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With delays, an airport shuffle, minimal sleep and 50 teenagers what could possibly go wrong with this half-term ski trip?

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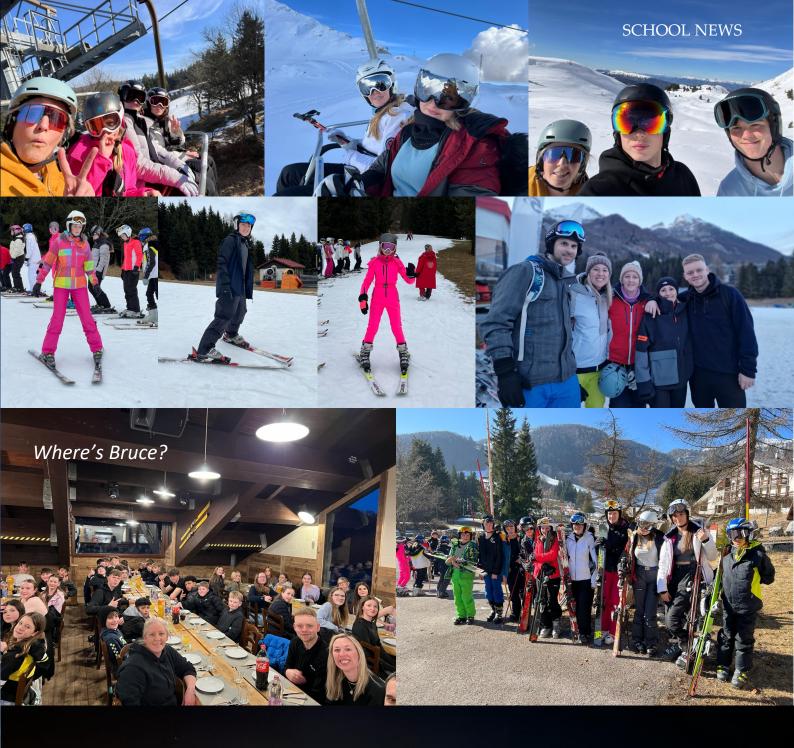
Wow, let me tell you, this trip to Italy was an absolute rollercoaster ride! Picture this: cancelled flight, a change of airport, a never -ending day, and a rendezvous at a ski shop with 50 teenagers who were less than thrilled about the early morning start. I braced myself for a rocky journey ahead – little did I know how wrong I'd be, writes Miss Crowder.

After a night of minimal shut-eye and some seriously grumpy faces, those same 50 kids bounced back like energised puppies the next morning, raring to hit the slopes of Piancavallo. As for the staff? Well, let's just say we were still rubbing the sleep from our eyes.

But boy, did we hit the ground running! I couldn't believe the strides students made since their days on the Chill Factore slopes. From potential floor-dwellers to ski pros in the making, the progress was jaw-dropping – seriously! Yet, amidst all the skiing triumphs, the real highlights of the trip were the moments we shared as a group. Whether we were stuffing ourselves silly with pizza (seriously, it seemed bottomless), clinging to dear life on the alpine coaster (who knew deathdefying could be so thrilling?), sneaking in a torchlit descent (risk assessment? What risk assessment?), or clumsily twirling on the ice rink (some of us were more graceful on skis than on ice), every memory was a highlight reel.

This trip, hands down, was the absolute best. I count myself lucky to have had such a fantastic bunch of students, even if they were a tad grumpy at 7.00 am, every morning!

A massive shoutout to the students and parents who put their trust in me for this adventure, and major kudos to Mr Johnson, Ms Dixon, Ms Ashford, and Mr Dickinson for jumping on board and sacrificing their half-term break to make it all happen!



Are those real fire torches.....?

Click here to see a video of the highlights.

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YOUTH VOICE

In early February, Mr Hayes took two groups of students to the district heats of the 'Youth Speaks' competition, which is organised by the Rotary Club.

he event was held at Golborne High School who did a wonderful job in hosting the competition. Students were asked to prepare speeches on topics of their choice, which they thought would resonate with young people. Our students selected topics in relation to peer pressure and the influence of social media.

Students had to assume one of three roles: Chairperson, Speaker, and proposer of the vote of thanks. The students worked hard to prepare their speeches collaborating with each other to ensure strict timings were adhered to, in order to avoid penalty point deductions.



The assessment criteria included enunciation, audibility, expression of personality, along with the content of the speech.

In the Seniors age category, Freya Sanderson, Holly Humphries and Dana Williams spoke about the impact of social media on young people and it was clear they had conducted appropriate research on the topic.

In the Intermediate age category, our Year 7 and Year 8 students stole the show with a passionate, yet balanced performance about the impact of peer pressure. Maggie Clair, Lauren Caton, and Amelie Hackett (pictured above) wowed the judges with an impeccable display of public speaking, which was full of confidence.

Their meticulous preparation paid off in an extremely polished performance, which took first prize amongst strong competition from Golborne, Culcheth and Byrchall High Schools.

It's onwards and upwards for the girls as they will now compete in the regional finals.

A huge well done to all of our participants.



INTER-HALL

At the start of March, our Inter-Hall Welly Throwing competition began! Students lined up to take part despite the gloomy weather. Sam Bond was our KS4 welly throwing champion. Our KS3 winners were William Adams and Jessica Howcroft.

Inter-Hall Power Shooting is the current event taking part on the English Yard at lunchtimes. Last week's winners were Alinabelle Fletcher and Charlie Birt who won for their halls Arley and Tatton. Both students won prizes and hall points.







PORTRAITURE PAINTING

On Tuesday 30th January, the Visual Arts department were lucky enough to welcome local artist Tina Ramos Ekongo in to school to host an afterschool portraiture painting workshop.

The workshop was specifically aimed at Year 9 students who are going on to study Fine Art at GCSE level.

Students spent time learning how to sketch out a portrait from an image, mapping out the features of the face, as well as the highlights and shadows on the face.





Tina Ramos Ekongo took time to explain how to mix and blend skin tones using acrylic paint, a medium that she uses in her own portraiture paintings. All students involved did an amazing job with their portrait paintings, and the artist was very impressed with the progress made in the 2-hour workshop.

The Visual Arts department run the visiting artist programme to allow students to experience a wide range of techniques and processes, and to work closely with practicing artists from a wide range of backgrounds and artistic disciplines.

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Year 12 Lara McDonald's work was highly commended in the ICE CityZen Award.

he CityZen Award is a two-stage competition from the Institution of Civil Engineers that aims to promote engineering problemsolving. In the first part, students play the online CityZen game, which involves overcoming a series of civilengineering-inspired challenges. Students must consider budgetary restrictions and community needs.

In the second stage, students apply their learning from the game by putting together a video proposal to suggest a civil engineering solution for a problem in their local area. Almost 1500 young people from throughout the UK took part in the competition.

Sixth Former Lara's proposal was to remediate a brownfield site in Warrington (*did you know Warrington is the most contaminated town in the UK?*). The proposal discovered that by cleaning up this old industrial site, developers would have the space to build new and affordable housing in the area.

The judges were so impressed with Lara's proposal that they added a special 'highly commended' category to the list of CityZen winners.

Lara and her teacher Miss

Farmer were invited to attend a VIP lunch with the ICE's President Anusha Shah and have a tour of the organisation's prestigious headquarters at One Great George Street in Westminster.

You can view Lara's project on bioremediation of a contaminated brownfield site by <u>clicking here</u>.



GOING FOR GOLD



Well done to all those who participated in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.

S tudents across Years 9, 10 and 11 achieved an amazing 10 Gold, 55 Silver and 56 Bronze certificates. Ben Liput in Year 10 achieved the best in school.

Barney Trimble achieved the best in Year 9; and Lucas Schulz-Utemoehl achieved the best in Year 11.

Eight students qualified for follow-on rounds: Barney

Trimble, Katie Allen, Joe McDonald, Ben Liput, Joseph Davies, Ethan Kite, Lucas Schulz-Utemoehl and Josh Cooke.

Well done to all!

SONG FOR UKRAINE

Two of our Ukrainian students, Sonya Kladko and Taras Shalaiev, have performed a Ukrainian song (Sonya on piano and Taras on vocals). The song was broadcast on 'Razom', the Ukrainian language radio show on ALL FM, on Tuesday 20th February.



"They are very talented students and we were delighted to be a platform to a wider audience", said the radio station Director Ed Connole.

You can <u>click here</u> to listen to the song.

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

Our Head of Leisure, Phil Ducker, took part in a gruelling fundraising walk on Saturday 16th March in memory of Ben Woods.

Forty friends and relatives undertook the 25-mile Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge (with 35lb weight on their backs) within 12 hours to remember the much-loved 20year-old who tragically passed away in July 2022. Ben was a keen rugby league player and funds raised from the challenge will facilitate a



heart screening event, hosted by Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), at local rugby club Golborne Parkside.

"Saturday as you can imagine was tough but worth every step, everyone pulled together", said Phil. "We have raised 15k so far and if it manages to save one person's life then there is no greater feeling for all of us."

"I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout."

If you'd like to find out more about this worthy cause, and/or donate, please <u>click here</u>.

CHEMISTRY RACE

During the half term, Dr Dodds and Mrs Jennings took a group of students down to Cambridge University to take part in the Chemistry Race. This is a chemistry competition for Sixth Form students organised by students at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. The teams race against



each other in solving chemistry problems; whoever gets the most points within the time limit wins! <u>Click here</u> to find out more information.

"We were delighted with the students' performance and it was a brilliant day all round", said Mrs Jennings. "Well done to everyone who took part."



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

here was lots going on in February for Children's Mental Health Week. This is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all young people, organised by the charity Place2Be.

The theme this year was 'My voice matters', and every Form provided a positive quote that we displayed in the Atrium. There were also signposting stalls for lower school and Sixth Form, and a whole-school assembly. Our wonderful Wellbeing Champions recorded a presentation for local primary schools about how important mental health is, how to get help and support, and answered some student questions about transitioning to Lymm High School.

"Everyone did a fantastic job and it was great to see all the positivity shared by the young people in our community", said our Mental Health & Wellbeing Manager Miss Newton.





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CHESS SIMUL

e recently had the privilege of hosting a visit from none other than Tom Quilter, a renowned chess master, and my dear friend from the local Lymm community. Mr Quilter's arrival sparked excitement among our players and rightfully so.

Nine eager participants, each brimming with determination, took their places on the board: Ted Murphy, Oscar Spink, Sebastian Spink, The chess scene at our school is buzzing with excitement as it rapidly evolves, writes Mr Soykir.



Jayden Chan, Charlie Benson, Hector Oyler, Oliver Holmes, Elliot Crook and Eryk Baca.

The students were full of anticipation as they prepared to face off against the seasoned chess master in a thrilling chess simul.

A 'simul' (also known as a 'simultaneous exhibition') pits a single chess player against two or more opponents. In this case, Mr Quilter faced all nine students!

The atmosphere crackled with intensity as the games commenced, each move met with eager enthusiasm and silent calculation. Despite their best efforts, one by one the players fell before Mr Quilter's strategic prowess. It was a true test of skill and mental fortitude with Oscar Spink valiantly holding on as the last contender standing.

In the end, however, it was Mr Quilter who emerged victorious. His mastery of the game shining through as he claimed victory in every



single match. His performance was not only a testament to his exceptional skill but also a source of inspiration for our aspiring chess enthusiasts. This visit was yet another success for our school and the chess culture we are striving to cultivate.

THE SCOTTISH PLAY

Ahead of studying William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in lessons, Year 10 students were given an opportunity to watch the fantastic Manchester Theatre Company's performance of the play.

