

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

Having a such a short half-term would probably have felt rather odd anyway but the industrial action has certainly made it feel somewhat disjointed. I do want to thank you all again for your understanding with this and reiterate my gratitude for having been able to negotiate things without any unnecessary tension. The government and teaching unions have now entered into a period of negotiations, and we have all got our fingers crossed that an agreement can be reached quickly.

At the same time, short as it may have been, a lot has been packed into the half-term. If you haven't already done so, I really encourage you to spend a few minutes looking through the [latest newsletter](#), where you can read about students doing great things in lots of different areas alongside some wonderful examples of social responsibility in action.

Kind regards  
Gwyn Williams

### Car parking

Parents are urged to park with consideration when dropping off and waiting to collect students at the end of the day. Residents have complained about parents parking across their drives. One individual has even parked on someone's drive while waiting for their child. The local PCSO has been informed and we are now asking all parents to show consideration and to be more respectful when parking in the local residential areas. Thank you for your support on this matter.

### Summer 2023 contingency days

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE and A' Level exam timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the UK, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, further resilience was needed within the exam timetables. A single contingency day was not felt to be sufficient if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the exam timetable. For example, summer exams could be affected by extremely high temperatures.

For the June 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on **Thursday 8th June 2023** and **Thursday 15th June 2023**. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 28th June 2023**.

Schools and colleges should ensure candidates and parents are aware of the contingency arrangements on these three days. They should consider the contingency day of **Wednesday 28th June 2023** when making their plans for the summer. Candidates should be encouraged to remain available until **Wednesday 28th June 2023** should examinations need to be rescheduled.

### School shop

The shop will be closed from **Wednesday 5th April** until **Wednesday 12th April**. It will reopen at 9am on **Thursday 13th April**. Parents are reminded to check the [school webpage](#) for up-to-date opening times.

### 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](#).

### Band Night

Tickets are now on Parent Pay for our next Band Night on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be held at Lymm Golf Club. The £25 ticket price includes a curry.

### Easy Fundraising

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 go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and select Lymm High School as your cause, school will then receive a percentage donation. Last year, we raised over £900 just by shopping! As always, thank you for your support.

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Mr Nicholls, who won £74.40! 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

### Life Programme

On **Wednesday 29th March**, students will have their final Life Programme of the term.

- Year 7 will focus on discrimination according to race and how these may be expressed in social media.
- Year 8 will learn about FGM. Given the sensitivity of this topic we will be using expert-led resources designed specifically for Lower KS3 students. Students will not be shown images or be given detail about the procedures. The topic is part of the statutory guidance for schools in England and must be delivered in an age-appropriate manner, giving students the information they need to report or flag concerns they have about themselves or others.
- Year 9 will be visited by Andrew Kevan from Cheshire Police to talk about digital safety and how to use their phone safely.

Our next Life Programme session will take place on **Thursday 20th April**.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 10 Mock Examinations

Please [click here](#) to read about Year 10 mock examinations and the support available to them. Further resources are available on the [KS4 Revision](#) section of the website, including a [How to help your child revise guide](#).

Further to the published [Year 10 mock timetable](#), please note a slight change regarding the English GCSE mock exams. Year 10 students will now be examined for their English Language ONLY during the Year 10 mock period. Literature assessment has taken place during lessons to support students in mock preparations. Please speak to your child's English teacher with any initial concerns.

### Macbeth

On **Tuesday 25th April**, Year 10 will be in the Main Hall during period 1 and 2 for a performance of Macbeth by an external company. This is a perfect way to end the last term's teaching on the play and a chance for them to also have a Q&A with the performers.

### Exam Statement of Entry

Year 11 students have been receiving their Exam Statement of Entry this week. Please check all details and entries are correct. Students are asked to take any queries to the Exams Office.

### Year 11 Revision and Support

With the exam season just around the corner we want to ensure that we are utilising every opportunity to support and encourage our Year 11 students to achieve their potential. Therefore, we thought it would be useful to provide a couple of updates and advice to best support your child over Easter and beyond.

Please [click here](#) to read the full letter sent home earlier this week.

### Year 11 Leavers

We have arranged for Year 11 students who have not applied to join Sixth Form to meet with a member of staff to discuss their intended destination after they leave Lymm High. The aim of this session is to ensure that they have a clear and concise plan in place, and also that they have a back-up plan where appropriate. We can also guide and support them if they are not yet sure what they would like to do. The time, date and location of their meeting has been sent to their school email address.

### Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Leavers' Prom will take place on **Thursday 29th June** at the Park Royal Hotel in Stretton. Tickets are now on sale on Parent Pay. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home to parents this week.

### Life Programme

On **Wednesday 29th March**, students will have their final Life Programme of the term.

- Year 10 will begin thinking about budgeting, savings and finance.
- Year 11 will reflect on the causes and consequences of stress and how to manage this. During the exam season we are hoping these sessions will help them manage their stress levels for positive wellbeing.

Our next Life Programme session will take place on **Thursday 20th April**.

## SIXTH FORM

### Life Programme

On **Wednesday 29th March**, students will have their final Life Programme of the term. Year 12 will cover healthy lifestyles and Year 13 will receive information about preparing to leave home. Further information can be read in *The Sixth*.