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# NEWSLETTER

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## DO YOU HEAR THE STUDENTS SING?

Audiences will be transported to 19th-century France for Lymm High School's winter musical production of "Les Miserables."

The final rehearsals are now well underway and teaching staff from the performing arts faculties have been working hard with student cast members, to make

sure they are pitch-perfect for the musical extravaganza.

"Les Misérables" is a show the community won't want to miss! Aside from its sixty-three cast members, the show

involves twenty orchestra members led by Head of Music, Mr Starkey, and over ten crew members who make it all happen.

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# Les Misérables® School Edition

**28TH NOVEMBER | 29TH NOVEMBER | 30TH NOVEMBER**  
**7.00PM MAIN HALL**

A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHONBERG Based on the novel by VICTOR HUGO  
Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHONBERG Lyrics by HERBERT KRETZMER  
Original French text by ALAN BOUBLIL and JEAN-MARC NATEL  
School Edition specially adapted and licensed by MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL and CAMERON MACKENZIE



**Adults £**



**| 1ST DECEMBER**

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**£8 | Concessions £5**

It promises to provide another huge-hit, following on from last year's 'Snow Dragons' where students represented the school at the Dorfman Theatre, London as a finalist for the prestigious National Connections event.

The curtain opens Tuesday 28th November, 7pm in the school's main hall, and runs until Friday 1st December - a total of four

performances taking place over the last week of the month.

Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Richards, said the students have been asking for years and finally she felt they were ready to dive in to performing the renowned show based on the novel of the same name by Victor Hugo.

"There was no question as to the choice of show: this was

definitely the students' favourite, illustrated most firmly to me by the GCSE drama students who stayed behind after every lesson

singing various numbers from 'Les Mis' until we finally agreed that it would be this year's production!"

The musical was created by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg,

and the school edition is specially adapted and licensed by Music Theatre International and Cameron Mackintosh.

The story follows French convict Jean Valjean and his journey to redemption.

After serving 19 years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread, Valjean works to turn his life around, but is pursued

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by police inspector Javert.

Along the way Valjean and others are caught up in a revolutionary movement in France.

Mrs Richards explained “The dramatic elements of ‘Les Misérables’ present challenges and opportunities for the cast of over sixty students. The school held its auditions in September, meaning some students have been invested in the musical for a number of months.

“It’s a very heavy show for the students,” Mrs Richards said.

“Les Misérables” has everything from tragedy to love and romance, she added, teaching them things they might not have considered otherwise.

“But they’re doing a really good job handling their characters, understanding what these scenes mean and what these characters are longing for.”

Tickets are selling out fast and are on sale at the school shop priced at £8.00 for Adults and £5.00 for concessions.





# NOTICES

## HEALTH & SAFETY

The old hall building is now seeing some welcome repairs and improvements to the roof. Work consisting of removal and replacement of all four of the roof lights, replacement of gutters and lead edgings on the hall; along with the repairs to the main corridor roof are due to finish towards the end of December 2017.

Progress is good with the project on target. Heating infrastructure updates have now been completed in E Block along with new boilers now servicing all of the school, a total of 11 new boilers have been installed since 2015.

Please reinforce the message to students that they should never, under any circumstances, climb on any scaffolding whilst the work is being completed.

## SANTA DASH

All students should now have brought sponsorship forms home for our upcoming Santa Dash taking place on Monday 4th December. We can confirm 2000 Santa hats have now arrived at school and snowballs are waiting to be thrown at staff.

Please encourage your child to seek sponsorship – All funds raised go towards our 'Pitch In!' fundraising campaign. All sponsorship money needs to be brought into school by Friday 8th December. Alternatively you can sponsor a student online. Click the link below but remember to write your child's name and form group in the comment box.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/pitchinsantadash>

## EARLY CLOSURE

We would like to remind parents of the early closure on Friday 22nd December 2017

The school day will finish at 12:15pm and buses have been scheduled for this time. Please let us know if this presents you with significant difficulties in terms of childcare, we may well be able to help.

