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## UNBELIEVABLE DAY

Unbelievable day as Chris Kamara visits Lymm High School for a coaching session with the students.

Students enjoyed an 'unbelievable' experience when Sky Sports pundit Chris Kamara visited Lymm High School to deliver a coaching session with the support of ESFA coaches.

The former footballer - famous for his 'Unbelievable Jeff'

catchphrase as an analyst on Sky Sports Soccer Saturday show - visited the school, based in Lymm, Cheshire, as part of a competition run by the ESFA PlayStation School's Cup.

To celebrate National Schools' Football Week, schools were

encouraged to enter the competition by posting a PlayStation Schools' Cup football themed photograph, with a caption on their social media channels using hashtags #SchoolsFootballWeek and #CoachKam.

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After submitting a fantastic competition entry, Lymm High School were selected by Chris Kamara and the School's Cup team as the overall winners and on Friday 8th February, welcomed both the ESFA coaches and ex Portsmouth player to the school.

Anticipation was extremely high as the day kicked off with a Q&A session led by the students.

The former Leeds, Portsmouth and Sheffield United midfielder even had time to pose for pictures as he answered a number of grilling

questions such as 'What does it take to become a professional footballer?' and 'What were your memories of School football?'

Next was a coaching session hosted by Chris Kamara where both boys and girls football teams were put through a series of defending, passing and shooting training drills designed to improve them as players.

PE Technician and Teaching Assistant, Mr Powell, said: "He was typical 'Kammy' as you see on TV - really enthusiastic and lovely with the students by allowing them

to take photos with him.

It was an amazing opportunity for our students from Years 7 to 11 to show off their skills to someone who has experienced the professional game

"It was a fantastic event all round, filled with fun, excitement and learning.

Many thanks to the ESFA team and Chris Kamara for providing such an enjoyable event for our students.

"I made sure to invite them back to the school once our Pitchin! 3G pitch was complete to celebrate the occasion."



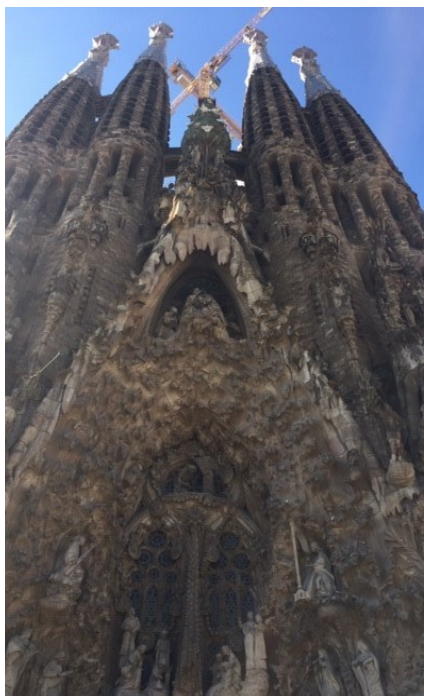






# BARCELONA VISUAL ARTS TRIP

Sixth Form students studying visual arts have had an unforgettable experience on a trip to the famous Catalan city of Barcelona.



Visual art students from the Sixth Form supported their learning by immersing themselves in the art, architecture and culture of the Spanish city of Barcelona recently.

Year 12 & 13 Art, Photography and Fashion students visited

the Spanish capital between 15th and 18th February taking in the sights, visiting numerous attractions, galleries, museums and buildings which included the city's most famous landmark, La Sagrada Família, an astonishing unfinished church designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.



More of Gaudí's creations were on the agenda as they visited the Casa Batlló and also the Casa Mila, Antoni Gaudí's most iconic work of civic architecture due to both its constructional and functional innovations, as well as its ornamental and decorative solutions.

Inevitably museums and art galleries were a big part of the trip and the students visited the Contemporary Art Museum, known as "the pearl" amongst the old architecture and narrow streets just a few blocks from Gothic center of Barcelona.

A visit to the Miro Foundation and Picasso Museum was also enjoyed by the students, as they saw another genre of artwork.

During the trip students made the most of their time by drawing, collecting leaflets, postcards and photographing points of interest in order to collect primary research to develop into their current projects.

Students also had some leisure time in Barcelona too, when they had the chance to explore other parts of the city, including Las Ramblas, sampled the cuisine in local restaurants and visited the local markets.

