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It was the turn of lower school to take part in Inter-Hall Darts this term.

# NEWSLETTER

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## HIDDEN HISTORY OF OUR HALL

The fascinating back story of Oughtrington Hall is unveiled in a new book released this month.

**I**nstead of its usual role of providing a haven for learning, Lymm High's Oughtrington Hall has become its own subject of study. Local author Roger Hannam has explored two centuries of history of the

Grade II listed building in his new book entitled *Oughtrington Hall and its People*.<sup>1</sup>

From Monday to Friday, most weeks of the year, Oughtrington Hall is Lymm's

busiest building as it echoes to the sound of thousands of students as the original core of Lymm High School. But 200 years ago it would have been the much more subdued sound of cooks, maids, grooms, governesses and



butlers as they tended to one of Lymm's great estates.

The Hall was built in the early 1800s and was occupied by the Trafford family, descendants of the Leighs of West Hall, High Legh.

The historian George Ormerod, writing before 1819, stated: *the hall, a handsome and spacious mansion, has been recently nearly rebuilt, and is seated on high ground, commanding an extensive prospect of the vale of the Mersey and the high hills which enclose it.*<sup>2</sup>

In 1862, Oughttrington Hall was bought by George Charnley Dewhurst a cotton manufacturer from Manchester. He made the Hall slightly larger and built St Peters Church across the road. This is where Lymm

High School has its annual Christmas Services.

When war broke out in 1914, Henry Ford (founder of the Ford Motor Company) wanted to help the war effort by opening a hospital for wounded soldiers. However,





*Farming the fields.*

he was advised that this was not allowed given the USA's neutrality in the war.

Therefore, at the suggestion of his wife Clara they came up with a plan to create a settlement for Belgian refugees. Over 250,000 Belgian refugees had fled their country in the face of the German onslaught in the second half of 1914.

Oughtrington Hall had been bought 3 years earlier in 1911 by Sir William Lever, but was

now lying empty. Percival Perry, a Lymm resident, who was head of Ford Motor Company (England) Limited and a family friend of Henry Ford, had relayed the plight of the Belgian refugees. He wrote to Clara Ford suggesting that he could negotiate a short-term lease on the building. With their authority, Perry leased Oughtrington Hall to accommodate ninety men, women and children. Sir

William Lever would take rent on the building from Henry Ford but would then re-donate it to the Belgian refugee fund.

Work quickly went ahead preparing Oughtrington Hall to receive the Belgian refugees. This colony was funded entirely by Henry Ford. The Belgian community that lived in the Hall created their own chapel, Laundry, and sewing and repair workshops. They even had



*A sewing room.*



*One of the old school rooms.*



their own farm, including a Piggery and Stables. The ground surrounding the hall was used for part of the farm, which is now the school fields.

In *Oughtrington Hall and its People*, Roger Hannam includes the poignant story of the building's role as another haven for refugees during World War I, as well as an early link to Peterloo, and later as a temporary home for pupils of a revolutionary outdoor school. The book goes on to describe how the building became the fourth home of Lymm Grammar School and its subsequent transition into the high school we know today.

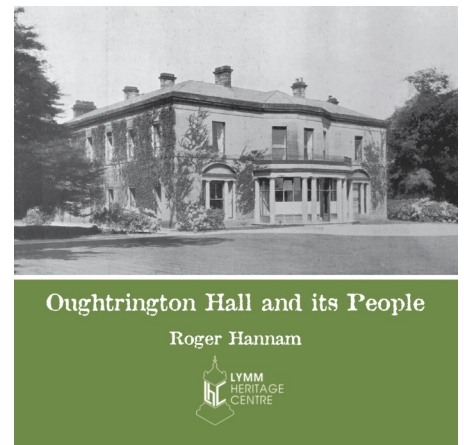
Roger Hannam, told us that he enjoyed researching and writing about Oughtrington Hall, not least because his two daughters were students at the High School and his grandson attends today.