## WINTER PLANT

This Autumn Term, the Lymm High School PTA are hoping to raise funds by offering hanging baskets and Christmas wreathes for sale.

Hanging baskets are now available to order and wreathes will be available from the week commencing 11 December, 2017. Click [here](#) to download an order form.

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RAISING MONEY FOR PITCH IN!

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

NON UNIFORM DAY - FESTIVE THEME  
QUIZZES | CHRISTMAS JUMPERS | CHRISTMAS  
MARKET | SANTA DASH



A collection of white snowflake patterns of various sizes and designs scattered across the top half of the dark blue background.

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# CAROL SERVICE

ST PETER'S CHURCH, OUGHTRINGTON  
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2017 | 7PM

*Please join us after the service for mince  
pies and refreshments at the church*





LYMM SIXTH FORM

# WHY LYMM SIXTH FORM?

Discover what a quality school  
sixth form education can offer

33% A\*-A grades and 85% A\*- C grades at A Level

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to ensure you reach your potential

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# CHILDREN IN NEED



Sixth Form students embraced the “Dress to Impress” theme as part of the fundraising for Children in Need.

**E**very year students and staff show their support for the BBC Children in Need campaign and, as always, this year they did it with great gusto!

Sixth Form students campaigned throughout the day, collecting donations in buckets for the appeal.

There was an amazing array of

costumes from Minions & animals to comic book characters and movie icons, not to mention an extremely energetic inflatable dinosaur!

Staff also joined in the fun, which included wearing spots and Pudsey bear clothing.

Last year Lymm High school was recognised by the Children in Need as one of the

top fundraisers for the appeal, receiving a Loyal Supporter badge for the loyal support offered to the charity

Well done to all those who participated and for their donations – students managed to raise an impressive £1055.16 which is a fantastic achievement.

# YEAR 11 REVISION UPDATE

Year 11 students have been working really hard in preparation for their GCSE mock exam which take place from December.

Many students have taken advantage of the numerous extra revision session run by teaching staff at lunch time and after school. Accessing these sessions is a great way for students to manage their time effectively whilst accessing the support and intervention of their subject teachers. All pupils are welcomed and are actively encouraged by their tutors to take part in these extra sessions.

To further support pupils to develop successful revision strategies this week in school is "Year 11 Revision week". Teachers in all faculties will be delivering different revision strategies and techniques to pupils during the first 5 minutes of their subject lessons. This is aimed at providing pupils with an array of revision strategies which they can adopt and use to support their ongoing revision.

Further information on these strategies will also be shared with parents at Year 11 parents evening. This will enable parents to understand the most effective revision strategies and to support their children's revision and preparation at home.





# LYMM HIGH SCHOOL



It's a really exciting year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Lymm High School. For the first time in quite a while, we have been able to offer the Gold Award to Year 12 students, in addition to the Bronze and Silver awards which took place in younger year groups last year. The registration is now closed, but well done to the huge numbers of students

that have signed up for one of the three awards.

All students have now been registered with Duke of Edinburgh and we have ordered the packs that enable students to create their eDofE account.

eDofE is the area on the DofE website which allows students to log their evidence and is how students, parents and licensing centres (like us) can

track participation and ultimately sign off awards upon completion. Mark Harnden (Duke of Edinburgh provider) is coming in to school on Tuesday 12th December to log students on.

Each student will receive a specific appointment time for them to come to a particular computer room to meet Mark. Please ensure your child gets their appointment time from

from their form tutor, which will be on the student bulletin w/c 4th December and read out by form tutors. If your child for any reason doesn't receive one by Thursday 7th December, they should visit the school shop to speak to Mrs Hill who will give them the information.

In the meantime, we would strongly recommend that participants choose and start their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections. It is however essential that participants choose approved activities for each of these three sections as if not, their award cannot be approved.

Click here to see the [approved list](#) and the [timescales](#) for each section

For any queries about DofE, please contact Mark at [mark.harnden@getoutsidethereclassroom.co.uk](mailto:mark.harnden@getoutsidethereclassroom.co.uk) We wish your child every success this year on Duke of Edinburgh and hope they really enjoy participating.