The live show helped consolidate, grow and develop the student's understanding of the plot, characters and staging. A mystical, supernatural and entertaining performance was then followed by a Q&A session with the actors where students were able to ask about the challenges of learning the intricacies of the language and the day-to-day life of an actor.





CAREERS COACHING

Year 7 and 8 students undertook an engaging careers activity on Thursday 7th March to coincide with Careers Week.



E ach student heard from four employers in a carousel-type activity, which aimed to ignite curiosity and inspiration about future career paths. Ten enthusiastic employers from various fields took part in the event, each sharing insights into their educational journeys, career experiences, and the diverse opportunities within their respective industries.

The event provided a dynamic platform for students to interact directly with professionals from fields such as chemical engineering, bespoke packing, career coaching, life coaching, retail, recruitment, project management and marketing communications. These volunteers offered glimpses into their careers, sharing anecdotes and offering advice.

Students posed questions to the visiting

employers, demonstrating their eagerness to learn about different career paths and the journeys taken to achieve success. One of the most frequently asked questions was about earnings.

By engaging with professionals in this interactive manner, students gained valuable insights into the array of career options available to them. Hopefully, this will ignite a spark of curiosity and ambition for their future endeavours.

The activity not only provided students with a wealth of ideas and inspiration but also highlighted the importance of early career exploration and planning.

Thank you to all of the employers who took part in this important activity.



GELLI PRINTING

On Tuesday 6th February, the Visual Arts department welcomed artist Dr Helen Jones ('The Art Doctor') in to run an after-school workshop.



The focus of the workshop was a fun, new exciting technique called 'Gelli plate printing.' This was a new technique to all students and staff within the Art department and so having the opportunity to experiment with the process was so valuable.

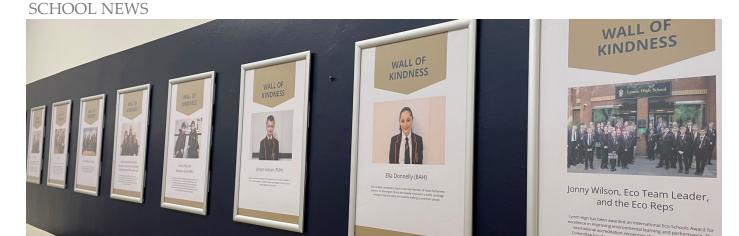
The technique uses a gelatin plate to press prints on to fabric or paper. These prints can be made in a variety of ways from printed images, magazine pages, stencils or even through hand painting a design on to the plate itself. Students spent the 2-hour session experimenting as much as they could with the process using acrylic paints, alcohol inks, stencils and Posca pens as demonstrated by Dr Helen Jones.

The workshop was fast paced and attended by 25 students from all school years. "All students involved got stuck in and embraced every minute and went away with some fantastic prints", writes Miss Simms.

Worried about how you're feeling?

Visit youngminds.org.uk for information on getting the support you need and practical tips from young people just like you.

YOUNGMINDS



KINDNESS WALL

Here are the next set of worthy winners now gracing our Wall of Kindness.



- Jenson Gibson (7MH) is constantly volunteering to help staff. He is the first member of his Form to offer support to another student and engages in acts of social responsibility in his free time.
- Mr Sweeney said: "Jessie Murphy (8AH) is a model student, whether that be through her work in lessons or in wider school life. Most notably Jessie has recently taken part in a Race for life and raised money for Cancer Research."
- Mr Wilde said: "**Bea Gowland** (8AL) is the most helpful and kind person. She is always ready to help out and take the lead, whether it be wrapping shoeboxes

or creating the Form noticeboard. I could have given this award to 2–3 people but Bea is the epitome of social responsibility!"

Miss Farmer said: "Jemima Klass (10AH) always takes part in all Form activities whole heartedly. She has been giving up her time this year to help coach younger netball teams and I've had other members of staff emailing me to say how wonderful she is at this. She has shown patience and kindness towards younger students and is an excellent role model. I'm very proud of all your hard work both inside and outside the classroom. Keep it up Jemima!"

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Mr Starkey in the music department

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Following the success of last year's trip to Paris, the Visual Arts & Technology faculty spent 4, fun-filled days exploring the city of Berlin between Thursday 8th and Sunday 11th February.

The trip was open to students in Years 12 and 13 studying Fine Art, 3D Design, Catering & Hospitality, Photography or Fashion. It offered students a chance to experience Berlin's history and exciting culture through a wide range of visits and experiences. From traditional food markets to Art galleries and architectural places of interest, there was something for everyone on this trip, which made it such a great success.

As part of their A' level courses, it is vital that students collect primary research from first-hand experiences. Visiting Berlin was the perfect location for students to do so. They spent lots of time taking notes, drawing from observation, and photographing throughout the whole trip to support their current projects. Miss Simms said, "We had a fantastic time exploring all that Berlin has to offer. It was an honour to take the 28 Sixth Form students, who all represented Lymm High School perfectly".





▲ WINNER Amy Hardman, with her stunning photograph of the installation Shalekhet by Menashe Kadishman, located in the Jewish museum.





All students fully engaged in the visits that were offered to them and made the most of their time, getting as much out of the trip as possible.

A particular highlight of the trip included a guided tour to the Jewish Museum designed by Architect Daniel Libeskind. Both students and staff found it fascinating to learn about the design of the building and the concept behind each tiny detail within it.

Another highlight was the Ritter Sport Colourful Chocolate World. Students learnt about the production of chocolate from start to finish and even became chocolate makers, designing their own flavours and packaging to take away with them.















A group of Year 7 boys went to the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester to participate in a singing workshop.

r McCombs and Mrs Tasker accompanied the seven students on Thursday 14th March to the 'Boys Sing!' event.

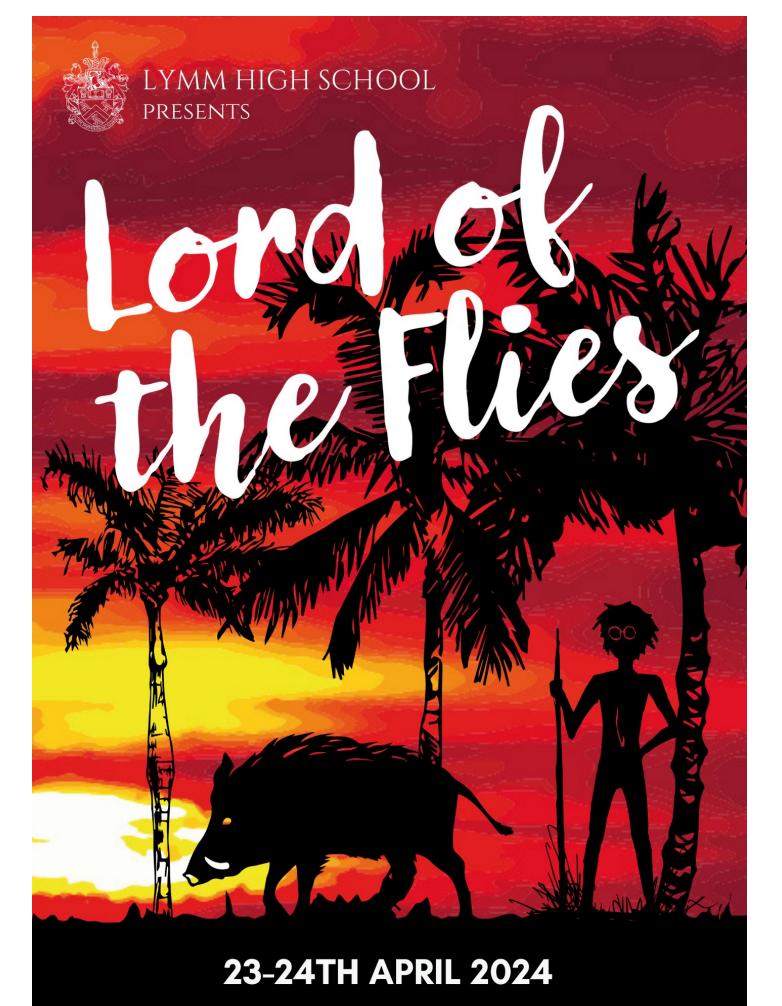
Led by Hallé Youth Choir (HYC) Director Stuart Overington, and HYC Assistant Director and HYTC Director Matthew Roughley, the students worked on their vocal techniques, listening skills, and experimented with different types of repertoires. "The boys got stuck in to singing, and Matthew was even asked to lead a group of singers in a performance!," said Dr McCombs.

