



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and had the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family. I would like to start by offering a warm welcome to our new Year 7s joining our school family. I feel honoured to be Head of Year 7 this year; and I am very excited to watch the children grow and develop both academically and pastorally as they make the transition into high school.

The transition from primary to secondary school is one of the biggest and most exciting changes that the children will make. It is completely normal for them to feel nervous and excited, but considering this, I have been incredibly impressed by the way the children have settled this week and the way they have conducted themselves around school. The children have looked smart, and demonstrated excellent behaviour and social responsibility. Attendance has also been very good, and I thank you for ensuring that all students have been in school and ready to learn. I have also had fantastic feedback from class teachers and I hope the year group continues to thrive over the next term.

We understand that your child's education and wellbeing is paramount and here at Lymm High we are dedicated to creating an environment that fosters their growth. Our experienced and passionate team of educators are here to nurture your child's strengths and empower them to reach their full potential.

Within our lessons, students will follow our broad, balanced and diverse curriculum in order to develop Lymm high pupils as well-rounded citizens. All Year 7s have been given a knowledge organiser, which is part of their everyday equipment and will aid revision before exams. The students will have two main exam periods in January and July when they will be assessed in each subject to check progress and development.

Here at Lymm High we also take great pride in our offering of extra-curricular opportunities and clubs, and encourage all students to engage with the Leadership Ladder, where they can track any activities or volunteering they take part in. I hope the Year 7s take full advantage of the opportunities to get involved in a variety of activities to represent the school and learn new skills.

Students can also take advantage of an extensive pastoral support network in Year 7. They will work alongside myself as their Head of Year, Mrs Williams (our Pastoral Manager), their Form Tutors and our fantastic Student Services team.

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Whilst the support and resources that we offer will prove invaluable to our students, it can only be maximised if they attend school on time each day, taking full advantage of the opportunities provided. Maintaining excellent attendance is more crucial than ever before to ensure that students do not fall behind in their courses or miss vital intervention sessions available to them. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes simply unavoidable, at Lymm High School we strive for students to have attendance above 97%, dropping below this figure has the potential to negatively impact their final grade.

We would like to invite you all to an information evening to run through all the essential information for Year 7s and give you the opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor. This will include a run through of expectations, homework, extra-curricular information, the Leadership Ladder and pastoral support we offer. The evening will take place on Monday 2nd October 2023 and it would be fantastic if you could attend. More information will follow.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to some of the key dates to note for this academic year:

Activity	Date
Year 7 'Meet the Tutor'/Information, Advice and Guidance Evening	2 nd October 2023
Year 7 Progress Report 1	End of November 2023 (approx.)
Year 7 Parents' Evening	7 th December 2023
January Exam period (core subjects)	15 th –19 th January 2024
Year 7 Progress Report 2	End of February 2024 (approx.)
June Exam period (All Subjects)	10 th –21 st June 2024
Year 7 residential	24 th June– 12 th July 2024
Year 7 progress Report 3	Mid July (approx – date TBC)

I am confident that together, we can provide the guidance and encouragement your children need to excel academically, build resilience, and develop into well-rounded, socially-responsible individuals. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our doors are always open and we are here to assist you in any way we can.

Should you have any queries or questions, please see the list of key contacts below to help you identify the best person to contact. Staff email addresses and roles can be found on the website, but these follow the structure First initial Surname (e.g., JBloggs@Lymmhigh.org.uk), or alternatively:

Subject-specific query/concern	Subject teacher or Head of Faculty
Student welfare query/concern	Mrs Williams (Year 7 Pastoral Manager)
General query/concern	Form Tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Miss Rowley (Head of Year 7)

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Rowley – Head of Year 7