All students and teachers had a fantastic time!





# EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT UK DEBATING COMPETITION



Congratulations are in order for Lymm High School's future leaders who secured victory in the European Youth Parliament UK Manchester Round of the delegate competition.

**T**he European Youth Parliament is a unique programme whose mission is to inspire and empower young people to become open-minded, tolerant and active citizens. Young people from all over Europe come together at regional and national events to discuss current topics in a parliamentary setting.

Six Year 12 students took part in the regional finals on Tuesday 5th March. Mira Proctor, Imogen Walsh, Jack Henry, Joe Stewart, Cameron

Green and Ewan Murphy pitted their wits against other young people at Manchester to debate six key issues within Europe.

The judges were impressed with 'the team's ability to grasp complex academic issues' and the points they made were 'to a high standard, as they were eloquently expressed and rather succinct'.

The students performed fantastically well and qualified for the national finals in Liverpool later on this year,

where they will compete against schools from across the UK. In the competition they will try and secure a place in the International Forum where they will compete against students from other European countries.

We would like to thank EYPUK for an excellent event and the other delegations for a great day of debate on current and significant issues affecting the world. We wish the Future Leaders the best of luck as they progress on to the finals.



# GAINING GOLD

Lymm High School students achieve The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

The first three students from Lymm High School for a number of years have just achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award.

After re-introducing the opportunity to complete the Gold DofE award the three Year 13 students are the first students in our 2017-18 cohort to achieve their gold award in only 18 months – an extremely impressive achievement!

Joe Harris, Jack Wadsworth and Sam Thatcher will now be invited to one of the royal palaces to formally receive their Gold award.

The Gold award is particularly rigorous and challenging: participants must complete sections on volunteering, skills and physical challenges, two separate five-day expeditions

and an additional 5-day Residential placement away from home. It is a very demanding but extremely worthwhile achievement and prepares students for the challenges ahead of them.

Facilitated by Get outside the Classroom, the school's expedition provider, the students completed their expedition in Snowdonia on extremely challenging terrain which included spending one night 'wild-camping' without the use of bathroom facilities.

Miss Dixon, Assistant Headteacher and the current leader of the scheme at Lymm, oversaw the award for the students.

She said: "The DofE Award has grown and grown here at Lymm over the last few years

as part of our aim to promote a culture of social responsibility, physical well-being, positive mental health and leadership.

"For these students to be the first to complete their Gold award with us since it has been re-introduced is fantastic, and it is testament to their hard work, perseverance and endeavour. We hope this will encourage more of our students to progress to the Gold award, which can be achieved irrespective of having participated at Bronze or Silver levels.

"Joe, Jack and Sam have shown just what you can do with the right attitude and support. A huge well done and we wish them a wonderful day at the palace when they receive their award"





# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The best of Lymm High School's musicians took to the main school stage on Tuesday 12th February, as the hotly contested Young Musician of the Year competition reached its finale. An amazing twenty-two students auditioned earlier in the academic year for a place in the Grand Final.

With a number of performances lined up, the audience settled down to listen to an evening of extremely high quality performances on cello, euphonium, trumpet, and piano, as well as trombone. The musicians

were those who had won or been highly commended in the different sections of the annual music competition.

The adjudicator, Mr David Francis, former Head of Music at Manchester Grammar School, clearly faced a difficult conundrum: how to decide between such high quality performances on such different instruments.

Announcing the results of the competition, Mr Francis noted how impressed he had been by the standard of the competitors, and by their attitude and approach to the competition. Students work

hard and are very determined to perform well, but are also supportive of each other.

Then the suspense was over; Euphonium player Rhys Anderson from Year 8 was named Young Musician of the Year 2019 for key stage 3, with Tom Leighton-Jones on trumpet taking the title for key stage 4.

Special thanks goes to Lymm Rotary Club who once again sponsored the evening. The school and music department are very grateful for their continued support of our young musicians.





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# SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Main Hall | 7pm

Tickets £6



# SPORT FUNDRAISING DINNER 2019

Friday 8th February saw the second of our Fundraising Dinners in school with Alan Kennedy, Liverpool FC legend, as the guest speaker.

The school hall was transformed for over 140 guests into a magnificent suite with the PE staff again propping up the bar, only this time acting as bartenders and happily serving our thirsty guests.

