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SCHOLARS RISE TO WRITING CHALLENGE

Year 11 Scholars submit written entries based on their favourite literary characters.

n November, Year 11 Scholars were given the opportunity to enter an academic writing

competition on "who is your favourite literary character?" Students were asked to consider the impact that the

character has on their life and how they related to them.

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e had some fantastic entries that were judged by a panel of Senior Leaders and Governors.

We had a wide range of characters, ranging from Edmund in

'The Chronicles of Narnia', Katniss in 'The Hunger Games' through to Lady Macbeth. The governors and senior leaders were very impressed with the mature and

sophisticated level of writing and the individuality that all the entries had. However, after a close battle the overall winner was Brooke Shay.

Brooke focused on Elizabeth Bennet from 'Pride and Prejudice.' She wrote with

'Well done to all the scholars who rose to the challenge!'

care about the principles of equality and strength of character that Elizabeth promoted in a time when gender roles were restricted and how the message retains

> its importance even today.

Brooke recognised the flaws in Elizabeth's character but also commented on how this further added to her

appeal.

Well done to all the scholars who rose to the challenge!

NOTICES

YEAR 11 POST-MOCK EXAMS

Y ear 11s will sit their last formal papers in English Language, Maths, and later on English Literature these papers will provide a vital picture of all students' current level and will guide students and staff in addressing weaker areas in the last few weeks before final GCSEs. Students will sit full papers in each subject and English and Maths teachers are already preparing students for these in lessons and as part of Step Up. The date for the Year 11 exams can be found HERE

Year 11 students will receive their Post-mock Exam Timetables via Form Tutors this week or early next week. If they are absent when these are handed out, students will need to go to the Exams Office to collect their timetable.

YEAR 12 & 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

The Sixth Form mock examinations are fast approaching and will take place from the 27th February to the 10th of March. Students will sit a variety of papers for their Alevel subjects. These exams will be for all Year 13 students as well as students in Year 12 who are following unreformed subjects such as Media, Product Design and Maths. Our Year 12 and 13 students will receive their Mock Exam Timetables via Form Tutors this week or early next week. If they are absent when these are handed out, students will need to go to the Exams Office to collect their timetable.

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

T he Year 11 revision timetable is now available on the schools website. Click <u>HERE</u> to view.

SPANISH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

T he return visit of the Spanish exchange take place the 30th of March. 13 pupils and 2 teachers from our link school in Malaga, IES El Palo, are looking forward to our hospitality and hopefully decent weather!

The students will be visiting Liverpool and Manchester as well as shadowing their English partners in school, primarily our yr11 cohort.



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NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



${f S}$ chool Funding

Dear Parent/Carers

If you have not already read the letter that the Chair of Governors, Dr Walshe, and myself sent out earlier this week, we urge you to do so by <u>clicking here</u> or going to the parent communication section of the website. You may also have seen the article in the Warrington Guardian this week. There is no denying the fact that this is a very serious issue for all Warrington schools and it is important that all parents in the borough are aware of the context.

A number of you have already been in touch asking if there is anything more you can do to help. In the first instance, writing to your local MP will be very important – they are in the best position to be able to respond to pressure from their constituents. Please point out that it make no sense for Warrington schools to be funded 141st worst out

of 150 local authorities in England and ask them to pressure the government to change the proposed formula. The more of you who can write, the better.

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hosting one of our regular Parent Forum events and hope to see as many of you as possible there. The evening

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from me on
where I think
the school is
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will begin

In the meantime, any donations to the school Development Fund would be very much appreciated; details, including on how to donate, can be found on the school website by <u>clicking</u> here.

${f P}$ arent Forum Evening

On Tuesday 21st March, from 6-7.30pm, I shall be the senior leadership team on the specific areas of focus for the evening: homework and the new KS3 reporting system. There will then be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and for us to gather your views on these issues, as well as on any other aspects of the school that may be of interest. For those of you who have not attended before, I would encourage you to do so; they are usually very pleasant evenings, with tea and biscuits provided and a chance to interact with the senior leadership of the school in a fairly informal setting. As always, I offer a gentle reminder that this is not the forum to raise specific complaints relating to your own child (though you must do so with us directly if you need to) but rather a chance to look at some more strategic issues. If you are likely to attend, please let Mrs Headon know by emailing hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk so that we can ensure refreshments are available.

