# WHOLE SCHOOL

#### Free breakfast initiative

HIGH SCHOOL

Please <u>click here</u> to read a letter about a continuing initiative in school whereby we offer breakfast to all students in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).

#### **HPV vaccine programme**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has announced that the HPV vaccine programme will change from a two-dose to a one-dose-vaccine schedule for eligible young people. This will affect students in Years 9–11. Please <u>click here</u> to read the letter sent home.

# **DofE Information**

# • DofE training days

Well done to all our students involved in the Bronze and Silver training day today. They have gained a number of new skills to support them with their expeditions and we are really excited for these in a few months' time. The Get Outside The Classroom instructors were incredibly complimentary about our students' engagement and participation, and are really looking forward to working with them further on their practice expeditions. The second training day with the other half of the Bronze cohort and the Gold cohort takes place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**.

# • Setting DofE aims on the app

The vast majority of students have inputted their selected activities for the Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections on the DofE app. However, there are a small number of students who still haven't done this despite lots of prompting by Form teachers. Please could you ensure your child does not start their activities without submitting their aims to avoid wasted efforts. Please <u>click here</u> for a list of possible activities they can choose. Any problems, please contact Mrs Riley on <u>ariley@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>.

#### **PTA Party Night**

Please save the date for the PTA's next fundraising event: Party Night on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at Lymm Golf Club. More details will follow soon.

#### Warrington Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair - Wednesday 7th February

This event is organised jointly by the Pledge and Warrington Borough Council. The event is free and everyone is welcome no matter what stage you are in your career. All exhibitors are local employers with either live job vacancies or apprenticeships or will be recruiting within 2024.

For further information, and to sign up, click here.

#### **Chinese New Year activities**

We are holding three workshops to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

- There will be a spring roll making workshop at lunchtime on **Wednesday 31**<sup>st</sup> **January**. Interested students need to see Mrs Deane.
- Students are invited to learn the ancient art of Chinese calligraphy on Thursday 1st February,

3.30–4.30pm. There is a £5 fee for this workshop as it is being arranged by an outside provider, payable on Parent Pay. Interested students need to see Miss Simms or Mrs Tasker to get a letter.

• There will also be a paper folding workshop on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, 3.30–4.30pm. There is a £5 fee for this workshop as it is being arranged by an outside provider, payable on Parent Pay. Interested students need to see Miss Simms or Mrs Tasker to get a letter.

# **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 <u>click here</u> to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be <u>viewed here</u>.

# **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 <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</u>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 Allan, who won £76.20! You could be a winner too! If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website <u>here</u>. If you want to find out how the school lottery works, please <u>click here</u>. Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

#### LOWER SCHOOL

#### Year 8 Parents' Evening

This will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. Please <u>click here</u> to read the letter sent home.

#### Krakow and Auschwitz trip - March 2025

We are planning a History and Religious Studies trip to Krakow and Auschwitz for current Year 8 students. The proposed trip will take place from Thursday 13th March- Saturday 15th March 2025. The purpose of the trip is so students can deepen their understanding of the Holocaust and support their studies in Year 9. To read the full letter, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Year 9 Choices**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Choices Evening last week. The Choices form was sent home to parents and carers today and is also <u>attached here</u>. Students will receive a paper copy on Monday morning. This form is for them to complete and bring to their interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The final Choices will be completed via an electronic form.

A reminder that the Choices deadline is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. For further information, view the Choices <u>website</u> <u>here</u>.

# **Life Programme**

Students will be having their extended Life Programme sessions on **Wednesday 31**<sup>st</sup> **January**. This is what they will be covering:

- **Year 7**: Gender Diversity. Students will look at why diversity is important and will consider the importance of equality in schools, workplaces and sports.
- Year 8: Stereotypes and the Media. Using an NSPCC resource, students will look at how stereotypes in the media influence their expectations of friendships and relationships. Students will be signposted to support for any concerns they have.
- Year 9: Capacity for Consent. Using scenarios, students will reflect about one's ability to consent and the factors that may get in the way of consent being given.

Please visit the <u>Personal Development (PD) section of our website</u> for more details on how these topics will be covered and, as always, if you do have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our PD team on <u>lifeprogramme@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>.

# UPPER SCHOOL

# Afritwin partnership – Application information

We are delighted with the response in relation to the Afritwin partnership and it was fantastic to have so many of you attend the information evening on Monday.

If you weren't able to make it the slides can be <u>found here</u>, but please note a change in deadline to initially sign up for the trip; this is now **Friday 2nd February**.

As discussed, there was more interest than we expected, which means we will look to run another trip in July 2026 as well.

If your child would like to sign up to go on the trip, please complete the form here.

Once the deadline has passed we will offer places on each of the 2025 and 2026 trips. Once places have been allocated, we will contact you with further details regarding confirmation, deposit, payments etc.

#### **Life Programme**

Students will be having their extended Life Programme sessions on **Wednesday 31**<sup>st</sup> **January**. This is what they will be covering:

- **Year 10**: Mental Health Coping Strategies. Students will consider ways in which they can support themself when dealing with mental health.
- Year 11: Unwanted Attention and Abuse. This important session will signpost students to resources that can support if they find themselves in situations where they experience unwanted attention and abuse.

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#### **Sixth Form Admission Interviews**

If your child has applied for admission to Sixth Form, they will have received an email today for an admission interview during the week commencing **Monday 5th February**. The email contains information about what to expect at the interview. Please encourage them to check their email and make a note of the appointment time, date and location in school. If they have any questions, they can see Mrs Hughes at the Sixth Form Student Services desk or email <u>6thformadmissions@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>

# SIXTH FORM

# Life Programme

Students will be having their extended Life Programme sessions on **Wednesday 31**<sup>st</sup> **January**. This is what they will be covering:

- Year 12: Ending relationships. Students will learn that it is ok to end relationships and will consider how to do this kindly. Students will discuss and reflect on how to access support for situations where abuse is involved in relationships.
- Year 13: Exam stress and resilience. Our school counsellor will run a session for Year 13 on stress, motivation and resilience in the face of upcoming mock exams.

Please visit the <u>Personal Development (PD) section of our website</u> for more details on how these topics will be covered and, as always, if you do have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our PD team on *lifeprogramme@lymmhigh.org.uk*.

Personal Development Upda

As we continue this half term with our focus on **empathy**, it's crucial for each of us at Lymm High School to reflect on our social responsibility. Secondary school is a place where kindness can make a significant impact. We need to continue to prioritise showing kindness to our peers, teachers, and everyone we encounter. Students have had reminders of these important values in assemblies and form times over the last few weeks and these will continue. We actively encourage any of our students who may be struggling or worried about their peers to speak to a trusted adult or seek support at Student Services.

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

WEEK B: 29 <sup>th</sup> January to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Assembly themes: Challenging prejudiced behaviour (homophobia)	WEEK A: 5–9 <sup>th</sup> February Assembly themes: National Apprenticeships Week
The exciting Darts tournament continues all week.	The exciting Darts tournament continues all week.
Students are really enjoying this break and	Students are really enjoying this break and
lunchtime competition!	lunchtime competition!
Monday	Monday
<ul> <li>Year 9 and Year 12 DofE Training Day</li> <li>Create a Valentine's keyring</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Create a Valentine's keyring</li></ul>
See Mr Hacker or Miss Massey to sign up	See Mr Hacker or Miss Massey to sign up <li>ILC Blind Date with a Book</li>

ILC Blind Date with a Book	
• Year 9 'Lord of the flies' rehearsal	Tuesday
(lunchtime)	<ul> <li>Gelli Plate Printing workshop, 3.15–5pm See Miss Simms if interested</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul> <li>Create a Valentine's keyring See Mr Hacker or Miss Massey to sign up</li> </ul>
Year 10 London History Trip	<ul> <li>ILC Blind Date with a Book</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Portrait painting workshop, 3.30–5.30pm See Miss Simms if interested</li> </ul>	Wednesday
<ul> <li>Create a Valentine's keyring See Mr Hacker or Miss Massey to sign up</li> </ul>	ILC Blind Date with a Book
ILC Blind Date with a Book	<ul> <li>Nurse drop-in (lunchtime)</li> </ul>
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Wednesday	Thursday
Life Programme	• Calligraphy and Paper folding workshop,
Intermediate Maths Challenge	3.30–4.30pm
Year 10 London History Trip	ILC Blind Date with a Book
<ul> <li>Spring Roll workshop See Mrs Deane if interested</li> </ul>	Friday
ILC Blind Date with a Book	ILC Blind Date with a Book
<ul> <li>Year 9 'Lord of the flies' rehearsal (after school)</li> </ul>	
Nurse drop-in (lunchtime)	
Thursday	
Year 10 London History Trip	
<ul> <li>Chinese New Year Creative Workshop, 3.30– 4.30pm</li> </ul>	
ILC Blind Date with a Book	
Friday	
<ul> <li>Chinese New Year Creative Workshop, 3.30– 4.30pm</li> </ul>	
ILC Blind Date with a Book	
<ul> <li>Deadline for consent letters: Trip to Auschwitz 2025</li> </ul>	
In addition, click here for the extra-curricular activities and sports timetable	