“Historic buildings are important but what brings them to life are the stories of the people who use and occupy them”, he said.

You can view more before and after photos of Oughtrington Hall by visiting Lymm High's Alumni website, [here](#).

<sup>1</sup>*Oughtrington Hall and its People* is available from the [Lymm Heritage Centre](#) at a price of £6.50.

<sup>2</sup>Lymm Heritage, Lymm Digital Archive.





LYMM HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# Footloose

## SHOW DATES

(NOVEMBER 2024)

**TUESDAY 26TH**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH**

**THURSDAY 28TH**

**FRIDAY 29TH**

**7.00PM | MAIN HALL**

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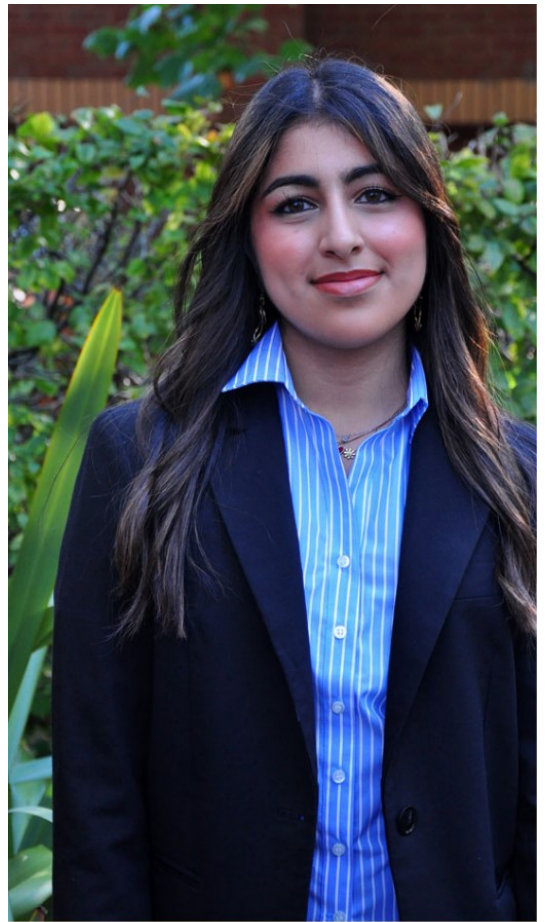
# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

On Thursday 10th October, all students came together for an assembly delivered by Kooth.com on World Mental Health Day to raise awareness of the importance of accessing mental health support if you are struggling.

The previous evening, parents attended school for our Wellbeing Evening and Mental Health Fair, where local support agencies from across Warrington held stalls and met with families to discuss their important mental health messages. The evening concluded with a talk from our school Mental Health Lead, Mrs Hunter. The event was full of information and advice around self-care and self-help tools to support our wellbeing.

If you haven't already, please visit our website for a copy of our new [Emotional wellbeing support guide](#) containing all the information shared on the evening.

We thank our school Wellbeing Champions in Year 9 and Year 13 for being fantastic ambassadors for promoting positive mental health on the evening.



## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



**Thursday  
14th November 2024**

5.00pm to 8.00pm



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# THE *Art* OF LIVERPOOL

On Thursday 26th September, Year 11 Photography and Art students spent the day exploring the city of Liverpool, gathering inspiration and valuable primary research from their surroundings.

The day began around the Baltic Triangle area, with a visit to The Royal Standard artist studios. The Royal Standard is a community that allows pursuing a career as an artist to be a viable and accessible option through access to a support network and development opportunities. The group were lucky enough to be given a tour of the site by one of the Directors and saw a selection of the resident artists' work in progress within their studio space, which was really exciting.

The group then spent the remainder of the day taking hundreds of photographs and completing observational drawings of various parts of the city. They visited the heavily graffitied New Bird Skatepark as well as the Royal Albert Dock.

Students are currently completing their coursework projects working on themes such as 'Architecture', 'My surroundings' or 'Messages' and so the trip allowed them to take plenty of photographs as well as sketches to support their current projects.



# ¡HOLA DESDE MADRID!

In October, Lymm High welcomed a new exciting exchange programme with Colegio Sagrado Corazón Chamartín in Madrid.



Students from Years 11 and 12 had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, improve their language skills, and make unforgettable memories with new friends, writes Miss Izquierdo-Moreno.

Madrid greeted us with sunny skies, beautiful architecture, and vibrant streets bustling with energy. Our first stop was the Prado Museum, home to masterpieces by Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco – a must-see for art lovers! We also visited the Royal Palace, where

we marvelled at the grand rooms and stunning artworks that tell stories of Spain's royal past.

We spent time in Retiro Park, relaxing by the lake, exploring the gardens, and even taking a quick rowing trip. Strolling through the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, we soaked in Madrid's lively atmosphere, enjoyed traditional food and became accustomed to the hustle and bustle of this beautiful city and all it has to offer.





### Day Trip to Toledo: Stepping Back in Time

A day trip to Toledo, the 'City of Three Cultures', was a real highlight. Known for its medieval architecture, Toledo was a fascinating place where Christian, Jewish and Muslim influences coexist in harmony. We wandered through narrow, winding streets and visited the impressive Santo Tomé Church viewing El Greco's famous painting, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*.

### Segovia: A Roman Aqueduct and a Fairytale Castle

On another day trip, we travelled to Segovia, known for its ancient Roman aqueduct and the stunning Alcázar of Segovia. The aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage site, left us speechless with its scale and historical significance. It's amazing that such a structure has lasted for nearly 2000 years!

The Alcázar looked like a castle from a storybook, perched on a hill with views of the landscape below. It was easy to see why it's said to have inspired Disney's Cinderella Castle. We climbed up to the top for breathtaking views over Segovia and its charming surroundings.

### New Friendships and Cultural Insights

Beyond the sightseeing, one of the most rewarding aspects of this trip was connecting with our host families and fellow students at Colegio Sagrado Corazón Chamartín. From sharing meals and practising Spanish to comparing favourite music and sports, we formed real friendships that transcended language barriers.

As the exchange programme came to a close, saying goodbye was bittersweet. We're grateful for the memories and look forward to welcoming our Spanish friends to our school in March. Gracias, Madrid! ¡Hasta la próxima!



# REMARKABLE ROWERS

Year 8 students participating in the All Aboard Rowing Project have made an impressive start to the project. They are mastering a new skill, which is a significant achievement, and have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, dedication and eagerness. They have also met two Olympic rowers, Lucy Glover and Graeme Thomas.

Currently, they are actively preparing for an indoor rowing competition scheduled for January. The coaches commented that they have never seen such a remarkable start from a school.

Keep up the fantastic work!



## PHOTOGRAPHIC FORMBY

On Tuesday 1st October, Year 10 photographers spent the day gathering photographs for their current project 'Close up' at Formby beach. The group had a brilliant day exploring the forest and beach areas. The main focus was capturing as many different textures and patterns as they could, utilising the camera skills and techniques they have learnt on the photography course so far.



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# BLOOD POOL WORKSHOP

On Thursday 17th October, a selection of Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students took part in a specialist workshop to promote critical thinking.

Year 9 participated in the 'CSI blood pool' Forensic Science workshop from Thinkers in Education.

"At the start of the session, we were told about a body found with blood on its hands and how we had to collect DNA and fingerprints to work out who was guilty of the murder", said Bella Beardmore.

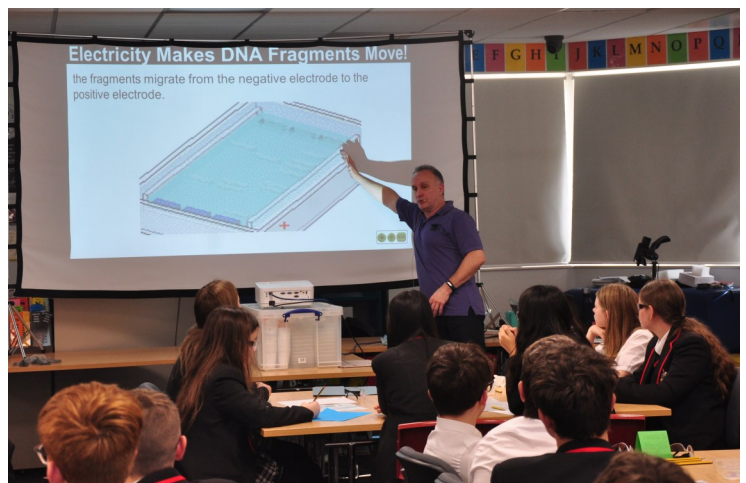
"We solved the crime by analysing autopsy and crime scene photographs, dusting for fingerprints, putting DNA samples into agarose gel to do electrophoresis, and drawing a conclusion based on the results of this evidence", said Ben Shaw.

As the students waited for the results from their DNA samples, they used black magnetic powder and a squirrel-hair brush to create their own fingerprints. "When we received our DNA back it told us that the same person's DNA was found under the victim's nails and on the weapon that they were killed with. The fingerprints we had inspected also matched this theory so we knew we had found the culprit", said Bella.

Throughout the session, each team could gain points by working quickly, efficiently or well as a team. "At the end of the session, we were given handsets to complete a quiz and see how well other teams had

done. The leaders of the workshop praised our efforts and told us we had achieved one of the highest scores as a year group out of schools across the country. We had an exciting and enjoyable time and would love to take part in this type of event again", said Bella.

"The workshop was a great challenge and improved skills such as decision making under pressure, picking up a new skill and putting it into practice, and incorporating new knowledge into our decisions", said Ben.



# ABANDONED BUILDINGS

**Vulnerable children and young people are repeatedly accessing derelict buildings in Warrington.**

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# INTRODUCING THE 'BRAVO' AWARD: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AT OUR SCHOOL!



We are excited to announce the launch of a brand-new initiative to recognise outstanding effort and achievement in both academics and school sports – the **'Bravo' Award!**

The 'Bravo' is a special recognition given to students who go above and beyond in their lessons or demonstrate exceptional skill and sportsmanship on the field. Teachers and coaches nominate students who have shown excellence, perseverance and dedication, making them stand out as role models for their peers.

Students who are awarded a 'Bravo' receive a certificate in honour of their accomplishment, and, as an extra special treat, are invited to join Mr Williams for breakfast and hot chocolate. This event will take place twice each half term, offering a moment for students to celebrate their hard work in a relaxed setting while being personally recognised by the Headteacher.

The Bravo Award recipients for last half term are listed below. The students received their breakfast treat on Friday 25th October.

- **Dafiyah Raza – 7WH**  
Nominated by Mr Iddon, Form Tutor, for a fantastic start to the year.
- **Lily-Mae Anderson – 7ML**  
Nominated by Miss Dixon for an outstanding contribution to the Year 7 netball team.





- **Tom Shelton – 7MH**  
 Nominated by the English department for exceptional work so far this year.
  - **Oliver Hughes – 8AL**  
 Nominated by Mr Sweeney for his contribution to the Year 8 rugby team.
  - **Emma Thornton – 9AL**  
 Nominated by the PE department. Emma has represented the school at hockey, cross country and football since September. She is an outstanding role model.
  - **Isobel Minnery – 10AH**  
 Nominated by Miss Hunter for contributing to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Evening, where she ran the wellbeing stall.
  - **Selena Anstee – 10TH**  
 Also nominated by Miss Hunter for her outstanding contribution to the Mental Health and Wellbeing evening, where she ran the wellbeing stall.
  - **Phoebe Grimes – 10TL**  
 Another fantastic contribution to the Mental Health and Wellbeing evening, also nominated by Miss Hunter for running the wellbeing stall.
  - **Ben Liput – 11MH**  
 Nominated by Mrs Beswick for his remarkable achievement in beating Year 12 and 13 students to get the highest score in school in the UK Maths Challenge.
  - **Oliver Dulson – 11ML**  
 Nominated by the English department for excellent work throughout the year so far.
- We are incredibly proud of all our 'Bravo' recipients and their hard work. Keep an eye out for the next round of Bravo Award winners next half term!

# WEAR IT PINK

On Friday 18th October, Lymm High Sixth Form once again donned pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Now.



The day involved a special 'Wear it Pink' Bingo session in the Lower Hex at breaktime and the annual staff vs. students netball game at lunchtime. At the end of the day, over £525 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Taking place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Now is on a mission to make sure that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with breast cancer lives, and is supported to live well. By wearing it pink, staff and students have helped them reach that target. For further information on the Wear it Pink charity, please [click here](#).







# Joël Penkman WORKSHOP

The Visual Arts department run a visiting artist programme to provide students with the opportunity to develop their knowledge of different techniques, materials and processes.

**O**n Wednesday 25th September, the department was lucky enough to welcome artist [Joël Penkman](#) in to run a workshop with Year 10 GCSE Fine Art students. Penkman specialises in painting semi-photorealistic, contemporary still-life with a particular focus on food. “Year 10 students are currently working on their coursework projects with the theme 'Food' and so the opportunity to work closely with an artist who specialises in food paintings was so valuable”, said Miss Simms.

Students learnt all about the techniques and processes Penkman uses in her work, as well as how she came to be working as a full-time artist. In the morning session, focus was on photography of a variety of sweets and cakes,

and students learnt how important composition and good quality photography is before starting to draw and paint. From these photographs, the group went on to draw their chosen composition and apply paint guided by Penkman herself.

The group were introduced to a traditional painting technique called egg tempera. For centuries, egg tempera was artists' preferred medium for panel paintings, including many medieval and Renaissance masterpieces found in museums and art galleries. This type of paint is created by mixing egg yolk with powdered pigments and a little water.

All students involved started some fantastic paintings which they will continue to work on for their current coursework projects.

# 3D CITY DESIGN TOUR

On Monday 7th October, Year 12 3D Design students spent the day exploring the architectural sights of Manchester city centre.

The objectives for the trip were to learn more about the architectural history of Manchester, and to take photographs and complete observational drawings of architecture seen during the tour; paying close attention to architecture that related to the students' current coursework projects.

The group visited a wide range of architectural points of interest across the city including KAMPUS, Mayfield Park, New Islington, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester Cathedral, Spinningfields, Castlefield Viaduct and Bridgewater Hall.

"The trip was a great success", said Miss Simms. "All students really challenged themselves to draw with a range of different materials whilst out and about in the busy city centre."

The Design and Technology department look forward to seeing how the photographs and observational drawings develop into the students' coursework projects back at school.



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# The Bullet BITES BACK FOR ARLEY

The inaugural Key Stage 3 Inter-Hall Darts Competition took place over the last 3 weeks of October. Following the overwhelming success of last year's Key Stage 4, 5, and Teachers' tournament, this event was eagerly anticipated by the lower school students, and it did not disappoint!

With a whopping 68 competitors representing their respective Halls, the tournament kicked off with thrilling early rounds that showcased the skills and determination of our players. Notable upsets included early exits for heavyweights like Jake 'Triple' day and Declan 'The Destroyer' Richardson, surprising both fans and opponents alike.

As the tournament progressed into the second rounds, standout performances emerged from Szymon 'Big G' Gasiorkiewicz, Mikail Elahi, Jude 'The Heavy-headed Warrior' Southern, and Ted 'Tee-shot' Cullen.