Kind regards

Gwynn Williams Headteacher

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Pixl Student

'Getting into the top Universities' - Students gain an insight into admissions.

ixty Year 10 students enjoyed an informative morning at Old Trafford Cricket Ground gaining an important insight into university admissions. The main aim of the conference was to improve students' aspirations and understanding of what attending university can offer.

The conference was split into three parts. After an introductory talk outlining what our students needed to know about the process of university application and course selection and about what universities look for in candidates, a talk from Manchester University gave us a beneficial insight into life and courses at Manchester introducing the history of the Red Brick University, student life, modern advantages and the numerous alumni of the city.

The day concluded with a question and answer session to ease any concerns or queries students may have in relation to the university



application process.The students were impressed with the informative content and the conference proved to be a really useful experience for all who attended. Students even had the opportunity to meet with chair of the PiXL Club, Sir John Rowling.

In all, the group of us left feeling that applications to top universities were not such far-fetched dreams and feeling inspired to make the most of all our future opportunities.

> 'Top universities are not such far-fetched dreams '

SCHOOL LIFE



THE CRUELTY CLASS REVIEW

e were very privileged to be invited to review an unpublished book last December, and even more excited to let you know that our class review of 'The Cruelty' will be appearing in the Times Educational Supplement (TES) on Friday 17th February.

Four students, Jessica Baillie, Amber Heckstall-Smith, Harriet Priest and Olivia Shackley, were chosen to read a pre-published debut Youth Adult novel by American novelist, Scott Bergstrom, and then each produce a review highlighting their own personal opinions.

The novel is a twist on the film 'Taken' and tackles some mature themes and is not advisable for younger students, however the students enjoyed the development of the protagonist Gwendolyn Bloom.

The opportunity to complete the review was well received by the girls who were enthusiastic about the project. Adi Bloom, a TES reporter, commented that the girls had 'clear-eyed criticism and the ability to express so clearly what they thought did and did not work about the

novel.'



Should you wish to read the reviews please click <u>HERE</u>:

BOWDON YOUTH FESTIVAL

Congratulations to string quartet students on winning a cup!

big congratulations goes to our Lymm High School String Quartet for winning the trophy for the Ensemble Open Class this year which took place at the Bowden Youth Festival.

Each year the Bowdon Youth Festival provides an opportunity for students and young people to perform and receive feedback from professional adjudicators. It has built a large following



and is now firmly established as a major arts festival for young people in the area.

PARENT REVISION WORKSHOPS

• n Tuesday 10th February Year 11 parents were invited to a workshop on how to help your child revise. Led by Mrs Wardle (Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning) and Mr Scott (Head of Year 11) this evening session focused on what support parents can offer and also highlighted the most recent cognitive research about effective learning and revision techniques. Armed with this information, and the support that is available in school now and before the exams, we hope parents left fully informed and feeling well prepared to assist at home. The evening was very well attended with over 80 families represented. All information from the evening is also available on the school website under the exams page and Year 11 Parent Communication. Any concerns about your son/ daughter and their preparation or how they are coping with the revision/exams should be communicated to Mr Scott as Head of Year 11.

Almost 600 performers took part over the course of the four days, with categories ranging from solo brass, piano, organ, strings and woodwind through singing, solo or in choirs, to drama and poetry.

The Lymm string quartet gave a spectacular performance of 'Divertimento in D 1st mov.' by Mozart, and 'Black Eyes', a traditional Russian folk melody, to secure their trophy.

We're incredibly proud of how students represented the school, conducting themselves professionally throughout the event.

Well done to all musicians involved!





FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

Very student borrowing or returning a book from the ILC between 7th and 14th February was issued with a free ticket to a raffle drawn on Valentines day. Tickets were also available to buy with monies raised being donated to the World Book Aid charity.

