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# NEWSLETTER

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## FOOTBALL GOALS!

Professional footballer Nathan Lowe took time out of his busy schedule to talk to students about playing for Stoke City and getting a call-up to the England team!

**T**he ex-student has been playing for Stoke City for 8 years since he joined their academy, aged 10. He spoke to Lymm High students about the value of education, being

punctual, and learning to be confident both on and off the pitch.

Nathan is getting used to being recognised in Stoke and having fans shout out his

name. And this is set to continue following his debut appearance for England's Under-19s squad in the three UEFA U19 Euro qualifying matches.



# CANOEING IN CONWAY

Year 8 students enjoyed a 3-day residential trip to Wales during October.

**T**he year group was split into two halves.

Ms Carrington, Pastoral Support Manager for Year 8, took the 'L' side of the year for the first half of the week. "We were so lucky to get beautiful weather for the first two days", she said.

Some students canoed and paddle boarded on the Menai Strait in the sunshine. Others did team-building exercises.





Some created fire using a flint and steel and were able to toast marshmallows. "There were so many activities and the students really got involved and embraced anything thrown at them", said Ms Carrington.

"On the whole, they settled down well at bedtimes and didn't cause us too much trouble and they all seemed to enjoy the food!"

"We had two birthdays whilst we were there, and one of my favourite memories was the whole dining hall singing 'Happy Birthday' to them, enthusiastically and at full volume!"

"The pupils on the second half of the week were absolutely brilliant and threw themselves into every activity!", said Head of Year Miss Beck.



## SCHOOL NEWS

Sadly, the second group weren't as fortunate with the weather, but the students showed true resilience. They took part in a range of activities such as raft building, canoeing and mountain biking in less than desirable conditions.

"I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff who joined us on the trip, giving up their own time, and making the whole thing possible", said Miss Beck.

"Following the trip lots of staff have stopped me to let me know how brilliant their group was, highlighting how polite,



funny and kind the pupils were", she said.

"This is always lovely to hear as a Head of Year!





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# SKI SKILLS

In preparation for their ski trip to Piancavallo in February, Year 8, 9 and 10 students honed their ski skills at the Chill Factor.

They completed two 2-hour sessions on the slopes. Most students were beginners, but after the second session, all were ready to move onto the big slope!

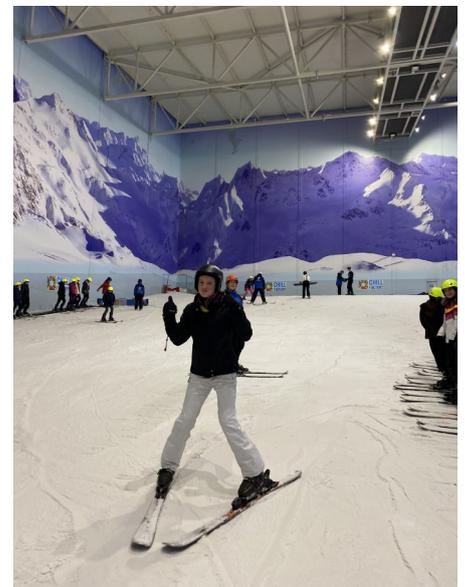
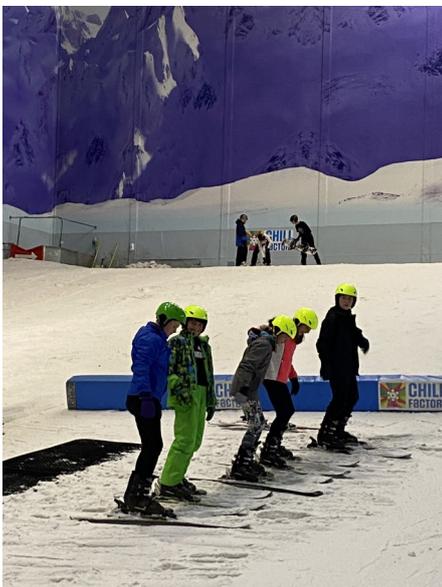
Miss Crowder is the trip leader and accompanied the students to their practice sessions. “Students were incredibly well-behaved, extremely thankful, and worked super hard on the slopes – even those who spent more time on their bums!”, she said.