The girls truly shone in this competition, proving that 'Girl Power' was alive and well. 'Marvellous' Maddie Vossen-Barnes, Audrey Heywood and Lara Proctor all made impressive runs to the last 16, demonstrating the depth of talent among our female competitors.

The atmosphere in the Main Hall reached new heights as competitors selected their own walk-on music, featuring an eclectic mix from the likes of the Stone Roses, Taylor Swift, and the Chemical Brothers. Each



player's entrance added to the excitement and anticipation of the matches ahead.

As the quarter-finals unfolded, the tension was palpable. A standout moment was Viktor



'The Viking' Vychodil's unexpected exit at the hands of the relentless Oliver 'The Bullet' Edwards. Charlie Gallagher also made headlines with a stunning double top check-out, leaving Jack Waring in disbelief.

The semi-finals saw Stan Kinsey rise to the occasion, bolstered by enthusiastic support from his fans. With Guns N' Roses pumping through the Hall, he seemed poised to reach the final. However, Amber Rowe had other plans, starting strong and displaying remarkable compo-

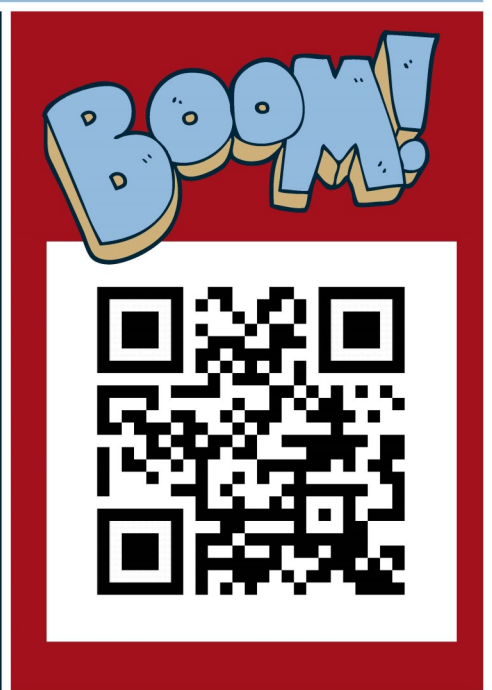
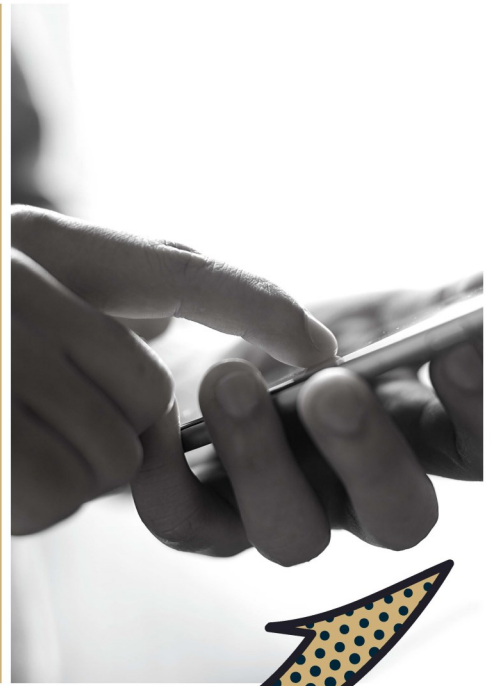
sure to secure her spot in the final against Edwards.

The championship match began at a blistering pace, with both competitors demonstrating their prowess. 'The Bullet' struck first with an impressive checkout, putting Amber on the defensive. Despite her valiant efforts, Edwards held his nerve in the closing moments, ultimately securing the victory to thunderous applause from the crowd. He proudly lifted the trophy for Arley Hall, embodying the spirit of determination and sportsmanship

that defines our school.

This tournament has been a resounding success, and we extend our gratitude to Mr Gornall for his excellent organisation and commentary. A special mention goes to our dedicated scorers, Ted 'Tee-shot' Cullen and Finn 'You're in the Bin' Hill, as well as the talented Jamie Yearsley-Ward, Ollie Murphy and Henry Danby for their outstanding sound and lighting support.

