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Summer of success, p.4

August's A' Level and GCSE exam results were Lymm High's best ever!

Colour Run Fun, p.12

The culmination of Founders' Day was a fantastic end to the school year.

NEWSLETTER



WE ARE AN ECO-SCHOOL

Lymm High has been awarded an International Eco-Schools Award for excellence in improving environmental learning and performance.

What a great start to the new school year! This international accreditation recognises the amazing work our Eco-Committee has done in making Lymm High more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow students.

Mr Williams thanked the Eco-Committee for all their hard work. "It's great to get the award and even better to know how much progress we've made in this important area." The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70

countries across the globe. More than 1 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England in 2022-23. Students at Lymm High first formed an Eco-Committee, then collaborated with Mr Hayes and our Estates Manager, Mr Hendrie, to

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conduct an environmental review. To assess how eco-friendly Lymm High was, they reviewed everything from biodiversity within the school grounds to how students and staff travel to school. Building on their findings, students then planned a year of action designed to advance their school's green credentials and improve their local environment.

The Eco-Committee chose three Eco-Schools' topics to concentrate on: Biodiversity, Energy and Waste.

Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Eco Reps built a bug hotel on the school field to increase the variety of local flora and fauna. This was made out of pallets, old bricks, dead leaves and foliage. They



also oversaw the planting of an orchard on the school grounds, near Spud Wood, and prepared a flower bed next to one of the school yards ready for wildflowers to be planted.

Energy

The three main aims of the Energy Eco Reps were to:

- Reduce energy use
- Reduce energy waste

- Change mindsets

The school's lightbulbs are progressively being replaced with LED ones to reduce overall energy usage. In addition, passive infrared sensors are now operational in Sixth Form areas. The heating system has also been refined and a new pool cover in the Leisure Centre is further helping school to save energy.

Some of the Energy Eco Reps have agreed to be 'Power Rangers' and remind teachers at the end of Period 5 to switch off electrical devices and close windows.

Further plans to reduce energy are also being investigated, and include solar panels, pipework insulation and electric-vehicle charging points.





Waste

The Waste Eco Reps are investigating options for the recycling of food, paper, batteries, plastic bottles and books at school. Ideas for recycling stations around school are being looked into, and teachers will be encouraged to recycle by having dedicated boxes in their classrooms.

The recycling of school uniform and sports kit is another project for the Waste Eco Reps. Second-hand uniform is now available from the school shop.

Mr Hayes said: "I am so proud of the students' passion on environmental issues. The maturity and vision they have demonstrated during meetings with Mr Hendrie has been fantastic to see. The students communicated their initial findings in a series of Hall assemblies earlier in the year and laid out their plan of action. They have shown persistence and determination to implement these ideas and it is wonderful to see the school becoming a more eco-friendly environment. I am looking forward to their forthcoming environmental

review and seeing what areas they are going to focus on this year."

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff that earn the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination, and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all."

To learn more about Eco-Schools, [click here](#).



BEST EVER EXAM RESULTS

Lymm High has been celebrating another excellent set of exam results this summer. In fact, the A' Level results for our Year 13 students were the best set of post-16 results the school has ever had!

Mrs Jennings, Head of Sixth Form, said: "This is the cohort who didn't sit GCSE exams because of Covid, which means they missed out on the benefit of the experience of sitting public exams – so the whole process has been even more nerve-wracking than normal. I am so proud of the way they have handled every-

thing and just delighted to see them doing so well."

Despite fears in the press about pressure on university places, nearly all Lymm High Sixth Form students have already secured places at their preferred universities. This includes very high numbers heading off to the most pres-

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tigious institutions, including Oxbridge, and onto the most competitive courses, such as medicine.

Mr Williams, Headteacher, said: I'm simply delighted for the students. They have not had an easy time of it, and so to come through and post results like these reflects incredibly well on them; they really do deserve all their success. I'm also delighted for their teachers, who have worked incredibly hard to navigate all the changes and uncertainty surrounding exams over the last few years.

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national results over the past three years means that we need to be a little careful making direct comparisons but, taking into account that we have returned to pre-Covid patterns across England, A' Level results today are the best that Lymm High School has ever had. Given that outcomes in the Sixth Form have been consistently excellent for some years now, this really is quite an achievement, and everyone involved deserves huge congratulations."

A week after the A' Level results, Year 11 students collected exceptional GCSE results.

As was the case for Year 13, the impact of Covid means that this Year 11 cohort have had to face far more than their fair share of challenges in tackling their GCSE courses.

"Overall, Lymm High School continues to perform at a level that very few schools across the country are matching."