The group are due to ski in Italy from 11–18th February 2024. The small ski resort is in the Province of Pordenone and is mainly aimed at beginners. The slopes for skiing and snowboarding are of all difficulty levels and lead down to the village. With views from the summit that reach as far as the Venetian coast and



the peaks of the Slovenian border, this famous World Cup resort has a spectacular setting and a growing reputation as one of Italy's top resorts!

All the students enjoyed their Chill Factor sessions. “They were truly a credit to the school and I enjoyed every minute watching them progress so quickly”, said Miss Crowder. Roll on February!



# GOODBYE HILDA!



On Friday 13th October, we said a fond farewell to Hilda Mckenzie who left our Catering team after 36 years of service at Lymm High School. "Hilda always had a smile on her face and a tale to tell", said Catering Manager Paul Timms. "She will be sadly missed."

The Staff Association, headed up by Mrs Worrall, presented Hilda with some flowers, biscuits and a gift voucher.



## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

📅 **Thursday 16th November 2023**  
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# SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGERS

Congratulations to the Sixth Form students who took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge in September. They achieved 12 bronze, 12 silver and six gold certificates, with six students invited to participate in the follow-on round.

Also congratulations to Eve Kayll, Asya Bagan, Lucy Quayle, Thea Benson and Laam Chow for



taking part in the Maths Olympiad for girls. All five students received the highest award, a certificate of distinction!

Well done all!

# MEET THE STAFF

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The Maths faculty has two new members of staff: Mr Newns and Miss Dunne.

## **Tell us about yourself:**

I'm Mr Newns and am the new Assistant Head of Mathematics, looking after Key Stage 4.

I'm 41 years old and have been teaching for 20 years. I live locally with my wife, two children and a cat. I'm a keen

Warrington Wolves and Manchester United fan and in my spare time I enjoy running and any activity which involves being outside.

## **Why did you enter the teaching profession?**

I think Mathematics is the finest subject you can study and I

can't think of anything better than teaching maths all day! Working with young people constantly challenges me and each day is very different to the last. I enjoyed school tremendously and wish to help each child have the same positive school experience I was awarded!



### What degree course did you take?

I decided to apply to Manchester University to study for a degree in Maths and loved each and every day! I stayed at Manchester to complete my PGCE in Secondary Mathematics. It wasn't until I studied maths at degree level that I realised the size and scope of the subject.

### What are the best and worst parts of the job?

Watching a pupil's confidence and enjoyment of maths grow is easily the best part of the job.

Working with exam classes towards that final exam gives a real thrill of chase and challenge!

Being a Form tutor is a real privilege too; I have been very spoilt with such a wonderful and diverse group of people in my Form!

Perhaps the worst part of working with young people is when they make a poor decision, but each and every day is a fresh start and a new chance to make a positive change.

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### Tell us about yourself:

I'm Miss Dunne. I am in my eighth year of teaching maths and have recently been appointed Assistant Head of Mathematics, looking after Key Stage 3. This means I am lucky enough to oversee all Years 7, 8 and 9 students in terms of their mathematical learning.

I am 28 years old, have a Cocker spaniel, and once did a sky dive.

### Why did you enter the teaching profession?

I knew I wanted to work with, and inspire, young people. I have a great interest and love for maths and wanted to share that. I also wanted to be the teacher I never had, and always try and see my students as people first and foremost, then learners second.

### What degree course did you take?

I studied towards a Pure Mathematics degree, and took a specific interest in statistics. I find it very interesting how data can be interpreted, the process behind decision making, and how extensively it is used in real-life maths!



### What are the best and worst parts of the job?

The best part of my job is getting to work with all the wonderful people that I do. I get to be a part of people's learning, see their confidence grow and watch how they progress to young adults! The worst part about my job is having to give detentions. I would much rather time be used effectively!

# PHOTOGRAPHIC LIVERPOOL

On Tuesday 3rd October, Year 11 students who study Fine Art and/or Photography set off to Liverpool to explore the city and its galleries.

The trip began in the Walker Art Gallery, in which the exhibitions were fantastic for both our Photography and Fine Art Students. The exhibition 'Photie Man' showcased a vast selection of work by documentary-style photographer Tom Wood; and the John Moore Painting Prize showed a wide range of contemporary British painting, displaying work from artists from all over the UK.

