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### FOUNDERS' DAY 2018

Students and community come together to map local graveyard and share school memories for Lymm High School Founders Day 2018

The Lymm High School community gave thanks and shared school memories on Tuesday 17th July, for their annual Founders' Day service held at St. Mary's church, Lymm.

As part of the day, 1400 students marked the occasion by completing a 5K sponsored walk in the local community, followed by a fun-filled festival for students to enjoy on the school fields in the

#### afternoon.

Celebrations concluded with an evening service at St Marys church, followed by a reception of canapés and wine served by the school's catering CONTINUES ON PG. 3

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students, with over two hundred people in attendance.

The congregation, consisting of current and past students, staff, Governors, Trustees and community members, were treated to an abundance of excellent music – choral, orchestral and ensemble –

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for the

evening was

'A Joy to

Remember'...

interspersed with readings by students from the school.

'Olim Meminisse juvabit,' which features on the schools'

crest, translates to, 'One day with joy we will remember'. This set the theme for the evening; with past and current Lymmians encouraged to share their memories of the school on the night.

Current Headmaster, Gwyn Williams, introduced the service and asked the congregation to reflect on the high school's motto, reminding everyone of the great age of the school and encouraging those in attendance to look back on their time at Lymm High School fondly.

During the service, St Mary's Reverend, Beverly Jameson, praised the current generation of Lymmians who

> have been prominent in completing this year's Founders' Day community project – mapping the church graveyard.

Over eighty students have been involved in

the project throughout the course of July, which has seen participants individually map the vast number of graves at St Mary's, with some dating as far back as 1770.

The aim of the project is to recreate an electronic mapping system, that will make locating loved ones and researching family history easier.

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Helen Ryles-Dean, Assistant Headteacher and co-ordinator of the events commented, "Founders' Day celebrations this year, have been a fantastic opportunity for the children and local community to come together.

"Students have worked tirelessly, cleaning graves and logging information, cross referencing their findings with a map dating from 1834.

"To be involved in a project, collaborating with the church and creating a piece of history, really will be 'A Joy to Remember."

Students plan to visit again in September to complete the last remaining section of the graveyard, with the project coming to a close at the end of the month.

Reverend Beverley Jameson, Rector of St Mary's Lymm and Governor of Lymm High said " We are incredibly grateful to all the students who helped in mapping the graveyard, which not only helps the church but also the wider community.

"The students were enthusiastic, well behaved, responsible and enjoyed themselves immensely. They are a credit to Lymm High.

"It was a joy, privilege and a real pleasure to host the Founders Day Service at St Mary's. Lymm High is a school to be proud of!"



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# NOTICES

### SUMMER SCHOOL SHOP OPENING HOURS

The school shop caters for almost everything a student will require whilst he/she is at Lymm. Weekday opening hours are reduced slightly during the school holidays. Please see our opening hours for the summer break below:

> SCHOOL SHOP OPENING HOURS Monday - Thursday | 8am - 4pm Friday | 8am - 3pm

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS | SUMMER 2018 Monday – Thursday | 9am – 3pm Friday | 9am – 2pm

> Wednesday 18th July 2018 | 4pm Reopens 30th July 2018

ADDITIONAL SATURDAY

11th August 2018 | 9am – 1pm

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE LIMITED STAFF ON:

Monday 20th August Tuesday 21st August

\*Opening times are subject to change. Please always check the school website.

### JUNE INSET 2019

P lease note that we have moved the June INSET date from Friday 14th June two weeks later to Friday 28th June 2019; this is to ensure that there are no clashes with external exams.

Term Dates for 2018/19 have been updated to reflect this change and can be found <u>here.</u>

### LHS ALUMNI

B ecome part of the Lymm High School community and join the official LHS Alumni!

We help alumni to maintain or renew contact with each other and the School and we always love to hear your news!

Click <u>here</u> to become part of our community and join the LHS Alumni. We're also on facebook search for

<u>@LymmHighSchoolAlumni</u> and like and follow the page

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### THE GATEWAY PROGRAMME

W e are looking for volunteers to support our Gateway programme in the sixth form and we would love to enlist the help of the wider community.