Very well done to all of the

students who took part: Charlie Dodd, Harry James, Seth Senier, James Shepherd, Thomas Thundercliffe, Matthew Towler-Lord and Ollie Wright.



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Luke Littler-inspired darts fever gripped Lymm High at the start of 2024.

ur inaugural Inter-Hall Darts Competition was open to students from Years 10 and 11, along with a good representation from staff. In all, 68 competitors embarked on the quest to be crowned the first Lymm High School Inter-Hall darts Champion; and the hype around this event didn't fail to live up to expectations, writes Mr Hayes.

Walk-on music, big screens, the Main Hall packed with students and staff, it was a sight to behold. The early phases of the competition saw some huge upsets including Sheila 'The Wheels' Peacock taking the scalp of Mr Gornall, one of the pretournament favourites.

There were some great darts from the students with notable performances from Zach



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Pomfret and Will 'Bullseye' Burgess, who most definitely lived up to his name. The teachers faired well in the early stages with 'Hammer' Hampton knocking out Joe 'The Voltage' McGann in an epic encounter, and Mr Pickles entertaining the crowds with a skilful 67 checkout.

'Dungeon Master' Dobson, 'Mase the Ace', Mr Starkey, 'The Power' Powell, 'Slayer' Slater and Mr Johnson also made short work of their opponents in the early rounds.

Our Support Staff were well represented with Miss Purslow and Miss Carrington the victims of some cruel bounce outs from the soft tip arrows.

Charlie 'The Whirlwind' Worsfold hit a tournament high 140 in a tight affair with Ted 'The Wizard' Ward before succumbing to 'Bullseye' Burgess.

As the competition became fiercer teachers fell by the wayside with one notable exception. Mr Williams had gone under the radar until a spectacular double top checkout took care of Zach Pomfret, much to the annoyance of the baying crowds.

Into the quarter finals we went, with strong wins for

Hayden Brown, Joe Cordingley, Billy Slight and Ben 'The Hero' Holmes who put pay to Mr Williams' gallant last stand.

The ante was upped in the semi finals with 'The Hero' Holmes and Joe Cordingley adapting best to the new 301 format and securing a wellearned place in the final.

The final itself proved to be one for the ages, with tension and drama throughout, not to mention several ton plus visits to the oche. Coming back from one leg down Joe Cordingley levelled the match only to be pipped at the post by the composed Holmes.

As Bonnie Tyler's 'We need a hero' blasted around the speakers of the Main Hall, 'The Hero' Holmes took the plaudits for Arley Hall and raised the magnificent trophy aloft. A tournament that captured the imagination of the school, and one that we can't wait to repeat next year. Game on!



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Students have been enjoying a wealth of activities to celebrate the Year of the Dragon, which began on Saturday 10th February.

Various workshops took place in the run up to the New Year, including lantern-creating, calligraphy, paper craft, and spring roll making sessions.

Winnie from the Manchester Chinese Centre came and delivered the calligraphy and paper craft workshops. The calligraphy session showed the students which strokes were required to form the Chinese characters. "It was very relaxing and mindful", said Mrs Tasker. "The students did an incredible job."