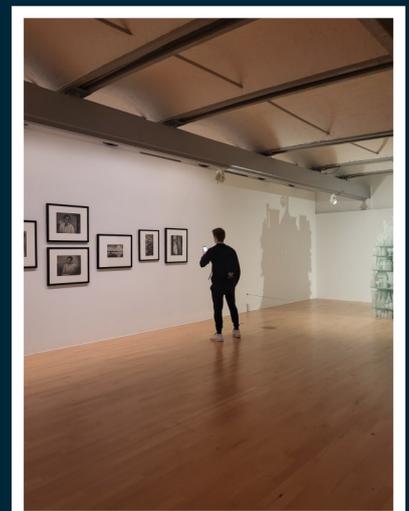
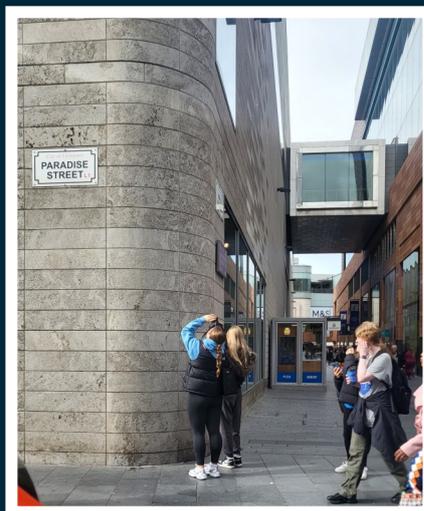
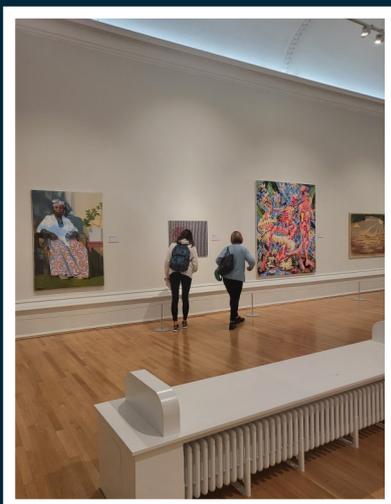
Students completed a variety of tasks inside the gallery, searching for their favourite pieces and discovering new and exciting artists that may inspire their own practise. After exploring the Walker Gallery, students walked from one side of the city to the other, photographing and sketching from observation along the way, gathering vital primary research for their current coursework projects.

The trip concluded at the Royal Albert Dock, which offered two further galleries for students to explore: The Tate Gallery and The Open Eye Gallery.



Again, students utilised their time around the dock area and inside the gallery sourcing as much research and inspiration as possible in the time they had.

The trip was a great success and all students fully embraced the opportunity to explore these different locations across Liverpool city centre. The Visual Arts department look forward to seeing how the research gathered that day inspires students' current projects.



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# THE RETURN OF HELLO YELLOW



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day and we celebrated by taking part in Hello Yellow!

Hello Yellow is a campaign ran by the charity Young Minds. On this day, everyone is asked to wear yellow to show their support for young people's mental health. "As a school we believe this day is really important", said Miss Newton, our Wellbeing Manager. "We wanted to share this message, so everyone knows that they are not alone!"

Our Wellbeing Champions did an amazing job at raising awareness of young people's mental health. They created posters that were up around school and hosted a stall on

World Mental Health Day.

On the stall they shared signposting, colouring pages, Hello Yellow stickers and even some free pens and badges. They then did whole year assem-

blies with Miss Newton around issues they feel are affecting young people, such as confidence, social media and pressure. They gave some helpful hints and tips about how to manage these issues and even how to make social media a positive place.

The whole school also had an assembly from Kooth about their platform, what they offer and how you can access this service. Emily from Kooth then came in and did a stall at lunchtime to answer any questions and share some more information around Kooth.

The Wellbeing Champions helped to give out some Kooth cards and encouraged people to go to the stall and write down something they do for their wellbeing.

"The Wellbeing Champions did an amazing job at spread-



ing the word about World Mental Health Day and sharing some vital resources”, said Miss Newton.

“It was an excellent week that helped to reassure young people in our community that they are not alone with their mental health!”

