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# NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES LHS COMES TOP

THE town's top secondary schools have been revealed after the Department of Education published league tables based on pupils' progress.

**T**he official government league tables for 2016 were published this week and confirm what a strong set of results we achieved in the summer. In fact, on the key

new headline measures being used by government to judge schools, we are the top performing school or college in Warrington for both GCSE and A'level.

This is especially pleasing given that the new measures focus on the progress students make rather than simply raw exam scores.

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Our intake is well above average in terms of academic performance at primary level and so we should always do well in measures of raw attainment (such as the numbers of students getting 5 A\*-C grades including English and Maths). However, the progress measures published today show that our students have made excellent progress even taking into account their high starting points.

Our progress score of 0.20 at A' level is especially strong and demonstrates that A' level students made tremendous progress compared to similar students in other providers nationally. The official data puts us in the top 16% of all A' level providers in the country – and a long way above any other nearby school or college.

Similarly, at GCSE, our positive "Progress 8" score of 0.08 is the highest in Warrington and shows that our students have made more progress than would be expected nationally, taking into account their starting points.

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Ever since I joined Lymm High School, I have cautioned against complacency and we shall continue to work as hard as we possibly can to get better and better.

Indeed, we are confident results will continue to rise. At the same time, this is certainly a moment to step back and celebrate some excellent results and reflect on how far we have come over the last couple of years.

Congratulations to all involved!

**Gwyn Williams**  
**Headteacher**



# NOTICES

## TEMPEST TRIP PLACES

Following a very high demand for tickets to see The Tempest at the Grand Theatre in Blackpool, we have managed to secure an additional 50 places on the trip. We would like to apologise for the way in which tickets were allocated initially (whereby some classes received letters before others and therefore gained an unfair advantage under the 'first come, first served' system). We simply hadn't anticipated demand being so great and have changed our systems accordingly for future trips. To avoid the same issues this time, we will use a ballot system.

If we have received more than 50 reply slips by Monday 23rd January, we will draw names at random to select those students able to go. A list of names will be displayed outside the English office and an item placed on ParentPay for those who have been successful by Friday 27th January. Letters will be handed out by tutors on Thursday 19th January, a copy of which can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#).

## YEAR 11 PROM

This year the Year 11 prom will be held on Thursday 29th June at the Cresta Court Hotel in Altrincham. Arrival is at 6:30pm with dinner starting at 7pm. The evening will finish at 10:30pm. It promises to be a great end to the year following the hard work of the exams.

## FAST TOMATO

Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in assemblies last week which saw the launch of the careers programme Fast Tomato within school. Fast Tomato is a programme which allows students to find personalised information with regards to future careers.

All students have been allocated a sign up code. You can also click [HERE](#) to register.

## BERLIN TRIP MEETING

A polite reminder: A parents' meeting for GCSE history students going to Berlin during the February half term, will be taking place in the main school hall at 6pm, on Thursday 2nd February. We hope you can attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

## DofE INFORMATION EVENING

**W**ant to find out about the Duke of Edinburgh Award on offer to your child at Lymm High School? If you were unable to attend the DofE Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 10th January, you can click [HERE](#) for the evening's presentation and information about the Award.