This programme works with our highest achieving students who are applying for the most competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

Our students do apply for a wide variety of courses and therefore if you feel you are in a position to help support our students with subject specific support, whether that is through mentoring a student, through careers talks or mock interview evening, please get in touch with the Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Lowry-Johnson on:

kjohnson@lymmhigh.org.uk or 01925755458 (Ext 271)

### SCHOOL LOTTERY

T hank you to all those who have already signed up to our school lottery and huge congratulations to our winners so far!

Join the Lymm High School lottery and you could dine in style with a chance to win one of five £50 restaurant vouchers! The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school.

As well as a guaranteed weekly winner from our school community there's also a weekly chance to win up to £25,000. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be. The more supporters that join the bigger the weekly prize fund!

Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up today!

### GCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

#### A Level Results Day

Y ear 13 Students are invited to collect their results from 7am on Thursday 16th August in the Upper Hex via Languages entrance.

Year 12 Students are invited to collect their results from 9am on Thursday 16th August in the Upper Hex via Languages entrance.

#### GCSE Results Day

Y ear 11 Students are invited to collect their results from 9am on Thursday 23rd August 2018 in the Sports Hall.

Year 10 Students are invited to collect their results from 10am on Thursday 23rd August 2018 in the Sports Hall.

# A NOTE FROM THE H



Dear parents and carers, It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the end of a school year seems to arrive, and I'm sure many of you feel the same. I do hope the year has been a positive one for you and your children.

From my perspective, it certainly has been. We started the year on the back of exam results that were the best the school has ever seen and that gave staff a good deal of confidence in tackling the huge challenges presented by new GCSE and A' level specifications. Given these new specifications and the completely 9-1 different grading system, it would be more foolish than ever to make firm predictions about results this summer at this stage, but I will say that we are cautiously optimistic about what the summer will bring and expect to perform very well again.

Three years ago, I put together a school

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Improvement plan that has been on the website ever since and has been reviewed each year. It was part of the promise I made when I arrived to be open and honest about what we do as a school and how well we are performing. The final review of this plan can be

read by clicking <u>here</u> and I hope you will agree that it underlines just how far the school has come in that time. The visit we had from <u>Ofsted</u> in

February fully

supported the messages that I have given and we were pleased that the report reflected so many of the great things about this place.

We still have plenty to work on, but we are proud of what has been achieved so far and I want to thank everyone involved with the school – parents, students and staff – for the parts they have played in bringing about these improvements. I am very excited about what the next three years have to bring and there will be a new version of the school improvement plan on the website in the autumn

to reflect this.

'I am very excited about what the next three years have to bring .' I hope that you have enjoyed the new format of the newsletter this year. We have tried hard to respond to parent feedback by including more details of the things

students have been up to – something that is always difficult simply because there is so much going on! There have been so many individual and team successes in sport, typically incredible performances in the performing arts and wonderful talent on display in the visual arts as well as countless other trips and activities. I am especially pleased to see the impact made by Mrs Dowdall this year following her appointment as our first ever STEM co-ordinator; the opportunities she has created for students to discover more about STEM subjects and careers have been a really important addition to our provision and I know she has even more plans for next year.

I'd also like to thank those of you who have supported the 'Pitch In' campaign. We are well on the way to raising the money we need for a successful bid and are very excited about the prospect of having a state-of-the-art 3G pitch on site.

Thank you all again for your support during the year and have a lovely summer.

Kind regards Gwyn Williams Headteacher

# YEAR 11 PROM



### Students celebrate in style at their annual leavers' Prom 2018.

ear 11 LHS students marked another successful year by celebrating their annual leavers' prom on Thursday 28th June at the Old Trafford Cricket ground.

Students looked fabulous in their attire as they arrived and it was lovely to see them so relaxed, enjoying the time with their friends and staff members, celebrating the end of school and the end of exams.

On entrance to the Prom, they were greeted with complimentary non-alcoholic drinks, with time on the balcony to take in the views over-looking the cricket pitch. A two-course meal followed, as did the customary end of year awards, which are voted for by the students themselves.

Both students and staff danced the night away in the disco.

The evening ended with tears and a real sense of solidarity as all of the students and staff

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were up dancing together, which was lovely to see.

As always, students were a credit to the school and Old Trafford employees complimented staff on how well they behaved.

Head of Year 11, Mr Thompson commented, "As head of year it was wonderful to see all the year celebrating together one last time.

"They all looked very grown up and in their suits and dresses and was a fitting send off for a fabulous group of young adults."