Alan had guests on the edge of their seats with insightful and hilarious tales as he recounted his career with plenty of jokes and stories from the game he loves. It was a pleasure to have him and everyone seemed to have a fantastic evening.

Auction prizes included 2 x Hospitality tickets for Manchester United, a signed Liverpool Shirt, a framed and signed Everton shirt, 2 x tickets for Manchester City, a tour of the ATC Tower at Manchester Airport, Fly Fishing Day and much more. There was also a fantastic raffle with many prizes for lucky winners.

Lymm High School would like to thank all of the special guests on the evening, including Alan Kennedy and Huw Thomas who expertly hosted and kept his audience entertained with jokes and games aplenty. The school would also like to thank everybody who donated fantastic

raffle and auction prizes as well as all of those who attended the evening. A special mention for Andy Edwards from Lymm Rovers who not only helped to sell tables, but also generously gave up his time to secure some of the amazing auction prizes.

Gwyn Williams, Head Teacher said "It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see so many of our parents support the school. The evening could not have gone ahead without the hard work of the team behind it and I have to say a special thank you to all of those students who gave up their Friday evening to serve as waiters and ensure it was a success".

Tina McGuffie, Business Manager said "The evening was a great success raising just over £6,000. The proceeds will go towards developing the quality of provision in all sports across the school, something that means so much to so many students. We are extremely lucky with all of our sporting facilities, but they are expensive to maintain and fundraising initiatives like this are increasingly important. We can't thank all those who attended enough".









# WHAT'S ON STAGE AWARDS

Lymm High School student performs on West End stage during prestigious award ceremony for UK theatre stars.



**A** Lymm High School student is on a high after performing at a prestigious award ceremony at the Prince of Wales theatre in London's West End.

Elizabeth Nelson, a Year 7 student with a passion for musical theatre performed as part of the What's On Stage Awards on Sunday 3rd March.

The Awards recognise performers and productions of British theatre with an emphasis on London's West End, with nominations and eventual winners selected by the theatre-going public's vote.

To an audience full of theatre celebrities, directors and producers Elizabeth performed between awards,

accompanying English actress and singer Hannah Waddingham.

Elizabeth sang accompaniment to the classic musical number Children Will Listen from the musical Merrily We Roll Along.



# REWARDS

No stranger to the big stage, Elizabeth joined Stagebox musical theatre agency and made her professional debut at the age of just nine years old in the leading role of Jemima Potts in the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (UK Tour).

Through Stagebox she has also performed in Magic of the Musicals (UK Tour), Live in London (Royal Court), Willemijn Verkaik at the Cambridge Theatre (West End) & with Rachel Tucker (UK Tour) and has recently finished Nativity! The Musical UK Tour!

After the performance Elizabeth said: Performing at the 'What's On Stage Awards was an amazing experience, one that I will never forget. I am looking forward to doing further performances in the future."



Two prizes still to be won this term as part of our rewards programme.

A big well done to all our golden ticket and prize winners since we returned from the Christmas break.

Prizes have included Trafford Centre vouchers, queue jump passes, and love2shop vouchers.

We are also organising our end of term reward trip to Alton Towers.

Over 500 students have qualified for this trip – a massive well done to all those

students, make sure you get your slip back to the school shop and pay by 25th March.

There are still 2 prizes to be won this term – Easter eggs and a smart watch!

Please encourage your child to continue to work hard in lesson to get BFL 1s and of course to participate in the leadership ladder and extra-curricular activities; all of which earn students hall points.



With only 50 school days before the Easter Holidays, what are you going to do to be amazing! You cannot leave it until after Easter; we will only have 13 school days before the first external exam!

**SO START NOW!! BE AMAZING!!**

During our 50 days to Amaze, if you can do the following, there are 300 bonus points up for grabs... make sure you fill in your passport to ensure you grab the opportunities on offer.