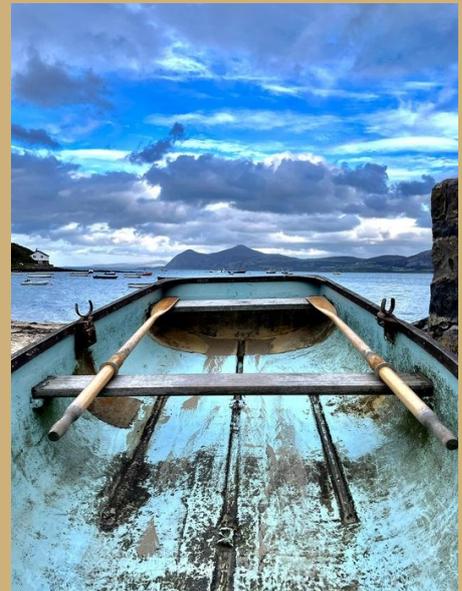


## AUTUMN PHOTO COMPETITION

Well done to the Lymm High staff who won this year’s Staff Association Autumn Photo Competition. Mrs Richards won first prize, with Mr Blair and Mr Dunkley gaining joint second.



*Mr Dunkley*



*Mrs Richards*



*Mr Blair*

The winning entries can be seen here and are on display in Main Reception.

You can see the student winning photographs from the ‘Capture Your World’ challenge on pages 16–18.

# It's all About **STEM**

On the 19th and 20th of October, students on the Scholars Programme attended 2-hour STEM workshops run by Thinkers in Education. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 completed either a 'Body in the Box' or 'Pandemic' workshop.



**'Body in the Box' was a CSI workshop in which we had to complete multiple tasks to solve a fictional murder case, write Year 9 students Alexandra Knowles and Isabelle Barnes.**

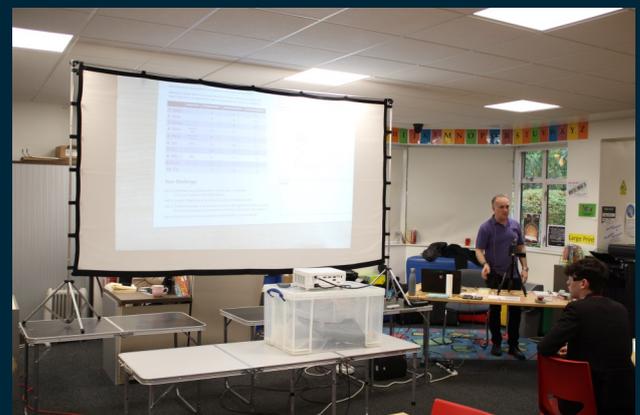
We had to measure and identify face bones and use the size guide to determine the height of the victim. Next, we used a banana chunk to do a DNA extraction, which was then incubated, before being assessed on the level of skill of the DNA.

Then, using anthropology we attempted to identify the ethnicity of the victim based on the skull. The cause of death was the next thing we

had to solve and we determined it to be a gun shot to the head.

Everyone's favourite part was an interactive quiz. We used handsets to submit our answers, and we were judged on our speed and accuracy. We gained points for our team throughout the whole workshop, however, the quiz was the main provider of points, adding to the sense of competition. Our critical thinking and decision making was put to the test in a fun and exciting way.

We really enjoyed this workshop and hope to do something similar in the future!



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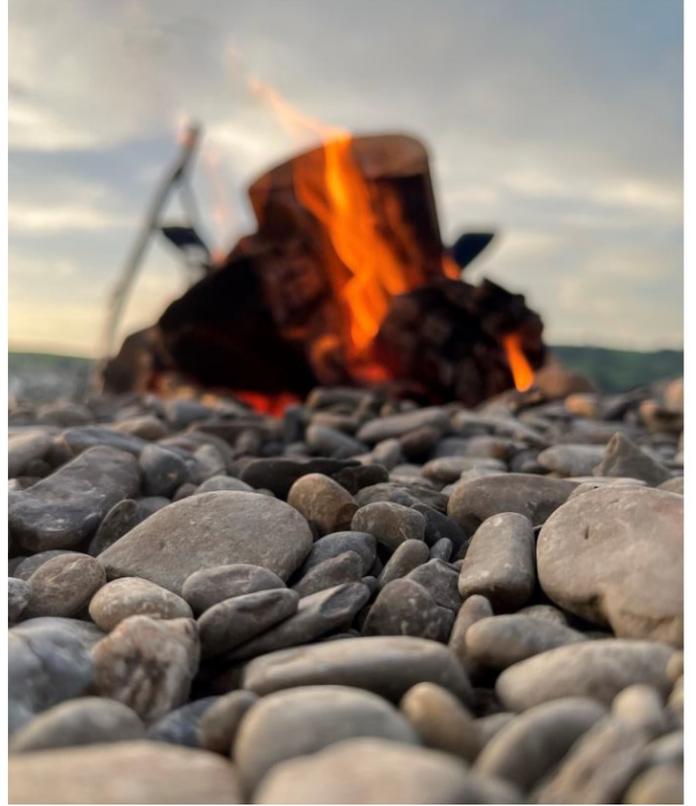
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# CAPTURING OUR WORLD

