

WHOLE SCHOOL

Ofsted Report

As reported earlier this week, the Ofsted inspection team found enough evidence that the quality of education provided by Lymm High School is now outstanding. This means that they have recommended a further, graded, inspection to take place within a year or two. This was the best possible outcome available to us and we are delighted that the progress of the last few years has been recognised in this way.

Please <u>click here</u> to read more and access the full report.

INSET Day

As you know, **Wednesday 1st February** is already scheduled as an INSET Day so the proposed national teachers' strike won't affect any students on this day. We will be in touch nearer the time about the later proposed strike dates if we do anticipate any significant disruption. The second planned day of strikes is currently scheduled for **Tuesday 28th February**.

'How to Support your Child with Reading' evening – Monday 30th January, 5.30–6.30pm

Due to the range of media and technology available to students in the 21st Century, it is becoming harder to engage young people in reading. It is a fact, however, that reading proves the master skill of school, and developing a life-long reading habit can dramatically improve student outcomes.

On **Monday 30th January**, we will be running a short '*How to Support your Child with Reading*' evening which aims to offer help and guidance for parents, and offer a better understanding of the interventions we have running in school. While this evening is intended predominantly for those parents of students taking part in reading interventions (for whom, invitations should already have been received), we would like to extend this invite to any parents who would like to know more about supporting their child's reading skills.

If you would like to join us, please confirm your attendance here.

Duke of Edinburgh

Please <u>click here</u> to read about the upcoming DofE Training Days.

E-Safety Information Evening

We are holding our annual E-Safety Information Evening for parents and carers on **Thursday 9th February**. This will be held online and a Teams link will be sent out nearer the date.

Chinese New Year

Lymm High is organising several events in school to mark the Chinese New Year, including Lantern making, Chinese Calligraphy and a Paper folding workshop (**Thursday 2nd February**). Interested students can get more information from Miss Simms or Mrs Tasker. There will also be a spring roll making workshop during lunchtime on **Thursday 2nd February**. Students can sign up with Mrs Dean if they are interested.

ChatHealth

ChatHealth is a free, confidential advice service provided by the NHS and Warrington School Nurses. It allows parents and students to directly speak to the school nurse service for advice surrounding mental and physical health. Please <u>click here</u> to explore the service and its benefits. Further information can be found on its <u>website here</u>.

TikTok advice

Did you know that TikTok is currently the fastest-growing social media platform? Parentzone are offering TikTok tech tips on **Tuesday 31st January** at 4.30pm. To learn about key functionality, settings and safety features, and how to use the app more positively, you can <u>sign up here</u>. If you're unable to make the session, you can stream it back at a time that suits you.

PTA Quiz

Thank you to those parents/carers who have bought tickets for this evening's PTA Quiz. We aim to start promptly at 7pm, so would appreciate all teams being at their tables for then. Food will be available from 8pm.

Parking is available in the Sixth Form car park (accessible from the 2nd entrance off Oughtrington lane). However, we ask that cars are not left overnight. Please note that the main school car park (outside the Leisure Centre) will be locked before the end of the quiz.

To enter the Lower Hex, please use the door off the Languages yard. Any queries, please email <u>PTA@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>.

School shop

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 <u>clicking here</u>. 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 <u>click here</u> to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be <u>viewed here</u>.

Amazon Smile

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: <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u>: <u>You shop.</u> <u>Amazon gives.</u> This charitable contribution is due to be wound down by **Monday 20**th **February 2023**. However, any of your Amazon purchases made before this date will 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, Mx Dixon, who won £73.20! You could be a winner too! If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website <u>here</u>. If you want

to find out how the school lottery works, please <u>click here</u>. Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 10 History trip

There will be a meeting for parents on **Thursday 2nd February** in the Main Hall at 5pm to provide final details about the History trip to London. For full details, <u>click here</u>.

Year 11 Core Mocks

After the February half term, Year 11 students will sit their second and final set of mock exams, which will focus on core subjects only (English, Maths and Science). Staff will be setting revision-specific homework to help students in their preparation for this. This is in addition to students completing their own revision in the evenings and over the break. Assemblies and form time will continue to be utilised to share best practice for revision, as well as looking at motivation and building exam resilience. To read the letter sent home about this, <u>click here</u>.

Year 11 Revision Support

The new revision support sessions for Year 11 have started and can be found <u>here</u>. Students have already received their own copies of the timetable of sessions on offer.

Lots of other support, including a list of revision guides, can be found on our website here.

The external exam timetables can be found here.

Year 11 Sixth Form interviews

We have released the first batch of interviews for the Year 11 students who have applied to join us in the Sixth Form. Interview times and dates have been sent to students' school email addresses. We will be releasing the second batch of interviews next week. Many thanks, Mrs Jennings