

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

It's been a relatively short half-term, but a lot has been packed into it. In lessons, Year 11 and Year 13 have both had more mock exams and have been ramping up preparations for the GCSE and A' Level exams that start in a few short weeks; we commend them for their approach so far and wish them the best of luck as they continue to revise at home over the break. Away from the classroom, we've had lots of success on the sports pitches, in debating and speaking events, engineering and maths competitions; visits from artists, chess masters, drama companies and authors; and trips to Poland, Berlin, London, Italy, Cambridge, Leeds and various other places. Last night, I had the pleasure of attending the Spring Concert and watching an admirably large number of different students from Years 7–13 giving some fantastic musical performances and I'm very much looking forward to the production of *Lord of the Flies* after the break. Do have a read of the <u>latest newsletter</u> if you haven't already.

Special mention must also be made of the darts competition that Mr Hayes organised, and which really took off in terms of its popularity. I bring this up, partly because it was such a brilliant event, but mainly because I want everyone to know that I was the only member of staff who made it as far as the quarter finals and that I still think I was robbed by one particular dart bouncing out of the board. We do try to model for the students the importance of being a good loser, but you'll understand it's not always easy.

I do hope you all have a lovely Easter and manage to find some quality time together as families over the break.

Kind regards Gwyn Williams

Facial recognition technology – consent needed

Lymm High School is installing facial recognition technology to replace the current fingerprint method used to purchase items from our cashless cafeteria. This decision has been made in response to feedback about the lengths of queues at break and lunchtime. The new technology will help to speed up service at our six food serveries across the school site.

Please <u>click here</u> to read the full letter. We hope parents/carers can provide consent and complete this <u>Facial</u> <u>Recognition Consent Form</u> by **Friday 26th April**. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed the form.

Charity Music Concert

There will be an evening of music performed by Lymm High students on **Wednesday 24th April** at Christ Church, Latchford, from 7–8.30pm. Tickets cost £5 (or £2.50 for under 16s) and all funds raised will go to the St. Trizah School building project in Kenya. Tickets are available from Mr Starkey in the Music department.

Warrington Youth Zone

There are new activities running at Warrington's Project Zone each Sunday evening from **31**st **March**, including song writing, Dungeons & Dragons and rock climbing. <u>Click here</u> to see the full list.

PTA Party Night

There are still tickets available for our PTA Party Night on **Friday 26th April** at Lymm Golf Club. Tickets are £25 on Parent Pay and include a band, DJ, food, raffle and dancing till late!

If anyone has any unwanted gifts they'd like to donate to the raffle, we'd be very grateful. These can be left at main Reception. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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, Mx Sharp, who won £75.60! 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

HPV vaccinations

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccinations are being offered to Year 8 students as part of the national school-aged vaccination programme. This programme can help to protect young people against some types of HPV-related cancers. To consent for your child to have the HPV vaccine on **Thursday 18th** or **Thursday 25th April**, please follow the steps outlined in <u>this letter</u>.

Please note that the consent process closes at 11am, 2 working days prior to the session in school.

Life Programme

On Thursday 18th April, students will be covering the following:

- Year 7: Disability awareness
- Year 8: British values and personal liberty
- Year 9: Managing the ending of relationships (friendships and romantic relationships)

UPPER SCHOOL

Top 10 tips to support Year 11

Please see the <u>attached guide</u> to help support your Year 11 child through revision and exams.

Life Programme

On Thursday 18th April, students will be covering the following:

- Year 10: Gambling and financial risks
- Year 11: Money and Tax: Moving on

SIXTH FORM

Year 11 offer letters

Offer letters for those students wishing to join Sixth Form in September have been sent out to students via their Form tutors this week. Please contact <u>lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk</u> if you have not received these or have any queries.

Year 13 Progress Reports

These have been sent out this week, please contact <u>lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk</u> if you have not received your child's.

Life Programme

On Thursday 18th April, students will be covering the following:

- Year 12: Keeping safe: Alcohol, spiking and travelling abroad
- Year 13 students: Leaving home and a cooking demonstration

Further details can be found in *The Sixth*.