# NOTICES

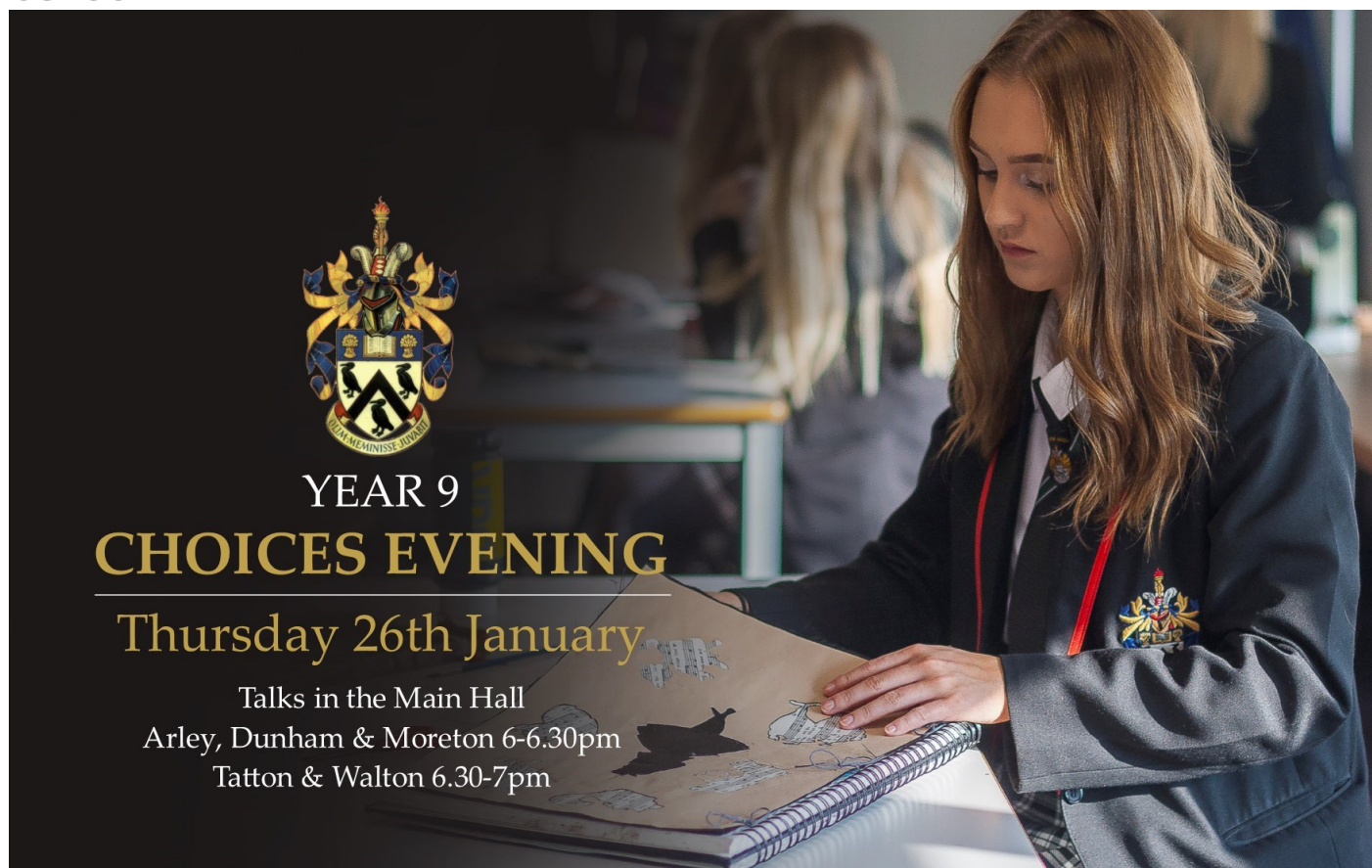
## MOCK EXAM DOUGHNUT PARTY



In recognition of their success in achieving many of their target grades in the GCSE Mock Exams recently, 54 Year 11 students will be invited to a 'Doughnut Party' on Wed 25th Jan in registration in the Main Canteen. Invited students will receive invites via Form Tutors.

## UNIVERSITIES STUDENT CONFERENCE

Year 10 students have been offered the opportunity to attend a student conference all about getting into the top universities. There are only 60 places for the conference so all return forms must be received by Friday break time. Full details are in the letter, which is available from Mr Thompson, Mrs Wardle or on Show My Homework.



## YEAR 9 CHOICES EVENING

### Thursday 26th January

Talks in the Main Hall  
Arley, Dunham & Moreton 6-6.30pm  
Tatton & Walton 6.30-7pm

# YEAR 9 CHOICES EVENING

**O**ur Choices Evening is on Thursday 26th January. This evening will enable you and your child to make well informed decisions for their option choices for Year 10 and 11, choices that will form the

basis of further study/ training at Key Stage Five.

The choices evening has two major components: a brief presentation in the hall where our choices process is outlined and a subject 'market place' in the sports

hall where you can ask subject teachers any questions about their subject area.

#### **6.00 – 6.30pm**

Arley, Dunham & Moreton Hall: Presentation from the Senior Leadership Team in the Main School Hall.

#### **6.30 – 7.15pm**

Arley, Dunham & Moreton Hall: A subject 'Market Place' in the Sports Hall.

#### **6.30 – 7.00pm**

Tatton & Walton Hall: Presentation from the Senior Leadership Team in the Main School Hall.

#### **7.00 – 7.45pm**

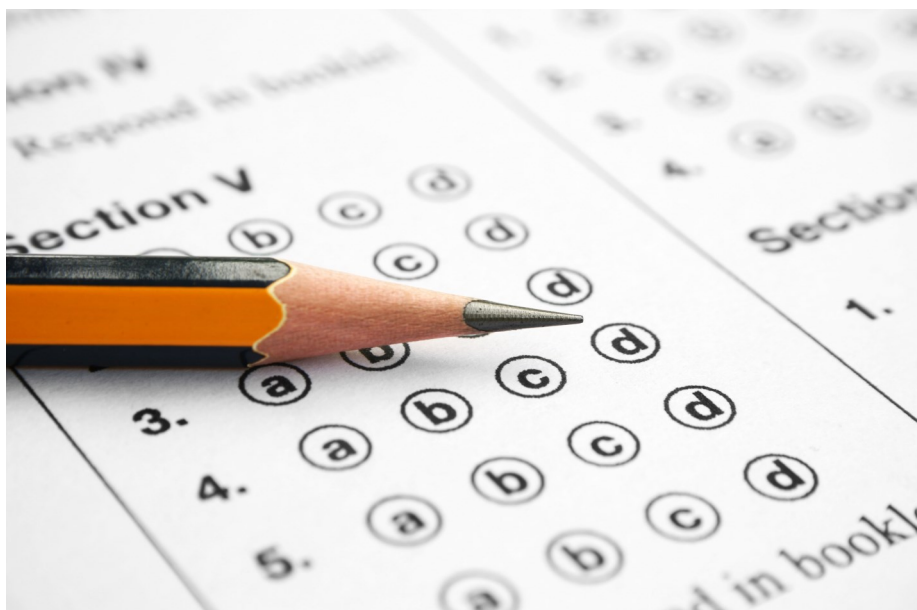
# STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR GCSE MOCK RESULTS

**O**n Monday, we held a Mock GCSE Results Day for Year 11, where students received an envelope containing their results from their December Mock exams.