What a memorable evening for staff and students alike!

We wish all our students the best of luck in all they decide to pursue in the future, whether it be continuing onto Sixth Form or going to college.

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# LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Lymm High School bid farewell to another fantastic year group.



ear 11 students enjoyed a morning of shirt signing and a continental breakfast put on by their form tutors before leaving school on Thursday 28th June.

Their last assembly was celebrated in the usual style with a customary form tutor performance.

This year's rendition of "The greatest Day" by Take That was well received – despite Mr Thompson's appalling singing. Students were also treated to a much more polished performance of Queens popular hit song, 'Somebody to Love'.

Performed by students Ella Worsely, Eve Shaw and Roise May Larkin, the rendition went down a storm with their fellow students.

A few tears were shed as students watched a video of good luck messages and goodbyes from members of teaching and support staff.

To bring preceding's to a close, Mr Thompson reminded the year group about how amazing their time at Lymm had been before students were dismissed for the final time.

We look forward to seeing them in August when they return to collect their GCSE results. We wish them the best of luck for results day and their future endeavours.



# RETURN FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS

ear 8 recently returned from a wonderful trip to the Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme.

After a very pleasant overnight crossing to Zeebrugge, Lymm High School students started their tour of Belgium, visiting the many historical monuments and landmarks the country has to offer.

To begin their visit, the group visited the Flanders Field Museum, stopping for an ice cream in the main square.

Next up, students visited Essex Farm Cemetery within the John McCrae Memorial Site, where they were given the opportunity to explore inside medical bunkers used during World War One to tend to wounded casualties in the vicinity.

During the visit our group also had time to reflect, witnessing the grave of a 15 year old soldier, realising that many of the casualties during war time were not much older than themselves.

The next stops on the itinerary took students to Tynecot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world, and Langemark cemetery, where the group attended a last post ceremony and observed two minutes of silence as a mark of respect for the fallen.

On Friday, the final morning of the trip, students visited Santuary Wood. Whilst there, students were able to walk through genuine World War One trenches, observing artefacts collected from the local area. From there, the group were transported to the Somme and visited Lochnager Crater and Theipval memorial.

After a quick stop for lunch it was time for students to headback to Zeebrugge to start our journey home.

# LHS SIXTH FORM PRON 2018



#### Sixth Form celebrate at Statham Lodge for Prom 2018

n Thursday 5th July the sixth form Prom was held at Statham Lodge, Lymm.

This event marked the end of seven years of education at Lymm High School with students enjoying welcome drinks on the lawn upon arrival, making the most of what was a beautiful summer's evening. A delicious three course meal was followed by a disco where students danced the night away. This event is always emotional, as students have now finished their external exams and they begin the next chapters of their lives.

Finlay McKinnon and Georgia Hull were voted Prom King and Queen and we hope to see them still wearing their crowns on results day in August!

We thank all students for their hard work in sixth form and we have everything crossed for their results.

Thank you for the memories, class of 2018!

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### NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

A fter a gruelling process we are delighted to announce that our student leadership team next year will consist of:

James Rooney and Jessica Baillie Head Boy and Girl

Ollie McFerran and Brooke Shay Deputy Head Boy and Girl

We are delighted with the appointments and look forward to using their idea next year.

A huge well done to you all!

### VISUAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Our end of year exhibition celebrated and showcased the work of our KS4 and KS5 Visual arts and Technology students.

On Wednesday 27th June, Lymm High School hosted the KS4 and KS5 Visual Arts and Technology Exhibition.

On display was a range of GCSE, BTEC and A level work from Fine Art, Fashion Textiles, Photography, Graphics and Product Design.

The Local community, staff, school governors, students, past students, family and friends all came to support and the event was really well attended.

It was lovely to hear so many positive comments and compliments about the student's work.

It was a great evening filled with a lot of pride and achievement for the students, parents and staff. It was great to see so many people come together to appreciate how creative and talented our Lymm High school students are.