Mrs Feast, Deputy Headteacher, said: "I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and the outcomes that they have achieved. They have been a real pleasure to work with and I wish them all the very best with their next steps."

Mr Williams, said: "We are delighted to see another set of truly excellent results. Year 11 had a lot to live up to and they

certainly haven't let us down!"

The disruption to exams as a result of Covid over the last few years means we need to be a little careful making direct comparisons with previous years (at least until more national data are available) but, whichever way we look at them, this is another great set of results. For example, getting on for 40% of all GCSE grades were at grades 9-7 (i.e. at least grade A) and 35% of individual students scored 9-7 grades in at least five different subjects. Almost 85% of students picked up 9-4 grades (i.e. C and above) in at least five subjects and 60% gained at least one grade 7.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We kicked off our first charity event of the year on Friday 29th September.

Our student charity representatives organised a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Staff, students and parents brought in homemade and store-bought cakes to sell to Year 12 and 13 at lunch and break-

time in the Lower Hex.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of baked goods we received and we'd like to thank all who contributed.

Sixth Formers sold cakes to the rest of the student population at lunchtime.

With cash on the day, card sales and our online link, we were delighted to raise almost £600 for this very well deserving charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. If you'd still like to donate, please [click here](#).



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you need and practical tips from
young people just like you.

YOUNGMINDS

SUCCESSFUL SISTERS

As well as continuing with her skating prowess and receiving regular medals, Aya now has another string to her bow.

Together with her 16-year-old sister, Misk, the Year 8 student is now designing and selling products for sale in the Kenji store at the Trafford Centre.

Her mum Yussur told us: "Seeing her face as we walked into the store was beautiful. I believe this is a wonderful inspiration to all, not only due to her daily challenges and disability, but is a great example of the power of collaboration."

Successful sisters indeed!



Inter-Hall winners

Our Inter-Hall competitions are back!

Well done to our latest 'Bounce-Ball Challenge' winners:

- Leo Sheldon
- Tilly Davison
- Holly Humphreys.

Beth Higginbottom was the Nerf Challenge winner.

Arley Hall is currently in the lead with Walton hot on their heels! Moreton is currently in last place.



EUROPEAN BAKE-OFF

For this year's European Day of Languages, the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department were exceedingly impressed by the quality of entrants to its Bake-Off competition!



The team of judges narrowed the field to four winning entries, and students collected their prizes on Wednesday 27th September.

The best national scene went to Erin Murphy and Daisy Ecclestone for their 'England' cake. The fish, chips, mushy peas and ketchup were all made out of cake and icing.



The prize for best texture went to Willow Goodwin and Martha Roberts for their light and moist cake.

The prize for use of colour went to Hayden

Wood and Sam Spencer for the blue and yellow layered sponge in their 'Greece' cake. This featured piped iced rosettes.

The winner of the best use of different components went to Cheyenne Law, Ophelia Man and Daphne Cheung. They combined French macarons, English Natural History Museum chocolate, tasty strawberries and colourful sprinkles.

Well done to all the students that took part!



BIRD FEEDERS

As part of Founders' Day 2023 the DT department ran a whole-school Form Time workshop challenging students to create an upcycled, eco-friendly bird feeder.

Students had six different designs to choose from: a lollypop stick bird feeder, a toilet roll bird feeder, a flower bird feeder, an egg box bird feeder, a cereal box bird feeder or a carton penguin bird feeder.

Each Form group was provided with step-by-step instructions to follow to create and decorate a feeder of their choice, and the materials to make these with.

The workshop communicated the importance of community, which was the theme of Founders' Day this year. All of the materials used in making the feeders came from donations from families and staff members.

The DT department were stunned by the huge number of recyclables that students, parents/carers and staff members collected and donated to the workshop, without their efforts the workshop would not have been possible to run at such a huge scale.

The session was a great success and students made some really creative, eco-friendly feeders to take home and use in their gardens, helping to care for and support wildlife in the local community.





ETIHAD VISIT

We were taken on a tour around the stadium and learned about its history in business as well as a football club. We even got to visit the gift shop and received a free Manchester City water bottle each.

It was good as we learned a lot about the nature of business in the football club and how they use sponsorships, advertising and general promotion to earn lots of revenue in order to pay for their expensive costs as a club. It was also good from a non-business standpoint since it was very informative about the football environment that the players are in when preparing for, in, and after a game. It also showed us all the optimisations the players and managers use in their meals, training and free time in order to maximise the players' abilities on the pitch.

Overall we learned a lot about business, economics and football, had a lot of fun and I would recommend this trip for future business students looking to expand their knowledge out of school.

