

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Gateway app**

You have probably noticed that the information on students' hall points or behaviour points on the Gateway app has changed and doesn't currently say who has awarded the points or for what reason. The reason for this is that we are trialling a new app in school, with the aim of rolling it out to parents and carers as soon as we are confident everything is working as it should. The new app will include all the relevant information (indeed, it will provide you with more information and a better experience all round) but unfortunately technical reasons mean that the Gateway app will only show very basic details whilst we are in the transition period. We anticipate launching the new app around about October half-term. Many thanks for your patience with this.

**Access to Satchel One for homework****Parents of Year 7 students**

Year 7 parents should now have received emails advising them of their child's unique PIN for Satchel One and how to use this to log-in and view homework tasks. This email will also include parent codes to allow access to their child's account. As all homework is set on this platform, it is important that students have access. Homework will be set for Year 7 students as follows:

- From **Monday 18th September**, homework will be set in core subjects (English, Maths and Science) and also Languages.
- From **Monday 6th November** (after half-term break), homework will be set in all subjects.

**Parents of Year 8–13 students**

Students in Years 8–13 can expect homework in all subjects from the start of term, and should already have access to the platform.

Existing parent users will need to 'verify' accounts for use this year, and should receive an app notification or email advising how to do this. Accounts will need to be verified before they can be used this academic year.

**Where can I get support?**

Students who need help logging-in can visit Student Services or speak to their Form Tutor in the first instance. If you have not received either your child's PIN, or your parent code, please contact Miss Mulholland, and these can be emailed to you directly.

**PE and extra-curricular sports timetables**

Please [click here](#) to view the PE timetable for Key Stage 3 and 4.

The extra-curricular sports timetable can be [viewed here](#).

All of this information, together with what kit is required for each sport, is on the [PE Curriculum](#) section of the school website.

### Driving safely

Can we please ask parents/carers to take care when driving down Oughtrington Lane at drop-off and end of school. We have had an incident this week of a student being clipped by a car. The pavement is very narrow and there is not much space on this road, especially when school buses are passing. Thank you for your support on this.

In addition, we need to remind drivers not to park or drop-off at the Lodge or Sixth Form entrance. This is causing issues for staff getting to work and can be a hazard to students walking to school.

### PTA

Lymm High PTA's AGM is being held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at 6pm in school. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see some new faces (meet at main reception). We will be looking at fundraising activities for the year ahead, electing new officers, and Mr Williams will be delivering his annual report.

The PTA is looking for a new Secretary. If you are interested in this role, or would like further information, please contact [pta@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:pta@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Further information on the PTA can be [found here](#).

### Social tariffs

Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. If you're struggling to afford broadband, you may find [this link](#) useful.

### Chess sets

You may have read in our [last newsletter](#) that a member of the public kindly donated a chess set to us for our burgeoning Chess Club. If anyone else has a set they no longer use, we would be very grateful to receive this so as many students as possible can have a game.

### Duke of Edinburgh

There will be a Duke of Edinburgh's award information evening via Teams on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** from 5.30–6.30pm. This is for parents of students in Year 9 (Bronze award), Year 10 (Silver award) and Year 12 (Gold award) interested in signing up as new participants in the next month. There will be a sign-up window for 1 month after the information evening. After that, students will only be able to sign up for DofE with school with the following year's cohort (assuming they are in relevant year groups). The link to the Teams meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

Please note this evening is only for new sign-ups to DofE in Year 9, 10 and 12. Any queries re: last year's awards should be directed to Mrs Riley on reception who is our DofE award admin ([ariley@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:ariley@lymmhigh.org.uk)).

### Netball dates

Please [click here](#) for the after-school training dates for September to March 2024, and three tournaments in October, November and March.

### Cross-Country races

Warrington Athletics Club organises three cross-country races a year for local schools. The dates of this year's races are:

- Saturday 30th September
- Saturday 7th October
- Saturday 18th November

This extra-curricular sport opportunity is open to years 7-11. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### 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](#).

### 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 Laidlaw, who won £71.10!

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

### Year 7 IAG

Year 7's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening is taking place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. For further information about Year 7 and other key dates, please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home today.

### Year 8 IAG

Year 8's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening is taking place online on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Further information will be provided soon. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home today.

### Year 9 IAG

Year 9's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening is taking place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. For further information about Year 9 and other key dates, please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home today.

## Life Programme

Our first Life Programme session of the new school year took place on Tuesday.

- **Year 7** reflected on what it means to transition from primary to secondary school.
- **Year 8** analysed the attitudes taken towards mental health, and considered what a positive response to mental health challenges may look like.
- **Year 9** learnt about what chemicals are in vapes and their health challenges.

More information about the Life Programme curriculum for each year group will be given at the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) meetings. Information can also be found on our [website here](#).

## Online safety

In 2021, the National Crime Agency cited that 42% of parents in the UK share pictures of their children online, with half of them doing so at least once a month. Parenthood – and the magical memories we create with our children – is something to be celebrated and chronicled: in an ideal world, at least. In reality, the topic has become increasingly complex – with respect for other people's children who might also be in the photos and our own child's future feelings among the considerations. [Click here](#) for an informative guide that assesses the potential pitfalls of publicly posting our pics.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 10 IAG

Year 10's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening is taking place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. For further information about Year 10 and other key dates, please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home today.

### Year 11 IAG

Thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening. The slides from this event have been sent to parents today.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place from 5–8pm on **Thursday 16th November**. Places must be booked online using [this link](#).

## Life Programme

Our first Life Programme session of the new school year took place on Tuesday.

- **Year 10** considered why consent is important if we want to build intimacy in relationships.
- **Year 11** discussed strategies to resolve conflict, particularly in family scenarios.

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### Duke of Edinburgh Notice: Years 10 and 11

We messaged parents/carers over the summer about assessor reports, asking you to chivvy along your child if they were on a DofE award last year and hadn't yet uploaded a completed one for each section. Well done to the overwhelming number who have done this – we can shortly sign off their award. We are going to be launching this year's DofE awards to current Year 9, 10 and 12, so any Bronze students from last year who want to sign up for Silver, need to ensure they've uploaded everything in order to benefit from shorter time frames on their Silver award.

In the Expedition section, students just need to set their aim please. We have the assessor reports for all students who did their expedition with us and will upload them but are currently experiencing technical difficulties with the eDofE website, which DofE are trying hard to resolve. So, in the meantime, please don't worry as long as your child has uploaded assessor reports for Skill, Physical and Volunteering (and Residential for Gold students) sections and set their aim on their Expedition section. Hopefully, we will resolve the problem very soon and then can issue certificates and badges to all those students who have finished their award.

## SIXTH FORM

### Year 12 and 13 IAG

The Sixth Form's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evenings are taking place in school on **Thursday 21st September**.

- Year 12: 6pm. [Click here](#) for the letter.
- Year 13: 7pm. [Click here](#) for the letter.

### Life Programme

Our first Life Programme session of the new school year took place on Tuesday.

- **Year 12** reflected on how relationships may change as they get older.
- **Year 13** listened to a talk from our school counsellor on resilience and motivation for the year ahead.

More information about the Life Programme curriculum for each year group will be given at the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) meetings. Information can also be found on our [website here](#).

### Duke of Edinburgh Notice: Year 13

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