We can't wait for the Seniors' and staff competition at Christmas!



# CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPS



Inter-Hall cross country took place in core PE lessons for Years 7, 8 and 9 the last week before the October half term.

Hall	Overall
<b>Arley</b>	18499 <b>3rd</b>
<b>Dunham</b>	17222 <b>5th</b>
<b>Moreton</b>	18758 <b>2nd</b>
<b>Tatton</b>	19728 <b>1st</b>
<b>Walton</b>	17614 <b>4th</b>

We were blessed with the weather creating perfect conditions for a 1.4km race through the spectacular grounds of Lymm High School. All Key Stage 3 students took part on different levels. Some were raring to go and trying to finish first in their category, while others took a more relaxed approach and jogged along enjoying the atmosphere with friends from different classes.

Each finisher received Hall points. The Sports leaders and BTEC Sport students showed their organisational skills by helping to marshal and organise the event.

Well done to everyone who took part.



7X: Top 5 girls	7X: Top 5 boys
Lucy Welsby	Rhys Marrington
Chloe Williams	Luke Barnes
Holly Marwood	Jack Waring
Edie Foster	Alfie-Ray Parry
Kate Shaw	Luke Wigfield

8Y: Top 5 girls	8Y: Top 5 boys
Leah Poole	Arthur Agamian
Connie Fox	Eddie Walker
Holly Worsley	James Coe
Amelie Hackett	Rhys Sims
Abigail Liput	Seb Houlston

8X: Top 5 girls	8X: Top 5 boys
Imogen Roberts	Max Drinkwater
Himani Price	Robin Dyson
Rosie Cottrill	Xander Wilby
Taylor Craddock	Ashton Stott
Nell San Martin	Oliver Shaw

9Y: Top 5 girls	9Y: Top 5 boys
Ellie-Grace Stuart	Max Aalders
Eleanor McCormack	Jack Tyerman
Bethan Marrington	James Barker
Erin Yearsley-Ward	Ruben Walker
Vlada Petrova	Ethan Rankin

9X: Top 5 girls	9X: Top 5 boys
Evie-May Williams	Ben Shaw
Emma Thornton	Will Harrison
Rosi McWilliam	Finley Graham
Laila Betteley	Will Fletcher
Isla Sweet	Ned Martin

7Y: Top 5 girls	7Y: Top 5 boys
Bethany Roberts	Finn Hill
Lois Johnston-Starrs	Josh Picton
Florence McGorry	Ewan Donnelly
Isobel Howarth	Will Mead
Nora Szekely	Stanley Kinsey

# SHOW JUMPER



Lillie Shaw came second in a recent Showjumping Championships.

**T**ogether with her pony D'Amour D'Amerrier, Lillie competed at the Sweet Meadow Unaffiliated Showjumping Championships at Aintree International Equestrian Centre on Saturday 28th September.

The Year 7 student has been riding since she was 4 years old and competing since the age of 9. She trains and rides 5 or 6 times a week. Her next event is a British Show Jumping Event at Arena UK in Grantham on 26–29th Sep-

tember 2025. This is at a new level Lillie has stepped into since September.

In August, Lillie competed at the British Show Jumping Club finals where she came top of the Northern League in two classes and was placed in the final in both classes.

The aim now is to gain experience at this new level and qualify for the British Show Jumping National Finals in the next 12 months.

We wish you the best of luck, Lillie.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 7th  
November**

Year 13 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 14th  
November**

Sixth Form Open Evening  
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**w/c Monday 18th  
November**

Sixth Form  
Assessment Week

**Tuesday 19th  
November**

Parent Forum

**Tuesday 26th to Friday**

**29th November**

School Production  
*Footloose*  
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**Monday 2nd  
December**

Year 11  
Mock exams begin

**Thursday 5th  
December**

Year 7  
Parents' Evening

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