This year has seen a huge spike in the number of students signing up for Duke of Edinburgh and we have been really proud that 149 students participated at either Bronze (Y9), Silver (Y10) or Gold (Y12) levels. DofE recognises a specified series of activities that not only benefit the student, but also their community. To achieve the award, students must complete pre-chosen activities in 4 areas:

#### PHYSICAL

Become fitter and healthier by taking part in a physical activity or sport

#### SKILL

Develop a personal interest or work on a talent

#### VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer in the community, perhaps for charity, the elderly, a sports team, drama group, scout/ brownie group

#### **EXPEDITIONS**

Plan for and complete 2 expeditions, one 'practice' and one 'qualifying', expedition.

When recently surveyed, over a quarter of UK companies said that they look for a DofE Award in applications when they recruit, because they believe students who've achieved an award have demonstrated resilience, teamwork, time management, problem-solving and leadership, and this makes them far more employable than others without an award.



If your child hasn't uploaded their Assessor Reports yet for their Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections, please encourage them to do so over the summer so we can sign off their award in September. They must have finished Bronze before they can register for Silver. Assessor Reports need to be scanned into eDofE on the student's account. Mrs Hill in the School Shop can do this over the summer if your child brings them in (see shop opening times). Students should not take photos of Assessor Reports to upload because unfortunately they cannot be read clearly. We look forward to signing off all 89 other awards as soon as possible!

# BRONZE Expeditions

e recently had one hundred students embark on their practice expedition in May and their qualifying expedition in June.

The practice one took place near Tarporley and Northwich, with students starting at two different points and meeting up to camp at Forest Camp, Sandiway.

It was a great expedition and all students managed, without major problems, to complete their twelve hours walking across the two days.

It was particularly great to see almost all 100 students playing a giant game of tag late into the evening together, particularly when students did not know each other too well!

Their qualifying expedition was a slightly different story in terms of the weather, and our students had to battle slightly warmer conditions.

22/23 degrees might seem pleasant when you're on the beach, but carrying a heavy rucksack and trekking over Cheshire is quite a different story!

This time, students stayed at the lovely Broad Oak Farm in Tattenhall, starting/finishing at Kelsall and Malpas, depending on their group's letter.

All Bronze students were an absolute credit to themselves on both expeditions and thoroughly deserve the achievement of this section of their award.

Many thanks also to all the staff who accompanied the trip and made it possible.

We've already had some students who've finished their entire award and they received their badge and certificate on Founders Day this week.

#### They are:

Katie Able, Lauren Cliffe, Lucy Corrigan, Lewis Fraser, Grace Higham, Seth Jones, Jay Palombella, Emma Parkinson, Lily Parsons, Matthew Stow, Lily Turnbull.

# SILVER & GOLD EXPEDITIONS

F orty-one students took part in the Silver practice expedition in Snowdonia at the start of July, as well as 8 Gold students who walked and camped in the same place.

The Silver and Gold groups started at different places, and met up on the 2nd night to camp at the same site.

The Gold students had the added challenge of 1 night of

'wild camping', which involved pitching their tent in the depths of Snowdonia, not on a campsite, so no toilets or showers, hence why there was a trowel on their kit list ;-)

Again, an even hotter expedition for students so we transported their tents and stoves to ease the weight they were carrying and shortened



the route slightly, given the temperatures.

Needless to say, the extra 100L of water we put on the coach came in very useful!

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All students did incredibly well to complete what was a very tough three days walking and camping, and it will have been great preparation for the Qualifying expeditions in September (a letter, info sheet and map were posted home in the last week of term).

Any queries about DofE can be directed to James Hellmers, who supports the award in school

(jameshellmers@btinternet.co m), Sue Hill, our fantastic DofE Administrator (shill@lymmhigh.org.uk), or Natalie Dixon, Assistant Head (ndixon@lymmhigh.org.uk)

Recruitment for 2018/19 will take place in mid-late September in the following year groups: Year 9 (Bronze), Year 10 (Silver) and Year 12 (Gold). Check out our DofE website for more information (under Enrichment).



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### SPORTS DAY 2018

#### A view from the balcony...

Sports Day 2018 will last long in the memory of all involved. The lead up to this culmination of Hall activities was blessed with weeks of glorious sunshine.

The track was marked out but bore no resemblance to previous years when the brilliant white lines stood out in stark contrast against the lush green grass. This year the track was a pale brown, baked hard by 2 months of sunshine. In an attempt to prevent the students from suffering the same fate, it was decided that they should remain indoors, only venturing out to participate in their event before returning to the cooling influence of their classroom.