At the end of last term, Year 10 went on a Business trip to the home of Man City, write Josh Calder and Bobby Lee.



THE RETURN Colour Run 2023

Social responsibility and participation are Lymm High's ethos. And there was plenty of both at this year's Colour Run!

The Founders' Day celebrations in July culminated again in the Lymm High Colour Run! It was a fantastic way to end the school year and celebrate all of the money we have raised for our Hall Charities over the last three terms.

For the Colour Run, students gathered sponsorship money throughout Half Term 6 for their associated Hall Charities. The amounts raised were:



Arley: £782.53 for Meningitis research foundation



Dunham: £897.85 for Help for Heroes



Moreton: £794.24 for The Christie



Tatton: £1080.54 for Claire House



Walton: £1048.48 for St Rocco's Hospice

The Colour Run event was first held last year and replaced the usual grounds walk. Staff and students together created a fantastic party atmosphere! Starting from the art balcony, students ran, walked or danced around the course as they got covered in green, blue, pink and purple powder. They eventually crossed the finish line in a wonderful array of colours.

As students were waiting to set off or for other Halls to finish, Mr Gornall, Ms Moreno, Mr Skilbeck and Mr Hayes kept the crowds entertained with plenty of music and dancing from the balcony.

"The participation from staff and students alike was magnificent and made for a fantastic day", said Mr Hayes. "It was great to see so many smiles on faces and raise money for our well deserving Hall Charities".

It was Walton who claimed the Inter-Hall charity fundraising

shield this year and Miss Crowder was proud to accept the trophy on behalf of her Hall.

Further information on Lymm High's Hall System can be seen on the dedicated [webpages here](#).





MEET THE NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Head of Student Leadership

Lucy Williams

“Alongside my fellow leaders, this year I want to establish a mentorship programme between Years 13 and Years 11 and 12. Peer-to-peer support is beneficial for both the provider and the recipient. It would be particularly helpful regarding the choices on offer post Sixth Form.

I also want to establish stronger links with the local community. There are a wealth of voluntary organisations which would benefit from the support of young people. In return students will gain valuable experience and skills working with a cross-section of society.”



Head of Student Leadership

Grace Robinson

“As Head Student at Lymm, I aspire to reinforce our community values to ensure that every student feels represented and has their voice heard. I aim to promote inclusion and participation in all aspects of school life in order to create an environment that we can all be proud of.

As a student who joined in Year 12, I would like to ensure that the transition period is as supportive as possible, whether this be from GCSEs to A’ Levels or any students joining us from other schools. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to represent our school and I hope to leave behind a legacy of tenacity and hard work, which I am sure we can achieve together.”

Deputy Head Student

Edward Godber



“Throughout this coming year, I aim to continue the excellent work done in promoting super curricular involvement and enhanced social responsibility. Alongside this, I will strive to promote men’s mental health awareness and improvement across the whole school. Ultimately, my main aim will be to aid the Student Leadership Team, whilst also representing the school’s values and ethos.”

Deputy Head Student

Emily Forshaw



“I am excited to be a part of the Student Leadership Team. Over the next year, I hope to engage the school in more environmental initiatives alongside the Eco Reps and help the school become more sustainable. It is important to me that I strengthen Sixth Form as a community and continue to develop its relationship with the rest of the school.”



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

 **Thursday 16th November 2023**
5.00pm to 8.00pm

www.lymmhigh.org.uk/sixth-form

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GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Last term, the Geography department took 230 students over four days to complete some physical geography field work on the River Goyt in the Peak District.

The purpose of the trip was to meet with the AQA GCSE Geography specification requirements. Students were investigating how the River Goyt and its valley changed with distance down stream (from source to the mouth). They investigated:

- how the river bed load changed with distance down stream
- how the valley gradient changed with distance down stream, and
- how the river velocity changed with distance down stream.

The trip was a great success with around 60 students and five staff members attending each day.







THE WINDRUSH GENERATION

October marks the start of Black History Month. Understanding our history and culture is an important part of our social responsibility as a school. Over the course of the next month, students will learn about the UK's black history, discuss race in sport, and hear from lower school students about their passions and interests in relation to black history. Below is an article summarising our first black history assembly. Written by Sixth Former, Amy Deeks, it tells us about the Windrush Generation and their impact on UK history.

The British Government faced a rather bleak situation in 1945. The Second World War had ended but so many British citizens had died during the war that the workforce was severely depleted; this meant that Britain would face a very difficult recovery process. Its solution was the

'Nationalities Act' which allowed people living in the Commonwealth, former British Empire, to live and work in the UK. Many hundreds of Commonwealth citizens answered this plea for help but the people most famous for immigration to the UK in the late 1940s are the Jamaican nationals.