The week after, students were taught the art of paper craft – how to bring a simple piece of paper to life and practise a Chinese culture that is thousands of years old. The students learnt how to make a dragon, with some amazing results.

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The spring roll workshop was organised in-house by Mrs Deane and her Sixth Form catering students. Students enjoyed making the filling, preparing the rolls, and devouring their finished products!



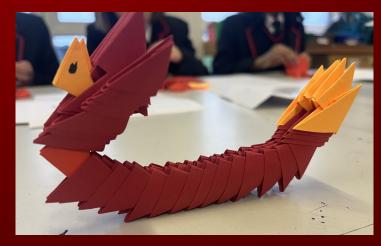
The atrium was decorated again to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The Visual Arts department's workshop with students during lunch times saw all year groups craft their very own Chinese lanterns using paper folding techniques. As the Year of the Dragon symbolises good luck, strength and power, students did a fantastic job of writing these messages on their lanterns as decoration.

Mrs Tasker and Miss Simms would like to say a huge thank you to all students who got involved with the project to make the atrium display look so great!











In the world of sports, there are moments that define a team's journey: for the Year 9 girls' football team, this season has been nothing short of remarkable.

ith determination, passion, and smiles on their faces, the girls have showcased their talent and resilience, making their mark on the field, writes Mrs Slater.

Led by the spirited leadership of Captain Lilliah Rose Jackson and the steadfast goalkeeping of Eloise Taylor, this team have embodied the true essence of sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the season. Their unwavering commitment to training and improvement has not gone unnoticed, earning them well -deserved recognition.

The journey of the team in the Cheshire Cup was filled

with moments of excitement and determination. Despite a fantastic effort, they faced a formidable opponent in Winsford Academy in the quarter finals. Though the result didn't go in their favour, their performance was a testament to their skill and dedication.

In addition to the impressive run in the Cheshire Cup, the team also showcased their talent on the national stage, reaching the third round of the National Cup. Their resilience was on full display as they competed against some of the best teams across the country.

As the season progresses, one thing is certain: the Year 9 girls' football team is destined for greatness. With their talent, teamwork and unwavering determination, they have already achieved remarkable success, and the best is yet to come. So let's continue to cheer them on as they write the next chapter of their inspiring journey on the football field at Lymm High School.

Well done to the girls involved: Isabelle Davidson, Eloise Taylor, Jess Minnery, Lilliah Rose Jackson, Georgia Currie, Alicia Lamb, Sienna Taylor, Ruby Bramhall, Sofia Wilson, Molly Smith, Martha Gordon, Billie Fletcher, Betsy Patterson, Isla Cunningham, Katie Ince, Natasha Andrews, Ellie Mead, Mia Bailey and Olivia Compton.



INDOOR ATHLETICS

n Monday 11th March our Year 7 and 8 indoor athletics squads competed in the county final at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

"Everyone gave their all with some magnificent per-



formances", said Mr Scott. "Sadly, there were no medals for us this time as we came up against some really tough opposition. What was particularly pleasing was the ability and determination shown by our Year 7 athletes, which bodes well for the future!"

We now look forward to the summer season with the English Schools Track and Field Cup and the Warrington Schools Championships.

CHESHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Well done to all students who took part in the Cheshire Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 3rd February at Knight's Grange, Winsford. Despite the muddy conditions, Eddie Walker, Evie-May Williams and Jack Marwood all qualified for Cheshire as a result of their performances.

Year 7 students who took part were Seb Roberts, Eddie Walker and Imogen Roberts. Evie-May Williams, Ben Shaw, Ned Martin and Ben Goodison represented Year 8. From Year 11, Jack Marwood and Tom Welsby competed.

In the Junior Girls event, Evie-May Williams was first to finish running well to take 5th place. In the Intermediate Boys race, Jack Marwood was an outstanding winner with Tom Welsby coming in 15th.

In the Minor Boys event, Eddie Walker ran well to finish in 13th place.

A fantastic set of results!







