has prevented his participation in the team after being a regular starter in the second row last year.

But, he is hoping to be back playing in our final fixture at home to Yorkshire Carnegie. Joe is hoping for a professional contract at the end of this season...

James Rooney

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS



O n Tuesday 30th January, a team of 24 pupils from Year 7 and 8 represented Lymm High in Sportshall Athletics competing against Birchwood, Cardinal Newman, Thomas Boteler, BCA, Bridgewater and Great Sankey High Schools.

The events contested are various running; jumping and relay events; involving turning on bounce boards, hurdles, speed bounce, triple and vertical jumps.

Inside the sports hall, the

noise echoes around creating a great, noisy atmosphere for all events. This can often lead to students running too quick early on and paying the price at the end of their races!

Many students won their races3 but it was the teamwork which gave us excellent overall results; year 7 Boys were 3rd, year 7 Girls 2nd, year 8 Girls 3rd and Year 8 Boys, with only 3 students, 6th.

The year 7 girls are now into the next round against more top teams from the region.

LYMM SPORTS STARS

This week we look at student Natasha Hill , cyclist who rode up the Col de la Colombiere, a mountain pass in the French Alps, the day before the Tour de France, at age 10.

 've been serious about cycling for two years now! It all started when I climbed to the top of the Col de la Colombiere, a mountain pass in the
 French Alps, this was the day before the Tour de
 France rode up it.

At the start of 2017, I started racing competitively on the road at different race circuits around the north west. I also spent the winter racing cyclo-cross (CX) this involves racing in a lot of mud and training at the Manchester Velodrome, where I get to ride on the same track as the Olympic champions, such as Jason Kenny, Laura Kenny, Katie Archibald, Sir Chris Hoy and Sir Bradley Wiggins. It's not every day you go racing and bump into your Olympic idols!

Racing is very intense, you have to push yourself to your absolute limit! Sometimes I feel sick from the effort but at the same time I feel exhilaration from the achievement and the speed.

Cycling is my passion. It's a great sport to make new friends as it is a very social sport.

Natasha Hill





OFSTED INSPECTION

s you will know, we had a visit from Ofsted yesterday and so the last couple of days have been a bit of a whirlwind! We got the phone call at 12.30pm on Monday and were welcoming the inspection team by 8am on Tuesday morning so there was very little time to prepare, as is the way with Ofsted inspections these days.

We are not permitted to share any details of the feedback until the report is published (which we hope will be within 3-4 weeks). However, I will say that the inspection team was both very fair and very thorough. The lead inspector was an experienced HMI: he was very perceptive and not afraid of challenging us where he felt it appropriate, but he was also prepared to listen to what we had to say. In this sense, we could not have asked for more and I thank the team for their professional approach.

Whilst we do not know exactly what will emerge in the written report, we were delighted with lots of the verbal feedback and particularly pleased that they seemed to fully accept our own self-evaluation of the strengths and areas for development in the school. We will, of course, share more with parents and carers as soon as we can.



I would like to like to extend my thanks to the 417 of you who took the time to complete the Ofsted 'Parent View' questionnaire; we are very grateful to you and it was nice to see the inspectors note how parental feedback has improved so much over the past 2-3 years. Thank you for your support.

Above all though, I'd like to commend the students. Most headteachers would be stricken with panic if snow started to fall during an Ofsted inspection, but it was lovely to able to reflect last night on the fact that it had never even crossed my mind that I ought to have been worried about the prospect of our students letting themselves down. Indeed, one of the inspectors asked me, almost in disbelief: "It's snowing. Why aren't your students all running around crazily and making lots of noise – they would be in any other school I've been in!!" Sometimes we can take these things for granted, but it is such a privilege to work with such incredible young people, as well as with a staff body who have worked so hard to reinforce high expectations of behaviour

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Parents Forum Tuesday 6th February *Postponed*

Year 8 Parents Evening Thursday 15th February

Half Term Break Monday 19th February

Return to School Monday 26th Febraury

Auction of Promises Friday 9th March

Bavarian Bierkeller Friday 16th March

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and social responsibility.

As I say, we will be in touch with more details as soon as we can – though I would be surprised if anyone who has followed the details of various communications from me over the past year or so is especially surprised by what is in the report.

Gwyn Williams