

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

I hope this finds you well and that you are a little more prepared for Christmas than we are in my household at the moment.

Next week, we will be holding our Christmas assemblies over the road in St Peter's Church. This is one of my favourite traditions of the school and it will be lovely to be back there again. It's also a reminder of how different things are to twelve months ago, when we were able to hold the assemblies but a lot of students were still absent. Indeed, I vividly remember having the Covid vaccine during that week and feeling very much under the weather and rather dizzy afterwards, faintly worrying that I might fall down the steps of the pulpit whilst addressing the students! Despite all the various winter bugs doing the rounds at the moment, the church ought to be a lot fuller this year and I'm very much looking forward to it.

I must also mention the school production, *Beauty and Beast*, from a couple of weeks ago. I know many of you attended and will agree with me when I say that the performance was simply astonishing. The quality of the music, acting, singing and dancing were all fantastic, as were those working in more behind-the-scenes roles. It was a treat for us in the audience, but also lovely to see how much the students involved got from the experience and how proud of themselves they were at the end.

As you know, we had Ofsted in school this week. I'm not allowed to say anything about this until the report is officially published (likely mid-January) but would just like to thank parents and carers for your support throughout the process, including the many messages and hundreds of lovely comments on the parent survey – they mean a lot to us. I also want to pay tribute to the students who, as ever, were brilliant throughout and a credit to the school and to you all.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

Kind regards  
Gwyn Williams

### Early close

A reminder that school finishes at 12.15pm on our last day of term, **Friday 16th December**.

### Buses on last day of term

The bus company have told us that they will not be able to send buses earlier to collect students for our early finish on the last day of term, **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

If your child will not be able to make their way home any other way on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk) and we will organise transport home for them separately, probably via a school minibus.

### Careers in the Curriculum week

Next week will be our first 'Careers in the Curriculum week' for Key Stage 3, KS4 and KS5 when we will discuss how their current curriculum links to particular careers. Students will be encouraged to use Unifrog to reflect on Labour Market Information and the jobs available in their local area.

### Old Duke of Edinburgh cohorts (2021–22)

We are running mop-up sessions for students who were on last year's expeditions (Spring/Summer 2022) on the **14<sup>th</sup>** and **15<sup>th</sup> December**, and students who have not finished their award will be allocated a specific day and time to attend. Our expedition provider, Get Outside the Classroom, will be running these sessions, and we would be grateful if you could remind your child to attend their slot. Students will be informed when their session is via the Student Bulletin on Friday and Monday by their Form Tutor.

### New Duke of Edinburgh cohorts (2022–23 for Years 9, 10 and 12)

We have opened registration for this year's DofE cohorts and letters have been available all week from Student Services (and Sixth Form Student Services). If your child has not collected one, and would like to sign up, you can also download from the [website here](#). The deadline for all sign ups is **Friday 16th December** (last day of term). Students need to have returned the reply slip to Student Services and paid the £100 deposit on Parent Pay. We particularly encourage students eligible for Pupil Premium to get in touch with their Head of Year if they would like to sign up, but need financial assistance (these students can also use their trip voucher).

If your child signs up, please check carefully all dates (training day, training walk, practice expedition and qualifying expedition) as students must be able to complete all of them to participate in DofE run by school.

### Cross-country races

This Saturday's third Lymm High cross-country race for Years 7–11, organised by Warrington Athletics Club, has now been postponed due to risk issues with the course. This has been re-arranged for **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023** at Walton Gardens. A slightly amended timetable will also be in use, as below:

- 12.10 Year 7 (Minor), Year 8/9 (Junior), Year 10/11 (Inter) Girls
- 12.30 Year 7 (Minor), Year 8/9 (Junior), Year 10/11 (Inter) Boys
- 12.50 Presentations (Senior Schools)

For more information, [click here](#).

### School shop

The school shop will be closed from 12.15pm on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and will reopen on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**. During term time, the shop will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon. However, parents can still order uniform online on a 'click and collect' basis by [clicking here](#). If you have ordered uniform, please collect this after you receive your email confirmation.

### Cashless catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food at break and during lunchtimes. You can [click here](#) to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be [viewed here](#).

## Amazon Smile

At this time of year, many of us are doing online shopping. You can help us raise money for Lymm High's PTA while online shopping at no extra cost to yourselves. All you need to do is sign up for the Amazon Smile Account by clicking here: [smile.amazon.co.uk: You shop. Amazon gives.](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) Any of your Amazon purchases will then benefit our school by giving us a little cash each time. Thank you for your support.

## LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Mr Nicholls, who won £75.30! You could be a winner too! If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website [here](#). If you want to find out how the school lottery works, please [click here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

## LOWER SCHOOL

### KS3 Celebration Evening

The postponed Autumn Awards Evening will now take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Light refreshments will be available from 4.15pm, ready for a prompt start at 4.30pm. We anticipate finishing around 5.30pm. Please contact Mr Thompson should you require any further information regarding this event ([mthompson@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:mthompson@lymmhigh.org.uk)).

### KS3 exams

These will take place **16–20<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, in English, Maths and Science. Exams will take place in normal timetabled lessons, but under exam conditions. Eligible students with Special Educational Needs will have their Access Arrangements for each exam. A revision booklet to support students and parents prepare for these exams will be issued straight after Christmas, and a letter with more detail will follow week commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. The revision booklet will contain full details of the content to be tested in each exam, along with specific revision activities, which we'd encourage your child to complete. It is important to note that students are not expected to revise over the Christmas holidays (in fact we would prefer them not to); a couple of weeks' revision after the Christmas break will be more than sufficient providing your child works hard in lessons and completes homework.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 11 mock exams and revision support

Year 11's mock exams finish on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. A reminder that all of the available revision sessions for students to attend are [here](#).

### Year 11 mock exam catch-up sessions

We have had a small number of students who were unable to sit all of their mock exams due to illness. We will, therefore, be arranging catch-up sessions early next week on Tuesday to Thursday. If your child has missed any of their exams, they will receive a slip informing them of the date and time of their scheduled catch-up by the end of the week. For further information, [click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs Feast.

## Sixth Form Applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications to join our Sixth Form is **Friday 16th December**. Please see the [link here](#).