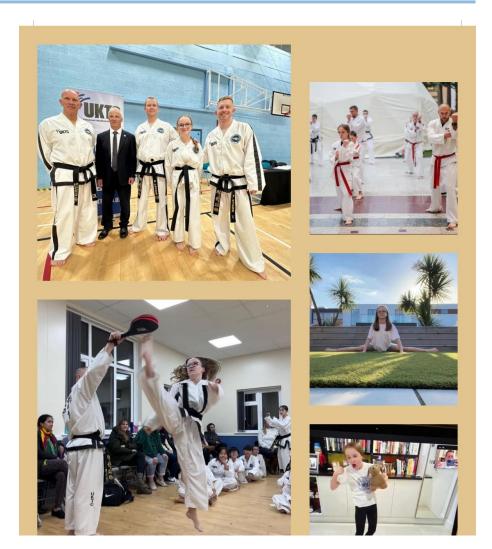


Earning a black belt is a major accomplishment for any martial artist. It represents years of hard work, dedication and discipline.

A nd yet this is exactly what Year 9 Lily Doggart has achieved: a black belt in Taekwondo!

Lily started her Taekwondo journey only 6 years ago. The training has not only improved her strength, but her assertiveness and confidence as well.

Today, she assists with the UKTC Taekwondo 'Little Tiger Cubs' group and is currently working towards her 2nd Degree black belt, which will allow her to teach the martial art one day. She is a great asset to the instructor Mr Starr and his team.





O ur U14s signed off the sevens season with a good win at Wirral Grammar School. Unbeaten all day meant that Lymm High School took the trophy home with them.

"Beating St Anselm's College in the final was a great achievement as they lost to them the week before in the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup", said Mr Pickles.

Thank you to Wirral

Grammar School and Port Sunlight Rugby for organising and hosting the event.

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COUNTY NETBALL

On 9th March, Year 7 and 8 netball teams competed in their county tournament against Cheshire's best schools. They trained hard for this event so it was rewarding to see them put out some great performances on the court, writes Miss Fowler.



Year 7 (above). Year 8 plate winners (above right). Year 8 A and B team (bottom right).

uge thanks to the 8B team for pulling together and stepping in to play when another team pulled out. Thanks to parents and coaches who changed plans and enabled the day to run smoothly (the tournament was rearranged due to bad weather).

The netball played by the 8B team showed the strength

and depth in this year group and the attitude of all the girls was fantastic.

The 8A team played some exceptional netball in the group stage with some great results including wins over Fallibroome and Hartford. This meant that they qualified for the plate competition. They were letting the ball go with confidence and their team cohesion was outstanding. They progressed into the finals with a win over Bishop Heber. An 11–4 victory over Alderley Edge in the final sealed the win and they were crowned Cheshire plate champions. Ellie-Grace was player of the day but all the girls played their role in what was an exceptional morning of netball.



The 7A team also showed their strength in the rounds with wins over Queens Chester, The Grange and Alderley Edge. They executed their plan perfectly. They finished second in their group, qualifying for the cup competition facing Bridgewater in the semi-final.

A tough loss against the eventual winners but a very respectable third place in Cheshire. Elisha was player of the morning, but it was an outstanding team performance with everyone pulling together. Thank you to all parents who came to support and well done to all players, it was a pleasure to see you putting all of your hard work into practice.

Thank you to Mrs Walsh for organising the whole event.



CYCLING TALENT

GB Cycling visited Lymm High School in February.



UPCOMING DATES

29th March to 12th April Easter holidays

Monday 15th April School back

23–24th April Year 9 *'Lord of the Flies'* production (see p.23)

Wednesday 24th April Charity music concert (see p.19)

> Monday 6th May Bank holiday

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British Cycling are on the look out for the next crop of talented track sprinters to continue the success of British Olympic medallists Jason Kenny, Jack Carlin and Becky James. Its Talent ID Programme is aiming to identify young people with sprint potential across England. Successful students will go on to join British Cycling's Talent Development and Performance Pathways.