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A huge thank you to all the students who entered the whole-school photography challenge 'Capture Your World'.

**W**e were stunned by the quantity and exceptional quality of photographs submitted.

"We received close to 200 entries from students across all year groups, which made selecting winners a very difficult task!", said Miss Simms. "This shows we have some very talented budding photographers at Lymm High School!"

The Visual Arts department would like to wish a huge congratulations to these students, as well as a huge thank you and well done to every student who entered the photography challenge this year. You are all extremely talented!

All entries will be displayed on the TV screens around school, so students can keep a look out for them.

The photos on this page and the next two are the top 10 winning entries from:

- Charlotte Bainton (12DL)
- Alana Bottomley (10TH)
- Noah Buckley (8TL)
- Emily Fish (7MH)
- James Holliday (8DL)
- Ned Martin (8TL)
- Mollie Matthews (7MH)
- Sofia Northey (8WH)
- Reuben Roberts (10ML)
- Emilia Stout (8WH)

**1st Place:****Noah Buckley (8TL)**

Noah has carefully considered composition when capturing his photograph at the coast. The lighting and tones of colour in this image are excellent. Noah has captured variety within the natural environment, showing the contrast between brown tones of rough sand against bright pops of colour from the grass and flowers.

Congratulations Noah! He wins a 3-in-1 smartphone camera lens kit and a trophy.