# LITERATURE IN LONDON



Sixth Form students enjoy the sights and sounds of the capital as they brush up on their exam techniques.

**O**n Monday 13th November, a group of Year 12 and Year 13 students took an early train to London arriving in the capital in plenty of time to take part in various events.

English Language students spent the day at the British

Library exploring texts from the past and being guided through the centuries of the written and spoken word.

The Literature students participated in an AQA Lecture day where they were given top tips on how to perform in their

'Love Through the Ages' examination.

One of the students commented, "Collectively, we found the experience very enjoyable as well as useful for our exam technique and understanding of the topic".

# CAREER FAIR 2017

As high school students look to the future, the question they ask is, “What’s Next”?

**T**he Lymm High School Careers Fair took place on Thursday 9th November which provided the perfect opportunity for students to consider what their future may hold. The fair was visited by all school years, along with their families, who were invited to visit in the evening to find out more about careers, apprenticeships, university, college and work.

Representatives from over 40 organisations including colleges, universities, companies offering apprenticeships and training providers were in attendance, offering advice and guidance to our students and helping them make their important career decisions. Exhibitors commented on our students maturity how they

presented themselves at the event.

Organiser of the event Mrs Littler explained; “Meeting the recruiters and asking about their experiences with a company is the best way to learn if the company and the position are a good fit for you,” she said. “The Career Fair provides students with an opportunity to make an impact on recruiters whilst also gaining practical knowledge.”

We are grateful for the support given by all of the exhibitors who gave up their time freely to provide advice to our pupils and their parents, without whom this event would not be able to take place.



# It's all About STEM



**O**n the 10th of October a group of year 10s from the Scholars Programme were given the opportunity to go to Cheshire South College for a North West science event and were invited to a lecture given by an Oxford Material Science Professor. We were even given lanyards which made us look very professional!

The experience was very informative and gave us a great insight into what lectures are like at college and university. We learnt a lot more about Electron scanning microscopes and how it involves all three of the sciences. Although the lecture was designed for year twelves and we didn't understand all of the information, we still found it beneficial and it gave us an idea of how interesting material science actually is.

After that we got to speak to some people who had studied at Oxford University and they told us about the subjects that they got a degree. We received lots of leaflets informing us about possible universities and careers, and overall we had a great time.

Olivia Walsh 10MH, Gwen Tavernier 10AH, Elisabeth Kirstin 10ML and Katie Richardson 10AH

## WHAT IS STEM?

STEM brings together Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with an aim of making links between the subjects you study at school and how they are applied in real life.

STEM activities, workshops, competitions and trips offer you great opportunities to discover these subjects in action and hopefully have some fun along the way. Getting involved with STEM is a great way of enriching what you learn in the classroom.

**O**n Thursday 16th November, the maths department took 41 Higher tier students to the GCSE Maths in Action Day at Salford University. The day was designed to inspire the students in their maths studies and introduce them to some applications of Maths outside the classroom that they may be unfamiliar with.

The day started with a talk given by Simon Singh, a renowned scientific and mathematical writer and broadcaster – who spoke about the mathematical secrets of the Simpsons and the link between maths and comedy.

Later in the day, students learnt all about the history of codebreaking and were able to see an original Enigma machine in use. They also learnt about how mathematics could be used to emulate the brain, why they shouldn't always believe everything they read about in the news and some of the ideas behind game theory and how to win at everything! It was an engaging and informative day and the students thoroughly enjoyed their experience.





## STEM Competitions

On a Thursday during lunchtime some students are currently taking part in the Shell Bright Ideas Challenge where they have been asked to imagine creative ideas to address problems for the Cities of the Future.

The competition is open to teams of students from ages 11 -14 and we currently have four groups working on their ideas. However it's not too late if you want to get involved. Please come along to E103 on a Thursday at lunch or come and see Mrs Dowdall in the Maths Hub.