The four lucky winners were Jack Webb (7DH), Andra Barcan (8WH), Michael Howard-Petrie 10AH and Samuel Wright (11AL1).



GROWING UP: KEEPING HAPPY, KEEPING HEALTHY, KEEPING SAFE

ast week, Year 8 students enjoyed a special PSHE dropdown day looking at 'Growing up: keeping happy and keeping safe.'

They heard from a number of excellent visiting speakers who helped them understand e-safety and the potential problems and dangers of being online.

They also looked at relationships and especially enjoyed their speaker from The Proud Trust, Rachel Williams, who clarified any of their misconceptions and ideas around gender and the LGBT community.





GAMING DAY

he rewards pyramid continues when we return after the break with a selection of successful students in each year group taking part in a computer gaming day in school. Students will benefit from a lesson off timetable to compete with their peers in a range of different computer games. The event will be held in the main hall with the games displayed on the big screen. This is another



example of the great rewards available at Lymm high school to those students who work and try hard in Lessons.



THE CHILL FACTORE

n preparation for the school ski trip next week Lymm High school students hit the slopes to brush up on their skiing skills. Navigating their way through the Mancunian Alps at the Chill Factore ski resort, students worked on their balance and control and a lot of fun was had by all. There's NO stopping them now as they set forth to conquer the more glamorous slopes of Andorra!



LYMM SPORTS STARS

This week we look at Lymm Sixth Form student Lucy Glover who rows for both Warrington Rowing Club and Great Britain

y interest in the sport of rowing was first sparked by the numerous trips to and from the rowing club taking my brother down for training sessions. In addition to this my Grandpa won the boat race a couple of times which was my main source of inspiration. When I first got the opportunity to try out the sport via project Oarsome at school. I was then given the opportunity to try it out down at the local Warrington rowing club. I instantly loved the challenging aspect of rowing and quickly adopted the physical and mental resilience which are the two key components in the sport.

My most recent international success was representing Great Britain at the Junior World rowing championships in Rotterdam. After weeks of training camps all over the country this culminated in a silver medal in the junior women's quadruple sculls, just missing out by less than 3 seconds over the 2000m course to China. Being joined by three other crew mates we combined great skill and communication with hours of endless in and out of the boat to achieve out ultimate aim of 'how can we make the boat go fastest'. Throughout this process it was incredible to brush shoulders with Olympians and learn from some of the most accomplished athletes in the country. This comes from an incredibly successful season having had wins and GB trials, women's Henley regatta and the national school regatta all under the umbrella of Warrington rowing club and volunteer coach Richard Sinnott to who I owe many hours. This process would have been made a lot harder without the support and understanding from school in helping me to balance my busy schedule.

School have always been a constant and supportive measure in amongst my progression throughout the sport. From giving me a taster of the sport to medalling on the world stage the P.E staff are always keen to ask how I am getting on. They are very helpful in granting me use of the fitness suite to enable me to maximise my training



programme alongside my studies. Due to my intense training programme (two sessions a day) the sixth form team make it easy for me to achieve my two main priorities of attaining my grades alongside trialling for the U23 GB team. By trusting that the productive and time management skills I have learnt in my sport are easily transferred over into my studies.

My short term ambitions are to gain a place at university to study Psychology at either Newcastle or Edinburgh. I am looking to go to a university which follows the GB rowing high performance programme because this will give me the tools to continue trialling for the GB rowing team in an attempt to compete at the World championships. In the fullness of time I would like to become a full time member of the GB rowing team training out of the high performance centre in Caversham with the intention of getting a gold medal at the Olympic Games.



On the whole, performing in my sport of rowing at a high level has equipped me with endless amounts of fun, hard work and never fails to confirm the statement of 'what you put in is what you get out'. I would be keen to encourage everyone to get involved in sport at school, it has opened so many opportunities to me as well as introducing me to many like-minded individuals. Sport at Lymm provides the perfect platform to achieve this, I am very grateful for the support I have received along my journey.