Congratulations to all students who achieved their target grade in any of their subjects - a great position to be in at this stage and we have even raised some targets as a result. The overall picture looks positive although, as ever, there is a lot to play for over the next few months.

All students should be attending any revision sessions that are on offer to them. Some of these are targeted at certain students; others are 'open invite' or 'drop-in' - these will go onto the school website in the 'Parent Communication' section in a couple of weeks' time.

Students should also have created their own revision timetable by now (a template will be on the parent



communication pages) and scheduled what revision they are going to do on each day, along with any other commitments they may have.

Whilst it's important that students continue with sport and social activities to maintain a balance, for many students these should be tailing off now as we begin the run in to exams.

As a general recommendation, students should be completing around two hours of homework/revision per night, with slightly more at the weekend.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's subject teacher; for any general concerns please contact

Mr T Scott  
([tscott@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:tscott@lymmhigh.org.uk)).

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# LYMM SPORTS STARS

This week we look at Lymm Sixth Form student Molly Clark who plays handball for England under 19's

I first played handball in a primary school competition run by Lymm High School which, after winning, motivated me to take up the sport when I became a student here.

Our Lymm team became national champions three years later, where I caught the eye of county coaches. I climbed the ladder of county to regional to national participation in 2014, allowing me to participate in the Partille Cup in Sweden, the Viking Cup in Scotland and the Generation Cup in Denmark for England U16s over the next few years. I've always loved the fast pace and the exiting and physically demanding nature of handball, and from my experiences abroad I've made teammates and friends for life.

My most recent international tournament was held in Liverpool, where I represented England U19s against Australia and Scotland U21 teams. Winning this Tri-nation

Cup was a huge accomplishment for England Handball, especially as all funding to our NGB has been cut from Sport England. I scored 8 goals and earned 3 more international caps over that weekend, and loved playing in front of a home crowd so my family, club coaches and teachers could come watch me compete at the highest level.

From being the reason I originally started playing handball, the school has been incredibly supportive with any of my achievements or disappointments in sport.

The PE staff make sure that any successes are recognised and congratulated across school and, being sportspeople themselves, understand and help with time management, especially since I am in my final year of A levels. Playing netball at county level, I have found a balance for my two sports' training, gym sessions and matches, along with my



education and some social and family time too. My routine is intense but the benefits are definitely worth it.

This year my priorities are mainly my A' level grades to help me get to the University of Durham or Birmingham to study Biomedical Sciences. However, assuming I remain injury free, I intend to take a gap year before starting my first year of my degree.





I am currently a member of GB women's handball squad but, due to limited funding and resources, there isn't a major future for the sport in Britain. Therefore, in my gap year I am going to train and play at a sports academy in Denmark: Idrætshøjskolen Århus. Potentially this could lead to a professional contract. However my main aim, having just been selected for

England U19s, is to improve my skills and learn as much as possible about the sport, which I can transfer and teach to my national teammates back home, helping Britain grow as a handball nation.

Sport as a whole has enriched my life with countless experiences, skills and friends that otherwise I would have never have received. I highly

recommend participation in any sport to everyone at Lymm, as they too could become as lucky as me.

Written by Molly Clark, Year 13.



# LYMM VICTORY OVER COOPERS COBURN

We beat Cooper's Company Coborn 16-0 last week to reach the semi-finals of the Under 15s NatWest Schools Plate Competition.

Throughout the game, we gave a professional performance in testing conditions.

The first half of the match saw Lymm control the majority of the ball, with the game plan against our opponents being to 'bore them to death' and we were able to prevent

Coopers Company Coburn from scoring.

During the second half Lymm were able to stay long enough in the opposition half to gain some kickable penalties. Student Alex Galloway then came off the bench and proceeded to score a 50m try, allowing Mr Pickles to try to claim the credit for a great substitution.

Well done to all our players in the U15's; they did our school proud!



# CAMBRIDGE FOR GRACE

A huge congratulations to Grace Rooney who has secured an offer to study Law at Murray Edwards College at Cambridge University .



## HEALTH AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday 11th January ten year 9 students attended Bridgewater High School for their first day of training to become 'Youth Health Champions'. On the training course the students explored the importance of healthy lifestyles and ways of

promoting the school nurse service. Students will be attending three further days of training over the coming weeks to become health ambassadors in the school. This is an exciting and important project and we were very impressed with the maturity shown by

## U14 HOCKEY RESULT

Well done to Lymm U14 Boys Hockey team on a fantastic 4-1 win against St. Ambrose School.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### Choices Evening

Thursday 26th January

### Year 9 Choices Deadline

Thursday 2nd February

### Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 9th February

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