As the day unfolded and the sun continued to punish those exposed to its strength, the students valiantly went into battle. Distance races were shortened, hurdlers tumbled, yet picked themselves up to finish and score valuable points for their Halls, records tumbled Archie Steed, Lauren Broadley, Lauren Smith. Nell Dixon- Pybus and Freya Jackson all setting new best marks in the History of Lymm High School.

These record holders are to be congratulated on their performances as are all of the winners on the day. However, such is the nature of Sports Day and all of the Hall competitions, all participants are worthy of congratulations.

Many participate in events that are not their speciality. From my view on the balcony it is inspirational to see our most athletic students flying across that parched track. However, it is just as heart-warming to see those students who are doing their upmost to get a point for the team. These heroic individuals also deserve our congratulations and epitomise what sports day is all about.

So we all start again in September, more Hall competitions, more students involved and hopefully, more sunshine.

Click <u>here</u> to see our full list of Sports Day results and records.



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# JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



E arlier this term, 128 pupils in Year 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

Over 260,000 students from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% a silver certificate and the next 21% bronze. The students did fantastically, with 10 receiving gold certificates, 37 silver and 41 bronze.

The UKMT also run two follow on challenges, which allow the top (approximately) 8000 students to sit either the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or the Kangaroo. Out of the students at Lymm High School, we are proud to say two students got into these follow on rounds.

Charlie Exley (scoring 83 on the UKMT) took part in the Kangaroo paper and Zuza Konca (scoring 106, see picture) was able to complete the Junior Mathematical Olympiad which was a huge achievement. To further this, Zuza managed to score in the top 40% of the Junior Olympiad challengers which gained her a certificate of Merit – so a huge Well Done!

Rachel Greenhalgh, UKMT Executive Director, has said, Rachel Greenhalgh, UKMT Executive Director, has said, "The Maths Challenges provide material to provoke students' mathematical thinking and test their problem solving skills in an accessible yet challenging way.

"Many congratulations to Lymm High School on their success in the Junior Maths Challenge; it is great to see achievement in maths recognised."

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in this challenge, what a great achievement!

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# CHESHIRE BOOK QUIZ TEAM AWARDS



Pictured: Isabel (7WH), Florence (7TL), Rachael (7TL), Kate (7WH), Freya (7TH), Cara (7DH).

he Team of six Year 7 girls read six set books and competed against 23 school teams from Warrington, Cheshire and Halton in this year's quiz.

Although they didn't quite make it to what proved to be a very competitive final, they were presented with a certificate and copy of 'Stonebird' signed to each of them by the author.

The girls are hoping to enter the competition (open to students from Years 7 and 8) again next year and are already reading widely to improve their chances of success.

# It's all About STEM

### AN INSIGHT INTO INDUSTRY

n Wednesday 11th July, over 120 Year 10 students welcomed Steve Gillingham – Project Manager with Mace Construction and a member of school parent body, to present to them about STEM opportunities in the Property and Construction industries.

The students were given an insight into what project management involves, how the construction industry works, what routes of entry there are and how the industry is developing its technologies for the future.

Steve also spoke to the students about many of the landmark projects that both he and his company have been involved with – including the design, construction and delivery of the Olympic Park in Stratford.

The students were encouraged to think about their subject choices for A Level and how further study of STEM subjects can open many doors to them and give them opportunities to get involved in exciting and innovative projects.

The students also met a former student – Victoria Ramsbottom - who has just completed her first year studying medicine at Manchester.



Victoria gave the students some advice and ideas about applying to University and prompted them to think about the type of activities they could get involved with in their remaining years at Lymm to enrich their future UCAS applications.

Following the presentation, the students took part in a Team Maths Challenge that allowed them to apply their GCSE Maths skills in more challenging applications. They all had an introduction to Complex Numbers - an A Level Further Maths topic.

The students engaged very well with the activities and found it to be both a thought provoking and challenging exercise which gave them an interesting opportunity to develop their maths understanding. Well done to Tom Hay and Georgia Ratcliffe who were the overall winners and produced some excellent solutions!

Many thanks to Steve Gillingham who gave up his time to support us with this and to give the students the opportunity to find out more about STEM and related opportunities within his industry.

If any parent/guardian or family member would be interested in helping support a similar STEM initiative next year, please contact Mrs Dowdall, STEM Coordinator.

### STEM ASSEMBLIES

Towards the end of the summer term all Year 7, 8 and 9 students attended a special assembly to find out about what STEM means and what STEM opportunities are available at school.

The assemblies were very ably led by a team of Year 8 students who shared their STEM experiences this year including the competitions they have participated in, and the various trips, workshops and STEM clubs they have attended.

This academic year we have welcomed BAE Systems to Lymm High and students from Years 8 to 10 have visited the Big Bang Fair, Salford University, Unilever, Manchester University, Preistley College for a Cyber security workshop and South Cheshire College for an Oxbridge Science lecture. Next year we hope to add to this and give all students an opportunity to get involved with STEM in some way.

Well done to Lauren Slater, Anna McDonald, Steph Burnett, Tommy Burton, Jacob Dobson and Zuza Konca for their confident public speaking and professionalism in participating in the assemblies. They proved to be great STEM Ambassadors for the school.

#### **STEM Trips**

**16th October** 

Year 9 will visit Bletchley Park, the home of World War II codebreaking

23rd November

Year 10 Higher Maths sets will attend the GCSE Maths in Action Day at the University of Salford (Please note this is Friday and not Thursday as the letter stated)

28th November

Year 12/13 A level maths students will attend the A Level Maths in Action Day at the University of Salford

There are places still available on all trips – should your son/daughter wish to attend and they have not returned a completed form to school, please contact Mrs Dowdall, STEM Coordinator.

## CLASH OF THE TITANS

The World Cup over, all eyes turned to A211 as Lymm High School's inaugural Schools Alliance tournament came to an end.

But who would come out victorious?



E arlier this year Lymm High School joined the Schools' Alliance.

A group set up by Games Workshop to allow students to bring their hobby of table top role playing and war gaming into school.

This is a Duke of Edinburgh accredited group and so many of our year 9 members have used this as part of their skill development.

Table top gaming has several strands to it, including: building and designing models, mentoring and tutoring as well as competitive play.

The club has been set up in order to develop these skills in



school as well as introduce the hobby to a wider audience.

We have been meeting on a Wednesday lunchtime each week. As part of this lunchtime group we have run our own knockout tournament to crown our first champion of the Lymm High School Schools' Alliance Club.

The final took place on Friday 13th July between Jonas Jackson from 7DL and Erfan Rahimi from 9AH, the match was umpired by Will Entwistle from 9ML.

There had been a number of shock defeats and close fought matches over the course of the tournament leading to one of the favourites Jack Powell (9AH) ending in a respectable 3rd place and Alex Vesey (9WH) coming in 4th place.

With the formalities done and the armies set up Erfan and Jonas were only 35 minutes away from being the school's first champion.

Despite some unlucky dice roles and some devastating charge attacks the match went its full time limit and had to be decided by points scored.

In this instance the points went to Erfan who becomes the school's first Alliance champion! There has to be congratulations also given to Jonas Jackson who played well throughout the tournament against some more experienced players to earn his spot in the final. The question now is will Erfn be able to successfully defend his crown next year?

We are looking forward to relaunching the club in the summer and welcoming our new Year 7 gamers to the club.

### SMASHING SCHOLARS

Lymm High School's fantastic year 7 scholars were given the incredible opportunity to film their own mini-documentary whilst visiting the Imperial War Museum North this week.

The students used the instructions provided by the fictional 'SMASHtv' to record their own documentaries telling the stories that they decided were too important to be kept inside the museum.

Our scholars focused on World War One and picked out some interesting themes such as 'the role of women in WW1' and 'weapons of war'.

Staff at the museum commented on the impeccable behaviour of the students and praised their attitude and conscious effort to consider the authenticity of their stories, the human stories behind the objects they explored, and their relevance to today.

# A VENTURE INTO PARIS

### Young Mathematicians visit Paris on Year 8 school trip

Fifty Year 8 Mathematicians went on a four-day trip to Paris at the start of July to explore some of the real life applications of Mathematics and immerse themselves in one of the most culturally iconic cities in the world.

Students had a packed few days including a visit to the

hugely impressive Cite des Sciences et de l'industrie museum, a bakery, walking tour and Disneyland Paris. Students returned to school on Sunday night exhausted but having had a brilliant time! We hope the trip will run again in 2019 so if your child is about to go into Year 8, keep an eye out for the letters in the Autumn term.