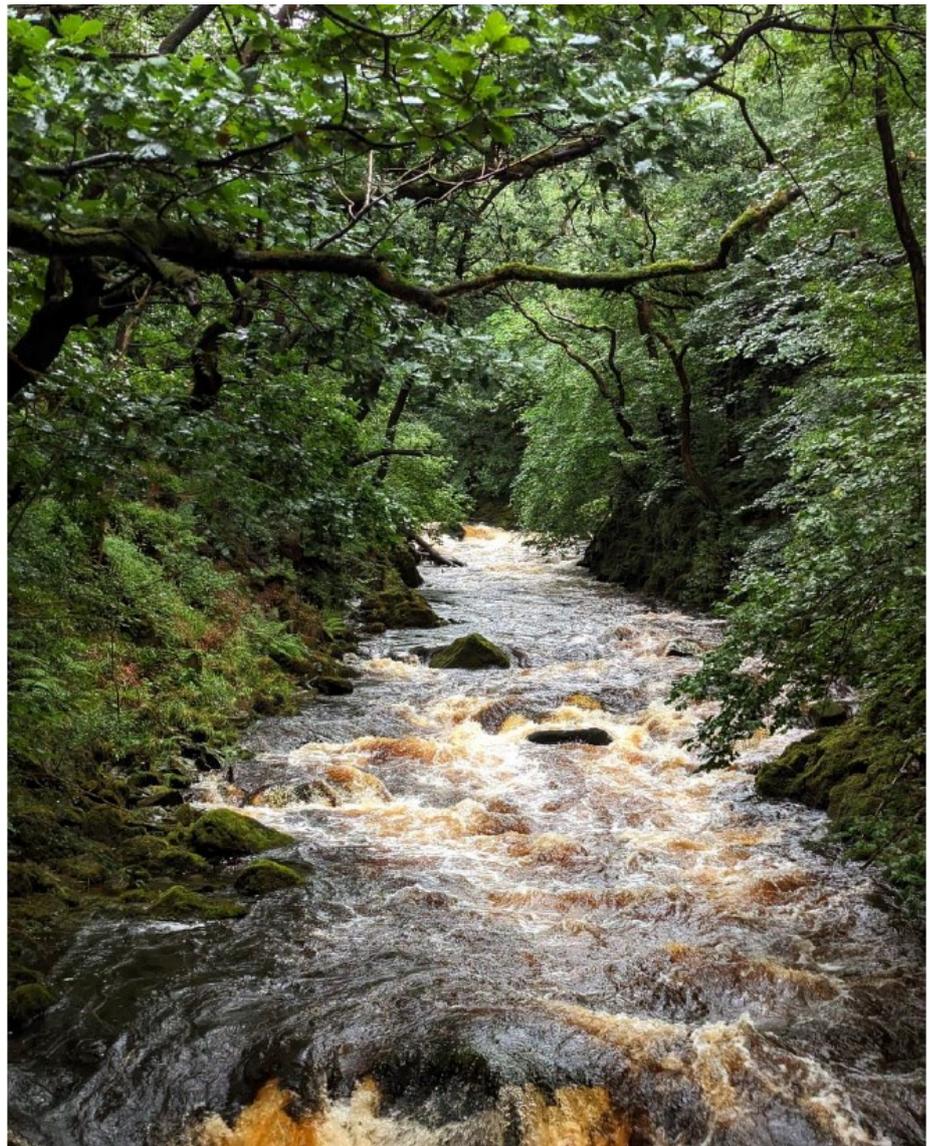
**2nd Place:****Ned Martin (8TL)**

The heart of this image is the leading lines area compositional technique in which human-made or natural lines lead the viewer's eyes through a photograph to the subject.

Ned has done an amazing job at exploring this technique within his photography.

We love the movement that he has captured in this photograph with the flowing water and the range of colours in the surrounding environment.

Congratulations Ned! As well as second-place trophy, he wins a choice of chocolate or sweet treats.

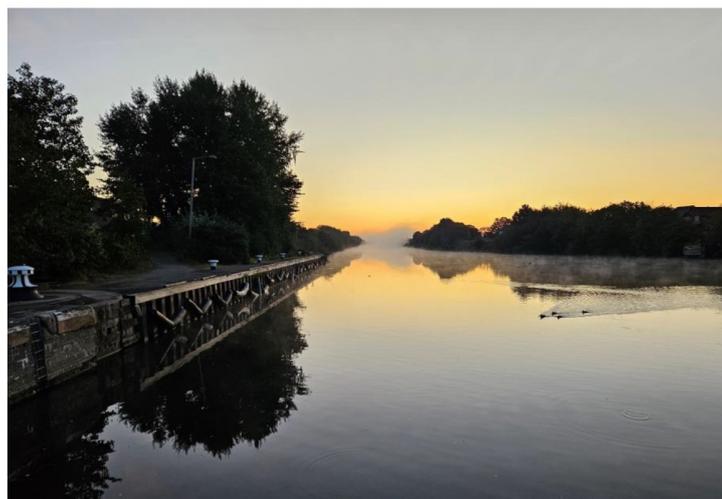




**3rd Place:  
Emilia Stout (8WH)**

When capturing moving animals, it can be very difficult to get a good quality photograph like Emilia has. She has done an amazing job at this with her safari photography.

Congratulations Emilia! She wins a trophy and a choice of chocolate or sweet treats.



# MANCHESTER STREET ANGELS SHOEBOX APPEAL

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We are again supporting the Manchester Street Angels Shoebox Appeal to support those who are homeless and struggling in Manchester and Ukraine.

**I**tems to include in your Christmas wrapped shoebox and the different groups to support are on the [attached slides here](#). The steps to follow are:

1. Decide if you want to donate a box individually, as a group or as a Form.
2. Decide which group you want to fill a box for – men, women, young adults, the elderly, children (aged 0–16) or dogs (see [attached slides](#)).
3. Wrap a shoebox in Christmas paper – wrap the lid and box separately so you can fill it and take the lid on and off.
4. Start filling your box with the required and accepted items. Be generous – no used items!
5. Bring your box labelled (sticky note) with the intended recipient and £1 into school **before Wednesday 22nd November**.

Thank you for your support!

## TRACIE 'BRAVED THE SHAVE'



Huge congratulations to Tracie Geering who shaved her hair during the half-term break to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Tracie, part of our Catering team, has been at Lymm High for 27 years. She underwent the shave to support her best friend, Barbara, who has endometrial cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Barbara shaved Tracie's hair on the 1st November. So far, she has raised £751. If you'd like to add to this fundraising effort, please [click here](#).

# HARRY POTTER BOOK



This October the ILC embraced the Harry Potter Book Day 2023 theme of 'Magical Places' by recreating the Hogwarts' dining hall for a special event of competitions and fun.

The room was decorated with posters and Potter displays, Hedwig the owl, hanging candles, and sparkling fairy lights in jars... all of which added a little bit of Hogwarts' magic to the event.

Just before lunch time the ILC computer suite was sealed off with a Platform 9 ¾ curtain wall to conceal the newly themed room. Students were given a Harry Potter bookmark as

they waited for the event to begin along with a competition sheet to complete using the clues hidden within the room. Beyond the curtain the table was set out with quizzes, colouring sheets and competitions.

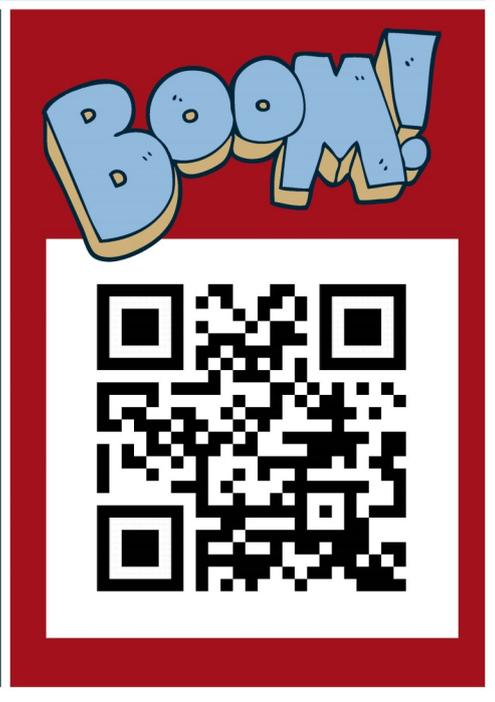
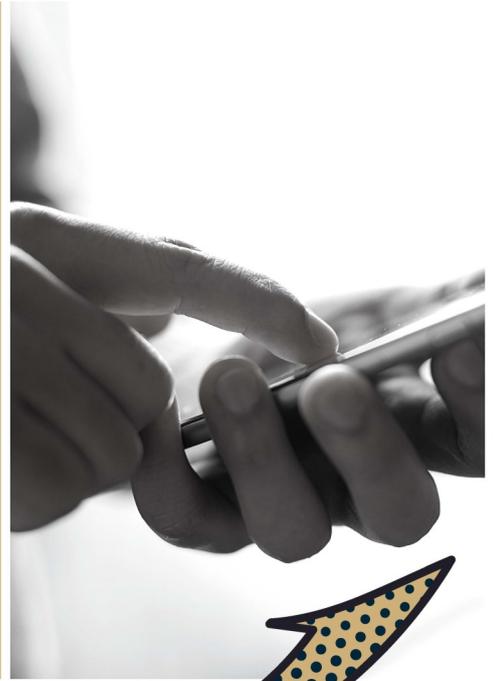
Six winners were chosen at random from the completed competition sheets, and prizes including Harry Potter notebooks, stationary, and chocolates were handed out. We also

# DAY IN THE ILC

had a Sorting Hat lucky dip, and mini jars of Barts Beans were won by students who were lucky enough to draw a winning name. Before leaving the event, students were given the chance to have their photos taken in the Harry Potter photo booth.

The first Harry Potter book was published in 1997 but it remains a hugely popular series. Copies of each of the epic fantasy series are available to borrow from the ILC, along with companion books and the latest fandom publication 'The Harry Potter WIZARDING Almanac'.





# CHESHIRE NETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the U15 and U16 netball teams travelled to The Grange School to play in the Cheshire Schools' Tournament.

There was some fantastic netball on display and both teams played brilliant netball in the rounds to progress into the cup semi-finals.

The U15 team won their semi-final and took the Cheshire silver medals. A fantastic achievement in a county with some formidable teams! Their results included a 13-4 win over Alderley Edge, 11-4 win over Kings Macclesfield and a 8-6 win over The Grange in the semi-final. They finally met their match against an excellent team from Kings, Chester, in the final.

"They should be very proud of their performance and their silver medals", said Miss Fowler. "Congratulations to all the players involved."





# FOOTBALL GOALS!

Nathan Lowe spoke to us about his football career since leaving Lymm High.

***How did it feel when you got the England call-up?***

The England call-up came as a surprise really. I was overwhelmed when I was rung by the Under-19 manager, and he confirmed to me that I would be involved and laid out the plans for the forthcoming week. Only when I turned up to London on the first night did I fully understand the magnitude of the situation and it was a great feeling.

***What was the atmosphere like in Montenegro with the England Under-19s squad?***

The atmosphere at the games in Montenegro were good, especially the first game against Montenegro; however, I had played in front of a lot more fans for my club, so it wasn't as daunting as you'd expect. It was weird being able to hear my teammates talk on the pitch as they are normally drowned out by noise from the fans.

confidence and started to put myself out there more. Even now after the camp has ended I still stay in touch with some of the players.

***How did it feel when you were told to warm up the first time?***

Believe it or not, I wasn't actually that nervous to come on as I had watched the game and just wanted to get on the pitch so when they told me to warm up it didn't really affect me.



***How did the rest of the squad receive you into the team?***

I was nervous and didn't talk to many people at first but then as the week progressed, I gained

***Were you nervous walking onto the pitch?***

After my first few touches of the ball, I had settled into the game



Next to his name on one of Lymm High's Honours Boards.

and then from there I realised it was no different from any youth team game, just at a higher standard.

### **Which was your best game?**

I did play a part in all three games of the Euro Qualifiers coming off the bench, getting 30 minutes in the first (Montenegro), 25 minutes in the second (Wales), and 15 minutes in the third and final game (Austria).

### **How long have you been at Stoke City?**

I've been at Stoke City since the age of 10 and have progressed through the ranks steadily until the age of 16 when I started to kick on and play above my age group consistently.

### **How did you juggle training and school work?**

It was hard trying to balance my school work and football over the years, however I made sure to make time for my studies after training.

### **What does a standard day now look like?**

My standard day now is quite a tricky one as I'm often required by three different age groups (U18, U21 & 1st team). My typical day starts at 8.15am and ends at 4.30pm as that's the scholars report time. However, the 1st team's day is a lot shorter with report at 9.30am and finish at around 1/1.30pm.

I normally train with the 1st team in the morning and then after lunch, we sometimes do gym work. When I get little snippets of time, and for a whole day on Wednesday (when the 1st team are off), I try and box off some education.

I live in 'digs' in Stoke during the week, which is basically me living with two other teammates and a family who gets paid to look after us. Since my family house is only 40 minutes away, I often come back to Lymm mid-week for the night and most weekends.

### **What's your best memory so far at Stoke?**

I have made some great memo-

ries in my time at Stoke, with most coming in the last year since I signed as a professional. Naturally, making my debut at 17 in the Championship and the FA Cup against Premier League opposition Brighton are up there; and obviously scoring my first professional goal 12 days after turning 18, to win the game 3-2 in the 89th minute was special. My full debut in the Championship was also a big milestone.

### **Do you have any fond memories of Lymm High School?**

I loved my time at Lymm High School and I have very fond memories from Years 7-11. At the end of Year 11 I was excited for my new challenge as a full time professional but after a while I started to realise how good I had it at school. That's not to say I'm unhappy with my career choice, I'm definitely not; however, I sometimes do wish I could go back in time and relive all those happy memories.



Nathan with his sister, Emilia.



*Presenting the PE team with his signed shirt to display at Lymm High.*

**What were your favourite subjects?**

My favourite subjects at school were Business Studies, Maths, French and GCSE PE, mostly because I was alright at them but also because I had a passion and enjoyed studying them. I got decent enough grades in all of the subjects I took for GCSEs but

I found it a lot easier to spend hours revising these subjects that I particularly liked.

**What football team do you support?**

Growing up I was a Manchester United fan because of my family. This was unpopular amongst

my friends when we used to live in Hertfordshire but it was much easier to support them when we moved up to Lymm.

**Do you play FIFA?**

Yes I occasionally play the new FIFA but only for playing with my mates on pro clubs. To be honest I typically prefer shooting games as I enjoy them more and I'm probably better at them.

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