

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine this week. It's certainly been a lovely atmosphere on the school fields at breaks and lunchtimes and has had me reflecting on how lucky we are to have such beautiful surroundings in this part of the world.

In line with my message last weekend, we will be back to normal school uniform from Monday. The forecast is for warm weather, but nothing especially unusual for the summer months and certainly not extreme. Teachers will allow students to remove blazers in lessons and, if it gets especially hot later in the day at any point, we will consider allowing them to remove ties and undo top buttons. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate to your children the importance of bringing a water bottle into school with them and keeping themselves hydrated – including taking the opportunity to refill their bottles during break or lunchtimes (not at the end of lunch in an attempt to miss valuable lesson time!).

We have been celebrating Pride Month since half-term and there will be more information about this in the next newsletter, but please do take the opportunity to talk to your children about the relevant issues. From my point of view, whilst there certainly remains a great deal to be done in tackling discrimination and prejudice of all kinds, I was inspired by listening to students as part of a major student voice activity last week. Staff and governors spoke to around 150 students during the course of the day and it really underlined how much things have changed for the better since I was at school myself. The overwhelming majority of young people at Lymm High School demonstrate exceptional tolerance and sensitivity towards those who may be different from themselves in whatever way, and, for all the remaining problems, that has to be something worth celebrating.

Finally for this week, I'd like to thank all those 400 or so parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey last week, as well as the smaller group who came along to the Parent Forum where we had a very interesting and useful discussion about different things. At the time of writing, I have only had a few minutes to skim the responses to the survey, but it is obvious that the overall feedback is incredibly positive, and we are very grateful for your support. I will write with a proper summary in due course, including a response to the issues that came up most often in terms of areas where you think we can still do better.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

Vaping and e-cigarettes

Please [click here](#) to read a useful factsheet for parents and carers about vaping and e-cigarettes.

As with all schools these days, vaping has emerged as a tricky challenge to deal with for various reasons. Please do reiterate to your children that the school view of vaping is that it is both illegal and harmful – not least because of its addictive nature. Students caught vaping, or associating with other students vaping, will typically receive internal or external exclusions as a consequence.

School car park

Please note that access to the main car park between 7.45–8.15am and 2.30–3.30pm is only permitted to those parents who have authorisation from the school. Thank you for your support on this.

PE kit donations

If you have any old Lymm High PE kit that you no longer need, please can you donate this back to school? We are in need of girls' kit in particular. Any clean items can be dropped off at main reception. Thank you.

Recycling school uniform

We have a small selection of second-hand, good quality, school uniform and items of PE kit that can be collected from the school shop. If you have any clean items to donate, please drop these at main reception or the school shop. The shop opening times can be [found here](#).

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, colleges and universities from the local and national area to find out about Apprenticeships, A' Levels, T' Levels, degree courses 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.

MMR vaccine alert

Parents are being urged to check their children are up to date with their MMR vaccines. Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Warrington Borough Council.

Cashless catering – please read

We don't let any students go without food at lunchtime if there are insufficient funds in their Parent Pay account. The downside to this is that this week our Catering Manager has had to chase over 100 outstanding payments. Please help us by remembering to top up your child's cashless catering account.

PTA Band Night

Sadly, we've had to cancel our PTA Band Night due to lack of support. Refunds are currently being processed via Parent Pay. Apologies for the delay in processing the refunds. These will hopefully be returned by the end of next week.

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 Shuttleworth, who won £70.50! 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 **Thursday 22nd June**, we will have our next 45-minute Life Programme lesson.

- Year 7 are starting a module on money and budgeting.
- Year 8 will have a session with PCO Andrew Kevan on sharing images online.
- Year 9 will discuss cultivating positive attitudes to drugs and alcohol.

Keeping Children Safe online is a large part of the work we do during the Life Programme. For additional support with this please reach out to your Head of Year. In addition, we recommend this [NSPCC resource](#) for an overview of keeping children safe online.

UPPER SCHOOL

Life Programme

On **Thursday 22nd June**, we will have our next 45-minute Life Programme lesson. Year 10 are discussing how to prevent and report extremism and radicalisation.

Keeping Children Safe online is a large part of the work we do during the Life Programme. For additional support with this please reach out to your Head of Year. In addition, we recommend this [NSPCC resource](#) for an overview of keeping children safe online.

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.

GCSE Results Day

We will shortly be sharing information on Results Day and how students can collect their examination results. If your child is unable to collect their GCSE results in person on the morning of **Thursday 24th August**, please can you email exams@lymmhigh.org.uk to arrange for their results to be emailed to the Lymm High School email account. Whilst parents are able to make this request, results can only be emailed to the student via their school email address.

Students who have applied to join us in the Sixth Form in September will be able to confirm their enrolment on GCSE Results Day by completing an online enrolment form, which will be sent to their school email address. Students are therefore advised to check they can access their emails beforehand.

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.

SIXTH FORM

A' Level Results Day – Thursday 17th August, 8am

Students will be able to collect their A' level results on **Thursday 17th August** from 8am from the Upper Hexagon. Specific arrangements will be shared during the online Year 13 IAG evening on **Wednesday 21st June** at 6.30pm. If your child is unable to collect their results in person, and therefore wishes for them to be emailed to their school email address, they must arrange this by emailing exams@lymmhigh.org.uk.