### LYMM SPORTS STARS

This week we look at student Olivia Molden , swimmer currently ranked 15th in the UK and about to compete for the first time at the British Nationals. Lymm High

S wimming is not only a sport to me; it's a part of my life! Ever since I began swimming at age one, the sport has played a huge role in my life, and I've become quite remarkable at it.

I began taking swimming seriously at the age of eight, joining Warrington Warriors before moving on to become one of the Stockport Wolf Pack Swimming Club.

Many people think I am crazy when I tell them I train twenty hours a week but it's become just another part of my daily routine. On Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's I complete two hours of training before school and in addition to this, I also train every evening for two to three hours. On Sunday's, I do usually have a day of rest, unless I am at a competition!

I first swam at The Cheshire Championships at the age of 10 and then at the ASA North West Regional Championships at the age of 11. Last year, I qualified for the 200m breaststroke at the English Championships, finishing 7th in the final, and also won Gold for the 50m breast stroke, at the Welsh Nationals.

This year I have qualified to swim the 200m breast stroke in the British Nationals, which takes place at Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield, on the 25th July. To be given the opportunity to compete you have to be ranked in the top 15 in Britain.

In addition to this, I have also been invited to compete in the 100 Breast Stroke, 200IM and 400IM in the English Nationals, as I am currently ranked within the top 25 swimmers in England for my age category.

I am looking forward to the experience of competing at a British National Competition and hoping for another national medal.







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# A CUT ABOVE

#### Lymm High School student cuts twenty inches off hair for charity.

A year 11 student has cut twenty inches off her hair for the Little Princess Trust.

Little Princess Trust "provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults," according to their website, and donors include the Duchess of Cambridge.

Eloise Wright, who's just finished her Year 11 exams, decided to donate more than half of her long, brunette locks to the charity after attending the High School Prom. Eloise, who has been growing her hair for years, has also collected nearly £900 for the charity.

Eloise, said: " I have only ever had one real haircut when I was 8 and since then, I've only ever had half an inch cut at a time.

"My hair is a topic of conversation wherever I go and I'm known as 'the one with the really long hair'.

"As it is so long, I am donating it to the Little Princess Trust who can use it to make wigs for children who have lost their hair to chemotherapy or alopecia."

A huge well done to Eloise! You can donate to the Little Princess Trust via Eloise's 'Just Giving' page <u>here.</u>



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## ALTON TOWERS

ur end of year rewards trip saw over 500 students go to Alton Towers for fun-filled, thrilling day out! Students had to amass 235 hall points over the course of the year in order to qualify so to have the number of students involved that we did truly was a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to all students who qualified - a fabulous day was had by all! Our final rewards pyramid of the term offered another selection of brilliant rewards with a top prize of a £300 prepaid MasterCard. Over 300 students won a golden ticket that entered them into the draw to win but the lucky winner was Hamish Scott-Herron from 8ML who scooped the prize. A massive well done to him!

Thank you for all your support in encouraging your children to engage with the rewards pyramid and ensuring that they demonstrate the exceptionally high levels of behaviour that enables them to benefit from such fantastic rewards. The rewards pyramid is back next term with another great selection of rewards on offer...watch this space!

### YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

This week year 12 have embarked on their work experience placements in search of an answer to the big question, "What will I do next".

This years placements have covered a huge spectrum of careers including experience working within Education, Medicine, Finance, Sport, Fashion and law.

As always our students have impressed us with their contacts and ability to think outside the box in pursuit of a unique opportunity. This year has seen students take up placements in Spain, Rolls Royce and even Jimmy Choo!

We are sure they will have made the most of these fantastic opportunities and will be able to draw from these over the coming weeks when beginning the application process for University and Apprenticeships.





# ENTERPRISING SPEECH

Ryman Challenge regional finalists pass on their knowledge to their peers.

atie & Jamelia helped with Enterprise assemblies for Year 7, 8 and 9 last week. The girls volunteered to talk about their recent experience of enterprise at the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge, after their team made it to the finals

of the competition earlier in the year. They delivered their presentation during the assembly exceptionally well and spoke with confidence about the skills they'd developed working as a team.

Well done girls!

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 3rd Sept INSET Day

Tues 4th Sept INSET Day

Weds 5th Sept Students Return