In 1948, 1027 passengers boarded the 'HMS Empire Windrush' ship in Jamaica. Its destination was Tilbury, Essex.



Between 1948 and 1971, half a million people from the Caribbean settled in the UK. They became known as the 'Windrush Generation'.

The positive impact of the Windrush Generation on Britain was huge. The NHS had been set up the same year as the HMS Windrush docked in Essex and the Windrush Generation filled essential roles in that service. Their contributions meant that British citizens have been enjoying free healthcare for over 70 years. The Windrush Generation brought their own culture with them which permeated into British culture. This includes food, such as jerk chicken, and music, such as Ska and Reggae. However, many people from the Windrush Generation suffered constant racism and discrimination from their more ignorant neighbours.

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It would not be uncommon when walking down a high street in the 1950s to see signs on windows stating 'No Irish. No Blacks. No Dogs'.

In 1971, the British Government issued the 'Immigration Act' which gave people from the Commonwealth living in Britain the right to stay permanently. Despite this, information came to light in 2018 forming what would become known as the 'Windrush Scandal'.

The British Government had

kept no record of the people from the Windrush Generation who had been allowed to live in the UK. Worse still, they had also destroyed the landing cards of the original passengers of the Windrush. This meant that many people had no proof they were British citizens and therefore had no rights to healthcare, work, or housing. In all, 83 British citizens with lives, homes and families in the UK were wrongfully deported.

In 2018, the then Prime Minister Theresa May apologised on behalf of the British Government for the appalling treatment of the Windrush Generation and proposed a compensation scheme. However, this is still not the end of the story as the Windrush Scandal still often comes up in Government and was debated as recently as January 2023.

Since the scandal first broke, people of all walks of life have shown support for the Windrush Generation and their amazing positive impact on Britain has not been forgotten.

Since 2018, the 22nd June has been 'Windrush Day', marking the seventieth anniversary of HMS Empire Windrush arriving at Tilbury Dock.





OPERATION TYNNY

The renovation of Ty'n-y-Felin is underway.

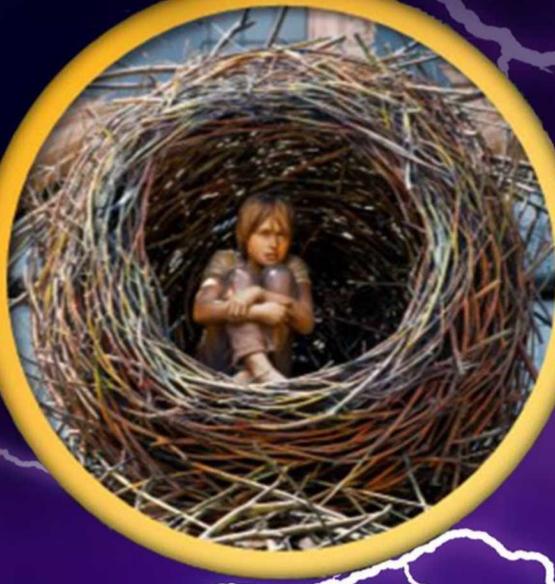
Known as 'Tynny', this Anglesey-based outdoor learning centre has been used by Lymm High for many years, and occupies a very special place in the hearts of many current and past students, teachers, parents and others. Stage 1 of its renovation work started in September and will run to the end of October. This will involve:

- Complete renovation of the amphitheatre.
- Replacement of all doors on the external shower block.
- Removal of inoperative white goods.
- Removal of the pump set in preparation for new pumps/management system.
- Replacement of macerators in accessible toilets.
- Making the external store ready in preparation to become an external drying room.
- Replacement and commission of a new fire alarm.
- Replacement of the plant room and girls' toilet fire doors.

The aim is to reopen Tynny in Spring 2024. We'll keep you updated!



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SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2023

The eagerly anticipated School Sports Day took place on Thursday 20th July. It was a day of spirited competition and athletic achievements, showcasing the students' remarkable talents and sportsmanship.

One standout moment of the day was when Billie Fletcher achieved a remarkable feat by breaking the Year 8 High Jump record, reaching an impressive height of 1.45m.

The competition was fierce as students proudly represented their respective Halls. However, when the dust settled, Arley Hall emerged as the overall champions, demonstrating their exceptional teamwork and athletic prowess.

This whole school event is a highlight of the academic calendar, with students from all year groups participating enthusiastically. It's no wonder that Sports Day is a favourite among the school's PE department: it showcases the incredible dedication and passion for sports that the students and staff bring to the table year after year.