## Design a logo

Over the next few months we would like to raise the profile of STEM subjects and careers at Lymm High School. As part of this we would like to involve students in designing a logo that could be used on posters and on any correspondence that is sent out regarding STEM. Prizes will be awarded for the best efforts in all Key Stages and the overall winner will have their Logo used.

## Volunteers

As a parent, guardian or friend of the school, do you work in a STEM related career? We are planning on running short sessions for students who want to find out more about specific careers starting in the new year and would like to involve people who do the jobs day to day. If you would like to share your experience and could give some time for a short interview or face to face session please contact Mrs Dowdall: [bdowdall@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:bdowdall@lymmhigh.org.uk)

## Coming Soon

In January, Manchester University will be starting its annual cryptography competition. Students in Years 9 – 11 will compete in groups of 4 and will be tasked with solving a new code every fortnight leading to a full day of codebreaking and celebration at the University in the summer term.

The codes are released at 4pm every second Monday so participation will require an afterschool commitment. Registration will start in December so interested students should see Mrs Dowdall before the end of November.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Bentley Cars in Crewe currently have a number of work experience opportunities advertised for students from ages 14-19. They are across all disciplines within the company – from HR to production and after-sales. For more details check out their website:

<http://www.bentleycareers.com/en/your->



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# THE REWARDS WINNERS

Students at Lymm High School have been continuing to work hard to gain hall points during their first term of the year. Congratulations to all students who have been awarded golden tickets but in particular, a big well done to students who have won the prizes on offer.

In the past few weeks 10 students were rewarded with a McDonald's lunch for their hard work and effort; congratulations and well done to Jack Dodd 7AL, Lewis Nicholson 7ML, Tommy Burton 8WL, Evan Balabon 9DL, Matthew Stow 9DH, Charlotte Meacham 9TL, Caitlin Bebbington 11AL, Millie Smith 7AL, Sophie

Smith 8DL, Madi Craig 8DL and Rosemary Wake 8DL.

Over the course of the next few weeks we are also going to be running two rewards trips. The first is to the North West Face climbing centre, on the 8th December, for 15 students who were drawn out of the golden ticket box a few weeks ago.

Congratulations and well done to: Lucy Allison 7WL, Ella Brabin 7WL, Holly Cottle 9AH, Hannah Davies 7ML, Pierre De Villiers 9AL, Jack Gordon 9AL, Sophie Hughes 8TH, Kiera Neary 7DH, Cole Porter 9WH, Isabella Rothwell 8TH, Archie Steed 7ML, Lily Turnbull 9AH, James Williams 9WH, Nell Wynne Roberts 7WL and Charlie Yeomans 7ML.

Secondly we will be running the end of term rewards trip to the cinema, on 21st December, for Y7 & Y8 students and 19th January for Y9 - Y11 students who have managed to collect 70 hall points during this academic year so far. This is a massive achievement and the list comprises of too many students to name individually but a huge congratulations and well done to all the students who have managed to make it onto that trip. We hope you enjoy it – you certainly deserve it!

Next term will see the return of a new rewards pyramid with new prizes for students to try and win. Please continue to encourage your child to behave and work hard for those golden tickets and hopefully they will be one of the lucky winners!

# WEAR IT PINK!



A huge well done to the Sixth Form students for raising an incredible £399.03 for the 'Wear it Pink' campaign.

Taking place on Friday 20 October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a great deal of our amazing students decided to 'wear it pink' in school for the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now.

The funds raised go towards research that's working to discover how to prevent breast cancer, how to detect it earlier and how to treat it effectively at every stage so they can stop the disease taking lives.

A special thank you goes to sixth former Lucy Grace who single-handedly organised the day and campaigned for fundraising. Well done Lucy!



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### Les Miserables

Tuesday 28th November -  
Friday 1st December

### Santa Dash

Monday 4th December

### Carol Service

Monday 18th December

### Year 11 Mocks Begin

Monday 11th December

### Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th December

### Christmas Break

Monday 25th December -  
Thursday 4th January

### Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 25th January



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