

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

With the bank holidays, the industrial action, lots of trips and now the start of external exams, this half-term might have felt a little disjointed at times, but overall it's been another very positive one.

From my point of view, this half-term typically tends to be dominated by two things: exams and staff recruitment. On the former, I must pay tribute to Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been simply fantastic in the way they've approached everything so far. We must bear in mind that the impact of Covid meant that this Year 13 cohort never had the experience of sitting GCSE exams, which has really added to the pressure they have faced: I take my hat off to them and must confess to having a few tears in my eyes at their Leavers' Assembly this morning.

On recruitment, this is always the busiest time of the year (because teachers need to hand their notice in by the end of May if they are to move to a new job for September) and, as ever, we have been busy interviewing prospective candidates. Given that there is a genuine crisis in terms of teacher recruitment nationally, I have to say that we have once again been incredibly fortunate with the quality of candidates we've seen and I am very excited about the appointments we have made. One of the lovely things about the last few weeks has been hearing so many candidates from other schools speaking so highly about what they have seen here and how eager they are to come and work at Lymm High School. There are lots of reasons for this, but one of the biggest is the chance to work with our students; it is no surprise to us because we know how incredible Lymm High students are, but it's always nice to hear that from people from outside of the school as well.

Best wishes for a lovely half-term. I hope you all get the chance to enjoy the promised good weather.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

Parent Forum

We are planning to send out a Parent Survey after half-term following which we will be holding a Parent Forum event on **Tuesday 13th June**, starting at 5.30pm and finishing no later than 7pm. This is an ideal chance for parents to come along and provide us with their feedback on the school, as well as to meet other parents. The headteacher and members of the senior leadership team will be there, along with school governors and they are keen to hear what you have to say. These are informal events and have always proved to be very constructive in the past.

Please bear in mind that we always ask parents attending these events to be aware that they are not the right place to raise specific concerns about your own children (though, of course, you must contact us separately if you have any concerns and we will do all we can to help): the focus is on school policy and practice generally.

If you are thinking of coming along, please let Mrs Headon know (hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk) so that we can ensure we have sufficient refreshments available.

Student absence

A reminder that there are three ways a parent can report a student absence:

- Call 01925 755458 and press option 1
- Email Attendance@lymmhigh.org.uk
- Via the School Gateway

Students should not be signing themselves out of school if they need to leave for a medical appointment, etc. A parent needs to be present. However, students can sign themselves back in using the screen in Student Services.

Parent governor vacancies

We currently have two parent governor vacancies on the Lymm High School governing body. For more information about these vacancies, please [click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs Green, our chair of governors. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs Headon, clerk to the governing body (hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk) by **Friday 9th June**.

Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair will take place on **Tuesday 4th July** (5–7pm) in the Sports Hall. Join us to learn about study and career options post-16 and post-18 in various industries. Meet employers and colleges from the local and national area to find out about Apprenticeships, A' Levels, T' Levels and more, and listen to talks from education and apprenticeship specialists. For further information, and a list of exhibitors, [click here](#) to view the flier.

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

Have you bought your tickets yet for the PTA Party night on **Saturday 24th June** at Lymm Golf Club? The ticket price of £25 includes a curry, a live band and disco afterwards. Tickets will be on sale on Parent Pay until **Sunday 4th June**.

Please support this PTA event. All proceeds go back into school. Recently the PTA used money raised from last year's party night to buy equipment for many departments across the school so it is all for a good cause!

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, Mrs Worsley, who won £72.30! 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

Key Stage 3 exams

Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home last week about Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 exams, which start on **Thursday 8th June**. The KS3 Revision booklet can be [accessed here](#). [Click here](#) for the KS3 Revision page which lists all the exam timetables.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 10 Science Trilogy

With our Year 11 students on study leave, we have greater availability of science staff and can split up the Year 10 science trilogy classes into the smaller groups they will be in for Year 11. Having more classes (10 instead of 8) inevitably means that classes and teachers may change after the half-term break. This does not necessarily mean that students are moving 'up' or 'down' sets, we have reshuffled the classes based on teacher input and student potential as well as looking at performance in the recent mock exams. Students will be informed of their new classes by their current teachers.

Year 11 May half-term GCSE Support

Please [click here](#) to read about GCSE support and revision over the half-term break.

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will take place on the morning of **Friday 23rd June**. Please [click here](#) to read a letter about the arrangements for their last day.

Sixth Form Induction Day

The parents of all students who have applied to join the Sixth Form in September will have received an email invitation for their child to join our Induction Day on **Tuesday 27th June**. Please ensure you have responded to this to reserve your child's place. Please contact Mrs Hughes if you have any queries:
lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk.