

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Back-to-school expectations**

As we return to the school routine, we want to take a moment to remind everyone of the high expectations we hold for our students. Lymm High School has always been a place where excellence is encouraged and our commitment to maintaining a positive and conducive learning environment remains unwavering.

In light of this, we kindly request your support in ensuring that uniform standards are upheld with diligence. The appearance of our students reflects the pride and respect they have for their education and the school community. Therefore, we would like to emphasise the importance of adhering to our uniform policy, with particular attention to the following:

- **Jewellery, acrylic nails and eyelashes:** Please remind your child that the wearing of jewellery, including any form of piercings, is not in line with our uniform guidelines. As noted in our uniform policy, false eyelashes and acrylic nails (as well as nail polish) are not permitted.
- **Footwear:** We would like to remind parents and students that trainers are not part of our approved school uniform. Please ensure that appropriate footwear is worn upon returning to school.
- **Hoodies:** Hoodies, including non-waterproof hooded jackets, such as Nike tech fleeces, are not permitted as part of the school uniform and will be confiscated if worn. In the cold and dark weather, it is recommended that waterproof coats with a reflective band are worn to keep students safe when travelling to and from school.

Your cooperation in reinforcing these expectations is crucial in maintaining the high standards we set at Lymm High School. We believe that by working together, we can create an environment where every student feels empowered to excel. Should you need support with any of these requests, please contact the appropriate Head of Year to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a successful and productive term ahead.

**Class Charts**

We are aware of several parents and carers not receiving school messages. All correspondence is now via Class Charts. To ensure that you don't miss any important messages, please enable push notifications for Class Charts is enabled on your device. You can [click here](#) for a helpful step-by-step guide.

**Engine pollution**

A neighbour of the school has highlighted the fact that many parents park outside their house to collect their children, and many keep their engines running whilst waiting – sometimes for upwards of 10 minutes.

Please can we urge you to turn off engines while waiting to help reduce atmospheric pollution. As well as benefitting the environment this is a subject that our Eco Transport Reps are helping to address as a school community.

Thank you for your support.

### Late attendance

Parents are reminded that they must inform school if their child has an appointment, or if they are going to be late in. This can be done via the Class Charts app.

### Managing screen time

According to the latest statistics, young people aged between 8 and 17 spend 4 hours on digital devices during an average day. A new year is an ideal time for fresh starts and renewed efforts: if you're trying to cut down on your family's screen time, [click here](#) for some top tips.

### PTA Quiz

On **Friday 2nd February**, the PTA are hosting another quiz in school. The ticket price of £12.50 includes a burrito (from WrapScallion). There will also be a fully-stocked pay bar and a raffle with some great prizes. Teams can be up to 6–8 people. If you'd like to support this fun event, tickets can be bought on Parent Pay.

### PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at 7pm, online. If you would like to join us, please email [PTA@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:PTA@lymmhigh.org.uk) and we will forward the log-on details. We will be discussing our upcoming events as well as planning future fundraising initiatives.

### 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 £700 just by shopping! As always, thank you for your support.

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Ms Welsh, who won £74.70!

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 9 Choices

At this stage of Year 9, it is time to consider students' choices for Key Stage 4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure students and parents that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the Year 9 Choices process, which is about to start.

Please [click here](#) to read a letter about the support on offer and upcoming key dates, including a Choices Evening for parents and students on **Thursday 18th January** from 6–8 pm. [Click here](#) to read the Choices booklet.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 25th January**. The booking system is now open. Please [click here](#) for further information.

### Afritwin Partnership

We are delighted to be launching a partnership with a school in Kenya for students currently in Years 10–12. This is an exciting long-term partnership, which will involve a variety of events and activities throughout the year, learning about their school, community and culture as well as fundraising for the school itself.

As part of this we are excited to be offering the opportunity for students to join a trip to visit Kenya for 13 nights from **12th July 2025**, to spend time volunteering at the school.

Please [click here](#) to read the full details, which includes an Information evening on **Monday 22nd January**.

## Personal Development Update

Our social responsibility theme for this half term is **EMPATHY**.

In addition, here's what's going on over the next two weeks. What will your child get involved in?

| <b>WEEK B: 15–19<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><b>Year assemblies: Perseverance and Teamwork</b>  | <b>WEEK A: 22–26<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><b>Hall assemblies: Empathy</b>   |
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| <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darts tournament starts at lunchtime and will be ongoing throughout the week (Years 10 and 11 in the Main Hall)</li> <li>Design Chinese Lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year (ongoing each lunch E208 from 1.30pm)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys Hockey practice with Mrs Ashford (temporary change for this week)</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Mock Results Day</li> <li>School nurse drop-in at break in Student Services (mental/physical health support)</li> <li>Deadline to register interest in school Talent Show (A210 Miss Tunstall)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing:</b> Young Artists Summer Show. Please see Miss Simms or your Art teacher for more information.</p> <p><b>Freddo Friday:</b> As part of our commitment to recognise the brilliant achievements of our students we are launching 'Freddo Friday'. The top 6 'Star Students' in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy!</p> | <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 GCSE Dance Taster Workshop (3.30–4.30pm Dance Studio)</li> <li>Afritwin Information Evening (6pm Main Hall)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Stem Workshop (See Miss Farmer in E306)</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School nurse drop-in at break in Student Services (mental/physical health support)</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Author Visit Year 7 (Main Hall period 3 and 4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 9 and 10 Bronze/Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Day</li> </ul> <p><b>Freddo Friday:</b> As part of our commitment to recognise the brilliant achievements of our students we are launching 'Freddo Friday'. The top 6 'Star Students' in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy!</p> |
| <p>In addition, <a href="#">click here</a> for the extra-curricular activities and sports timetable</p>   |  |



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