Sports Day once again proved to be a day of not only athletic triumphs but also a celebration of unity, sportsmanship, and school spirit, leaving everyone looking forward to the next year's event. Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding efforts!





| YEAR 7 | | YEAR 8 | | YEAR 9 | | YEAR 10 | |
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| 1 ST | WALTON | 1 ST | ARLEY | 1 ST | ARLEY | 1 ST | MORETON |
| 2 ND | DUNHAM | 2 ND | WALTON | 2 ND | MORETON | 2 ND | ARLEY |
| 3 RD | ARLEY | 3 RD | TATTON | 3 RD | DUNHAM | 3 RD | DUNHAM |
| 4 TH | TATTON | 4 TH | DUNHAM | 4 TH | TATTON | 4 TH | WALTON |
| 5 TH | MORETON | 5 TH | MORETON | 5 TH | WALTON | 5 TH | TATTON |

| OVERALL RESULTS | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 ST | ARLEY |
| 2 ND | DUNHAM WALTON |
| 4 TH | MORETON |
| 5 TH | TATTON |



GOOD PROSPECTS

James Shaw has been invited into Warrington Wolves' Prospects Programme.

“The invitation was made following his outstanding application and performances over the past year at our open access sessions and fixtures”, writes Alex Bielby, the 11-18 Player Pathway Co-ordinator.

The programme is aimed at players who Warrington Wolves believe have the potential to play academy rugby league once they leave school. This is a fantastic achievement for players to be invited in.

The team train once a week on a Monday evening and have access to high quality rugby league coaching, alongside personalised strength and conditioning, nutrition and other lifestyle support.

“At Warrington Wolves we value players' education extremely highly and their behaviours whilst not in our environment.”

Keep up the good work, James!



SENIORS PROJECT NIGHT

New sessions starting Sunday 1st October for young people age 12 - 19 years

Sessions last between 1-2.5hrs depending on the activity

Dance Squad *4pm

Fundraising Xmas Makers Market *6pm

Gym Fitness *7pm

LGBTQIA+ Group *6pm

Music Production *7pm

Rock Climbing *7pm

Sewing *7pm

****Youth Zone Membership is required (one off £5 payment) then 50p per session ****

Book on the Warrington Youth Zone Website or at reception.

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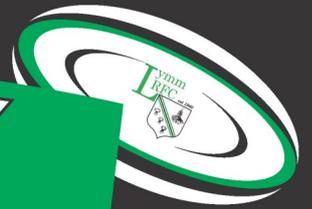
For further information email [dawn.dean @wyz.org.uk](mailto:dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk)

Year 11 in Open Water Championships squad

Congratulations to Ben Ross who is representing Great Britain at the LEN European Junior Open Water Championships in Greece. There are only seven swimmers selected for the team, of which only three are male. This is a fantastic achievement for the 15 year old!

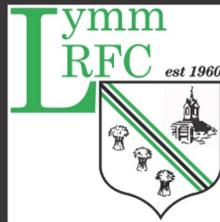
We wish you the best of luck Ben!





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Our team play an exciting brand of rugby based on teamwork, inclusivity, fairness and most of all fun. We attract boys from across Cheshire to play friendly, local matches and festivals throughout the year.

We welcome ALL new players-whether first timers or not.

Always putting player safety and well-being first, we have coaches that are RFU qualified, DBS checked & trained first aiders

Lymm RFC is a community orientated club with ambitious new developments including clubhouse & all weather pitch



FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Sessions are held outside with 4 grass pitches and an AGP pitch. Always plenty of room!

All children should wear studded boots & appropriate clothing for the weather

They will also need to bring a water bottle.

REFEREE!

Are these Year 10 students Lymm's youngest female referees?



Alana Bottomley and Mya Hughes are now qualified FA referees after completing an online course and a day and a half of practical assessments.

"We were both nervous as we didn't really know what to expect", said Alana. "When we got there, it was mainly men and boys, which was a bit un-

nerving". However, the girls pushed through their nerves and are now qualified Cheshire FA Referees.

"We have now refereed over 15 games and are really enjoying the progress. And the money we earn!"

"This is amazing", said Mr Barnett, Head of Year 10.

"Well done Alana and Mya!"

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

9–13th October
Year 8 Residential
to Conway
(L forms, 9–11th;
H forms, 11–13th).

Thursday 26th October
Year 11 'How to revise'
evening for parents

**27th October to
6th November**
Half-term break

Tuesday 7th November
School reopens for
all year groups

Thursday 9th November
Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th November
Sixth Form Open Evening
(see p.15)

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