Lucy Glover

Photo Above: We would especially like to thank Lucy, who presented Lymm High School with a GB vest to sit alongside our collection of national shirts from both past and present students who have gone on to represent their country in their chosen sport. SPORT

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERS

Ver the term, we have lots of Lymm Leaders who have helped out with Primary School Competitions. They have been involved in umpiring, refereeing, scoring, time-keeping, helping the primary school pupils by warming them up and doing drills and skills with them. They have been absolutely fantastic and all of the events for the primary schools would not be able to run without them. The competitions which have ran for the primary schools so far are Rugby, Football, Netball, Volleyball and Hockey to name a few.

There are a lot more competitions coming up next term so if you would like to get involved please see Miss Ball in PE. This can help you sign off some of your Leadership ladder as well as gain experience of working with primary school pupils and organising events.



YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

The Year 9 Boys football team successfully won the Great Sankey High School 5a side competition. We won six games, keeping six clean sheets and scored a massive twenty-three goals. We dominated every game and the boys are very proud to have represented Lymm High and won the trophy through hard work and team work. Special mention to Ewan Robertson for not conceding any goals which is unheard of in 5 a side, especially six games.

LYMM ATHLETICS SQUAD

M assive congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 athletics squads who were crowned Warrington Champions at the meeting at Birchwood High School on the 1st January. They have now earned a place at the Cheshire final held in

VOLLEYBALL

e hosted the Warrington volleyball competition on Tuesday 15th February with Lymm entering two boys' teams and four girls' teams to compete against other schools in the area. Pleasingly Lymm won both the girls and boys competitions and go through to represent Warrington at the County finals in March. Well done to all for taking part!



TABLE TENNIS

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opportunity to get some experience of competition and test themselves against students from another school. Despite an extremely heavy defeat, the fixture was played in great spirit and the boys will use it as a source of motivation to improve. For students interested in Table Tennis we have a very popular club that runs on a Monday lunchtime in the gym.



CROSS COUNTRY

W ell done to all the Lymm students who represented Warrington at the Cheshire Cross Country championships in Winsford earlier this month.

There were some excellent individual performances including Anouska Brooks (Yr9) 3rd in the Junior Girls and Lauren Ferris (Yr12) 1st in the Senior Girls.



HEAD OF THE MERSEY

n Sunday 12th February, a large number of Lymm High School students competed in the Head of the Mersey (mostly on behalf of Warrington Rowing Club). Ranging from individual to team events, the rowers raced over 3.6km against other competitors of all ages and genders. The following students were successful in winning their event and taking home a medal:

Ella Stanhope (Year 11), Josh Critchley (Year 11), Angus Wooler (Year 11), Matt Baguley (Year 12), Cameron Nyland (Year 12), Dominique Billingham (Year 13), Ellie Davies (Year 13), Joe Baguley (Year 9), George Windsor (Year 9)

As this event was happening, Lucy Glover (Year 12) was also competing at the Senior rowing trials for selection into their Great

Britain U23 squad.

This is one of many trials that Lucy will need to perform well at in order to gain selection for the squad which will compete at the U23 championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria this summer. Lucy performed exceptionally well for her age and came 10th, which absolutely leaves her with the chance to progress to the next set of trials and remain on course for selection.

Well done to all of our talented rowers and keep pulling hard!

BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Year 7 basketball team competed in the final Warrington League Competition of the season on January 25th and we were the only school that entered two teams into the six team tournament which shows the growing popularity of the sport at Lymm. The A team won the overall competition unbeaten with eight wins and two draws and were led exceptional by captain and top points scorer Matt Beattie. The B team finished in sixth position but were able to hold Great Sankey to a draw which is a great success considering most of the players were playing their first competitive basketball games. Special mention goes to the following Year 7 students who have played for the basketball team this year:

Jake Henshaw, Matt Beattie, Ewan Hacker, Toby Ward, Harley Priest, Jack Clarke, Leon Colwell, Blaze Gibbons, Alfie Grant, Jack Speakman, Taylor Cooke, Rachel Beattie, Tom Nolan, Hamish Scott-Herron, Patrick Boyle, Ben Williams, Harrison Davies, Sally Dodd,



GIRLS FOOTBALL QUARTER FINALS

ymm U14 girl's football team were back in action in the quarter finals of the Cheshire Cup. The team made up of students from Years 8 and 9 faced a well organised Sandbach High School. Lymm started the game fantastically well with Lauren Broadley and Amelia McDonagal both going close with good efforts. Eventually our hard work was rewarded with the ever dangerous Lauren Broadley latching onto a through ball and calmly slotting home. Goalkeeper Ella Oldland was called into action in the final stages of the match but she comfortably dealt with everything. Lymm now await the winners of Neston and Alsager in the Semi finals.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

ear 7 football participated in a 6 aside tournament at Great Sankey High School. The boys were placed in a tough group and, although playing the better football at times, they were unable to convert their chances. The boys finished third in their group, just missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals. A great effort from all but now the focus turns back to the league.

GIRLS HOCKEY

I t has been a busy month for the Lymm Hockey girls in KS3.

The U13 team played Altrincham Girls Grammar school in a tight game which saw both teams retain possession of the ball well.

Lymm took the lead through Ciara Bennett with a fabulous strike landing in the bottom corner. Altrincham scored next and began to exert a greater influence on the game. Lymm absorbed the pressure well and thanks to an excellent strike by Hattie Cosgrove won 2-1.

The U14 team followed this fixture a few weeks later but could not replicate the result. Despite a very closely fought game and some excellent attacking play coming from many areas of the pitch the girls were defeated 1-3 as a result of two fantastic strikes from short corners. There was some outstanding goal keeping action from Ella Oldland who made some fantastic saves and dives to keep the ball out. The two teams finally combined to play a game against our boys' team of the equivalent age and unfortunately were defeated 0-3.

While this was still a winning situation for the school the girls are determined to put in a better performance in the return game after Easter, so watch this space! The senior team are currently returning to outdoor training and preparing for the Cheshire finals at the end of March, while the U14 will play in their first round on Saturday 4th March.

The Year 7 team have a busy few weeks after Easter and are still hoping to add more players to their ranks!



SHARKS FOR JOE MURPHY

ymm High Sixth Form student Joe Murphy has been selected to start in the Final of the Premiership Rugby U18 Academy League. Sale Sharks U18s have named their side to take on Harlequins U18s at the Sixways Stadium in Worcester (kick off 4.30pm). The Sharks have topped the Northern Conference, having won five out of their six games so far this season, including impressive wins over Leicester Tigers and Northampton Saints. Well done Joe and we wish you the best of luck for the upcoming game!

GIRLS NATIONAL CUP

T he Year 7 girl's football team had their National Cup match away against Weatherhead High School in the Wirral.

Captained by Ruby D'Arcy the girls were looking forward to their first National Cup match, however we did not start the match as planned. The girls conceded two sloppy goals by giving the ball away in their own half. The nerves had definitely got to them, a great strike by the Weatherhead striker saw them go 3-0 up at half time.

With some tough talking to at half time and a couple of changes saw the girls get a goal back within the first couple of minutes, this was a fantastic goal by Rachel Yates. Another quick goal by Ruby D'Arcy saw the Lymm girl's battle back to make it 3 -2, Lymm were back in the game.

Weatherhead got another goal from a dubious free kick which saw them go 4-2 up, Grace Unsworth scored to make it 4-3 to make it an exciting last 10 minutes. This was how the game finished, however lots of positives to take from the match and the Lymm girls did themselves proud with a fantastic come back.

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ver the term, we have lots of Lymm Leaders who have helped out with Primary School Competitions. They have been involved in umpiring, refereeing, scoring, timekeeping, helping the primary school pupils by warming them up and doing drills and skills with them. They have been absolutely fantastic and all of the events for the primary schools would not be able to run without them. The competitions which have ran for the primary schools so far are Rugby, Football, Netball, Volleyball and Hockey to name a few. There are a lot more competitions coming up next term so if you would like to get involved please see Miss Ball in PE. This can help you sign off some of your Leadership ladder as well as gain experience of working with primary school pupils and organising events.