**UP TO 50 POINTS FOR EACH BULLET POINT COMPLETED OVER THE 50 DAYS...**

- 50 days no absence
- 50 Tassomai questions answered every day of the 50 days
- 50 Pods watched during the run of the passport
- 50 revision/study sessions attended at least during the 50 days
- 50 bonus hall points from form tutors achieved during the 50 days (the weekly 5 bonus hall points)
- 50 BFL Grade 1's achieved during the 50 days

**300 POINTS UP FOR GRABS...**



**ACHIEVE 300 POINTS...**

**VIP AT THE PROM**



**ACHIEVE 200 POINTS...**

**IN THE DRAW FOR SOME MYSTERY PRIZES**



**ACHIEVE 250 POINTS...**

**INVITE TO ALTON TOWERS**







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# LYMM MAYBALL



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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)





# MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP

Lymm High School students have taken part in a creative media workshop with visual Artist Katie Musgrove.



The Visual Arts Department was delighted to be able to offer students the after-school mixed media workshop which took place on Tuesday 26th February.

Nineteen students ranging from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in the workshop led by visiting artist Katie Musgrove.

Katie is a visual artist based in the North-West who specializes in paper craft. Art students worked with Katie

investigating a variety of techniques such as stencilling, mark making, collage and image transfer to create a piece of their own artwork.

Students had the opportunity to discuss with the artist their career, studies and techniques whilst having fun with a range of new and alternative tools and materials. It also allowed students that are studying GCSE Art to learn new techniques which they can transfer and develop within

their own practice.

The Visual Arts department run a visiting artist programme to provide students with the opportunity to work with a range of artists developing their knowledge of different techniques, materials and processes. The workshops are designed to support the students' coursework portfolios and they also enable students to meet practicing professionals who are working within the creative industry.



# A TRIP TO GENEVA



In February the Maths department led a group of thirty A' Level Maths and Further Maths students on a three day trip to Geneva in Switzerland to discover more about the applications of Maths in the real world.

The focus of the trip was a full day visit to CERN - The European Centre for Nuclear Research - and home of the Large Hadron Collider.

CERN began in 1954 as a European collaboration between 11 member countries to promote the advancement of nuclear understanding.

At this time it was known that the atom was composed of electrons and a nucleus containing neutrons and protons but there were still many unanswered questions about it.

CERN was established to help answer these and even bigger questions about the world around us. During our visit on 15th February the students discovered how CERN is still helping to answer some of the most fundamental questions; how did the Universe begin? What are the basic building blocks of matter?

Our visit to CERN was led by an English Physicist who had spent the last 30 years of his working

career involved with the accelerator projects at CERN.

The students gained a lot from sharing his personal experiences and finding out more about what contributions he made to the various projects he had been involved in.

Our guide was hugely passionate about his experiences at CERN and the value that the research has to the international scientific community. His passion and enthusiasm for Physics impressed our students immensely.

The Large Hadron Collider is the latest in a number of particle accelerators designed to help us understand more about the world we live in and is most renowned for the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle which was discovered at CERN in 2012.

Two of the scientists who led the project won the Nobel Prize for Physics the following year.



The LHC is the largest particle accelerator in the world and has a circumference of 27km. It is located up to 170 m below the earth's surface and spans an area around Geneva extending into both the Swiss and French countryside.

Its design, development and construction took over 20 years from an initial concept through to operation. Everything about the project was ground breaking.

It would require the largest electro magnets ever designed and would need a huge capacity for generating electricity in order to achieve the high energy levels required to produce the much needed proton collisions. This in turn would lead to extreme temperature differences in a very small volume and another challenge for the design engineers to overcome.

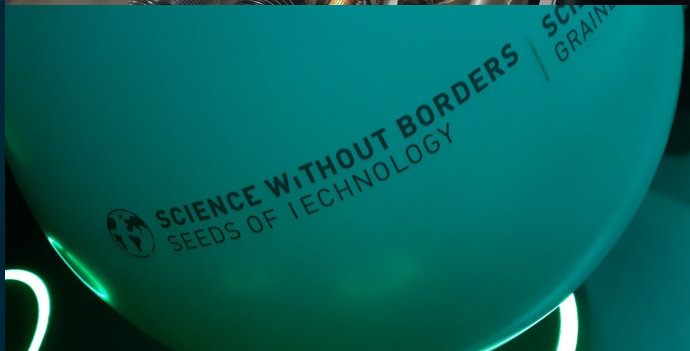
During the visit the students gained an appreciation of the technical and engineering challenges that were faced and overcome during the design and construction phases.

We learnt about how in order to discover more about our universe the next challenge facing the scientists and engineers at CERN is to develop a new accelerator capable of accelerating protons to even higher energy levels. This new accelerator would require a circumference of 100km and even greater design and construction challenges to be overcome.

The aim is to discover what anti matter really is composed of so we can get a better understanding of what is happening in space - Truly out of this world thinking!

The LHC itself is only part of the operation at CERN. At various points around the circumference, detectors are placed each with their own distinct experimental purpose.

We visited one of these detectors - ATLAS. On the outside of the building a schematic of the detector has been painted which gives you a perception of the true scale of the technology housed within. The ATLAS detector is a general purpose detector designed to search for extra dimensions, dark matter, and the Higgs-Boson particle.







The scale of the science and technology at CERN is awe-inspiring and the resourcefulness and problem solving skills of those involved in the projects really challenges your thinking.

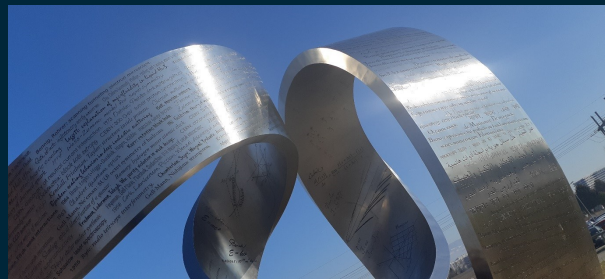
Our visit left us feeling inspired and marvelling at the amazing things we don't still fully understand about the world. CERN was the undisputed highlight of our trip to Geneva and described by one of our students as a "true wonder of the world". It truly was an amazing place to visit.

During our trip to Geneva, we also visited the History of Science museum which chronicled the development of scientific instrumentation through the centuries. We saw at first-hand how sophisticated some early instrumentation could be but also how advances in technology have reduced the size and scale of many instruments.

Our visit also coincided with a special exhibition on simple machines. Understanding of which is crucial to both the Maths and Physics A' Level courses.

No trip to Switzerland would be complete without some chocolate tasting and we indulged with a trip to the Stettler Chocolate boutique.

The Stettler chocolate factory has been producing luxury chocolates since 1947 and is famous in Geneva as the home of the Pave de Geneve. We discovered the history of chocolate making and its association with Switzerland and how it was advances in technology that allowed chocolate to develop into the sweet treat that we still love today. We also took time to enjoy the beauty of Geneva with its position nestled on the banks of Lake Geneva.



We took in many of the sites of the city – The Palais de Nations, The broken Chair, The Jet d'Eau and Geneva Old town to name a few.

We took in the panoramic view of the lake and the City surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of the Alps from the bell tower of St Peters Cathedral and enjoyed the majesty of the Renaissance wall.

Science and Maths aside, Geneva had a lot to offer and we had a very memorable trip. Mrs Ramsbottom, Mr Mullin and I feel incredibly lucky to have spent an educational and enjoyable three days with a great group of 6th formers!

#### Geneva 2020

In February next year, we will have a return visit to CERN and Geneva. If your child has signed up to study Maths or Physics at A Level look out for a letter being sent home over the next few weeks.

# NORMAN BANNER RETIRES AS CLERK FOR LGST

**N**orman Banner, a recently retired consultant solicitor with FDR Law in Warrington and Lymm resident, stepped down as clerk to the Lymm Grammar School Trust in March, after over three decades in this voluntary position.

The Trust is the school's founding charity, and among other things it owns Ty'n y Felin and parts of the school site, and nominates some school governors.

Kieran Walshe, chair of the governing body, said: "Norman has an incredible record of service to the community in Lymm and Warrington, over many years.

"As well as his work for the

Lymm Grammar School Trust, he has chaired boards at St Rocco's Hospice and Warrington Hospital, and been involved in many other voluntary groups.

"We'll really miss his wisdom, knowledge of the school and its history, and sense of humour".

Born in Grappenhall, Norman attended what was then Lymm Grammar School as a student and he has lived in Lymm for many years.

In 2018, Norman was awarded an MBE and made an honorary freeman of the borough of Warrington, both for his service to the community.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 12-14th March**

Y9 Immunisations

**Thursday 14th March**

Y10 Parents' Evening

**Friday 15th March**

Y8 STEM Big Bang Fair Trip

**Wednesday 20th March**

Y13 Results Day

**Tuesday 26th March**

Spring Concert

**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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