THE WARRINGTON LEAGUE

A II of our girls football teams participated in the Warrington League which was ran by Warrington School Sports Partnership. We had over seventy girls involved which was fantastic for girl's football at Lymm. Our teams played all of the schools from across Warrington including Great Sankey, Birchwood, Penketh, Cardinal Newman and Beamont Collegiate Academy. The top two teams from each age group qualify to go to the County Finals which will be held at Moss Farm at the end of March. After five consecutive weeks of playing our Year 7 A team finished a fantastic second place with our B team finishing third which meant our A team qualifies for the County Finals. A particular mention to Ruby D'Arcy who captained the team excellently. Our Year 9 team finished top of their league and will also qualify along with the Year 7's. A brilliant achievement for both teams and well done to all of the girls who took part over the weeks.

NETBALL

W umbers at training continue to be excellent and almost too many in the younger year groups. It is due to large numbers that we have been able to have matches with A, B and C teams for some year groups.

We have averaged at least two matches a week, playing approximately twenty-five games each half term so about seventy-five so far, but we are coming to an end of the season for the older age groups. The younger ones have doubled their training to make sure they are ready for their county tournament. Some of the Year 8 and 9 players will have a longer season as they will be training over April and May preparing themselves for their European tour to Spain in May 2017.

Special mention

The yr13s played their final match for school at the county tournament this week at Kings Macclesfield. They have been outstanding role models to netball at Lymm HS. They have been a dedicated group of pupils who have been a pleasure to work with for the last 7 years. They all have played netball every year since yr7 and all continue to play for clubs as well as Lymm High School

Molly Clark (senior captain), Rachael Roberts (senior captain), Lily Bury, Jess Evans and Melissa Smith.

Representative honours:

Molly Clark – Cheshire U.19 Grace Bates – NW U.16 Macy Evans – Cheshire U.16 Abi Hayden – Merseyside U.15 Lauren Smith – Merseyside U.14 Suzie Underwood – Cheshire U.14 Heather Evans – Cheshire U.12 Anya Grieve – Cheshire U.12

Cheshire County tournament results: Yr10 – 5th Seniors – 6th Yr7, 8, & 9 on Saturday 11th March

HANDBALL

he Year 10 and 11 Boys GCSE PE students got some practice in for their handball assessments by playing friendly fixtures against Sir Thomas Boetler High School. The two games were extremely competitive with the Year 11 boys earning a hard fought draw and the Year 10 team winning their game.



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPRING CONCERT

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH · 7PM Main Hall

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

Tickets available from the school shop priced £6

LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION

Ongratulations to Year 13 student Isabella Barnes who has secured a university place at the London College of Fashion. UAL is a world leader in fashion design, media and business education. Currently ranked number two globally, the university is comparative to Cambridge/ Oxford for creative subjects and attracts the world best young designers internationally. Securing a place is a fantastic accomplishment and we are incredibly proud of Isabella's success.

Students Alfie Chambers, Ellie Turner and Hattie Lofthouse have also secured interviews at London College; this is again a fabulous achievement. We are wishing them the very best of luck with their upcoming interviews.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February Half Term break Monday 20th February

Spring Term Second Half Begins Monday 27th February

Year 10 Poetry Live! Trip Monday 6th March

Year 8 Parents Evening Tuesday 14th March

GUILDHALL SUCCESS

W e are delighted to announce that a Year 13 2016 leaver James Allen, currently on his Gap year, has secured a place at Guildhall School of Music and Drama to start in September.

Selected as one of the top 10 institutions for performing arts in the world, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama offers undergraduate and postgraduate training in the performing arts. Due to such high demand, with 570 students applying for just 6 music places it is a truly remarkable achievement. We are incredibly proud of James and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

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