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MYTHS AND LEGENDS

This year's challenge to solve a collection of puzzles in the ILC took on an Ancient Greek theme.

The series of clues, codes and cyphers had to be solved correctly to reveal the name of the Greek Goddess Athena. "It was lovely to see so many students engaged and excited

about the challenge as it unfolded over 3 weeks", said Ms Timson.

Once all the clue answers had been revealed, students had to count the number of letters in each answer and calculate

a sum to reveal the number of letters in the winning name. If they calculated correctly, they would have three possible names to guess from, and the clues embedded into the instructions



provided could be used to reveal the final answer.

Over 70 students took part in the challenge testing their observational and problem-solving skills; and although a knowledge of mythology was helpful, all puzzles could be solved by reading the instructions and helpful hints, and by working through them methodically.

Only 12 students correctly identified Athena as the winning name and six of these lucky students were randomly selected to win an Easter egg and an Amazon voucher. Well done to Nora Szekely, Eliza Ottiwell, Talia

Coxon, Ophelia Man, Evie Strangeways and Evie Platt.

Everyone who completed the challenge was also put into a prize draw, with six students being randomly selected to win a large Easter egg. Well done to Daisy Ecclestone, Sophie Williams, Brook Barnes, Seb Rands, Clara San Martin and Ginny Wong.

Everyone who completed the full set of puzzles received Hall Points and they were invited to attend the lunchtime celebration and prize giving event. Ms Timson and Mrs Cheney unveiled the winning

answer and explained how the clues along the way had pointed to this Greek Goddess and invited the students to choose from a selection of doughnuts as a reward for their hard work!





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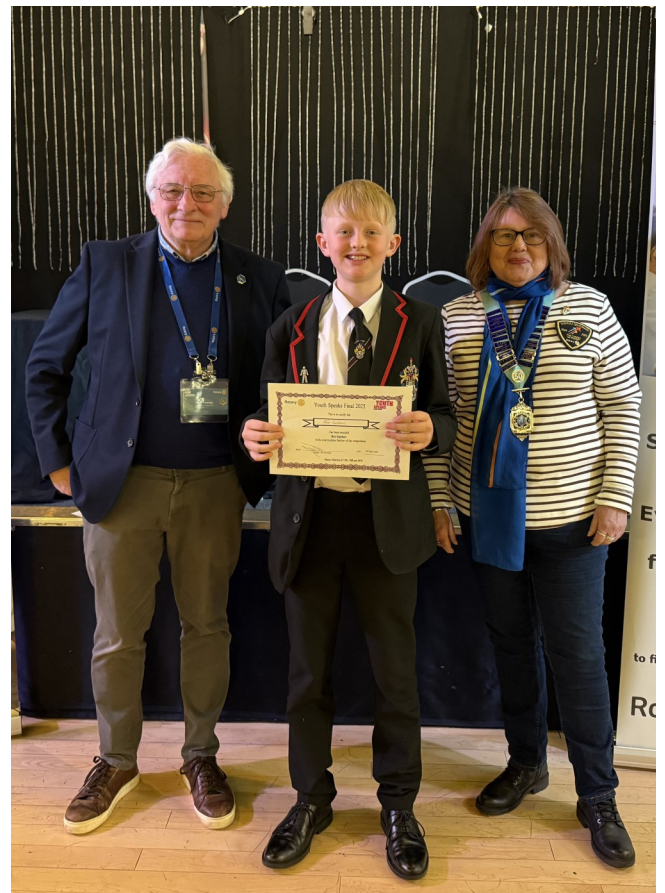
YOUTH SPEAKS FINAL

Success continues for Lymm High School at the annual Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition.

Huge congratulations to Ted Cullen, Maggie Andrews and Lily-Rose Milby who came runners up in the North and East of England Youth Speaks Final. "They were really unlucky not to win it as they were absolutely flawless", said Mr Hayes. "They gave such a wonderful account of themselves and represented Lymm High with distinction."

It was a real team effort with all three Year 8 students saving their best performances for the big stage. Some individual awards were also presented at the end, and Ted was voted the best speaker in the entire age category for Year 7-9: a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all the students involved, and huge thanks to the staff who supported this prestigious event.



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VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST

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On Tuesday 22nd April, the History faculty arranged for theatre company *Voices of the Holocaust* to visit Lymm High School.

The actors performed their play '*Kindness: A Legacy of the Holocaust*' to Year 9 students. The company came and transformed the Main Hall into a theatre with a full set, costumes and lighting rig!

The production is a ground-breaking testimony-based play that humanises the story of Susan Pollack, a Hungarian Holocaust survivor. By witnessing the narrative unfold before their eyes on stage, it was hoped that students would become active participants in a journey of empathy and enlightenment, fostering personal growth and deepening their historical understanding of the Holocaust.

The company performed a very powerful play for 1 hour and then hosted a post-performance

question-and-answer session to further enrich students' experience, providing them with a platform for reflection and dialogue.

"Students in Year 9 have been studying the Holocaust over the past half term, so this provided an excellent extra-curricular opportunity for them to engage with testimonies of survivors and to develop their understanding of the Holocaust further", writes Miss Howard.

The play showed Susan's early life as a child being brought up in a Jewish family in Hungary and then showed how Anti-Semitism and persecution escalated over time until she and her family were transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The play then showed true stories of Susan and other survivors and how they man-

aged to survive the camp through acts of kindness. The play ended with the liberation of the camps by the Allies and described how different characters went on to live in different countries across the world as they tried to rebuild their lives.

The Director of the play, Cate Hollis, then ran a Drama Workshop in the afternoon with 20 Year 9 students who have chosen GCSE drama next year. Working with a range of stimuli – music, props, poetry and paintings – students were taken through a variety of processes to begin shaping a thought-provoking performance. Students explored how to make meaning and to move away from narrative / naturalistic performance towards something ‘elegant, beautiful and powerful’ as the *Voices of the Holocaust* production is so often described. Students had a very valuable experience working with a real theatre director and the Drama teachers were full of praise for their participation in the workshop.



REWARDING STUDENTS



Students at Lymm High School are awarded with Hall Points for accumulating positive points on Class Charts.

A trip to Chester Zoo was planned to reward the Year 7–11 students who were in the top 35 for Hall Points in their year group over the course of the term. On the last day of term, Friday 4th April, 127 students enjoyed a sunny day viewing a variety of animals, birds and insects, as well as visit-

ing the newly opened Heart of Africa habitat.

Meanwhile, on the same day, 64 Year 13 students had the opportunity to visit Alton Towers as part of their well-earned Rewards trip.

“The day served as a welcome escape from the mounting pressures of A’ Level revision and provided a

chance for students to unwind, have fun, and celebrate the hard work they’ve put in over the past 2 years”, said Head of Year 13 Mr O’Flynn.



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LITTER LEGENDS LEAD THE WAY

As part of our Eco Schools campaign, a fantastic group of students took part in the Big School Clean, showing real commitment to keeping our school environment clean and green.

All proud members of our Eco Schools litter team, spent 2 hours picking up litter around the school grounds. James Purkis, Harrison Royston, Evie Platt, Susanna Yeung, Ginny Wong, Emily Cam, Zoe Liput and Nora Szekely spent most of their focus on the field, which had been especially busy with students enjoying the recent warm weather.

"Their hard work and team spirit are helping us work towards a more sustainable, eco-friendly school", said Miss Cucuz. "A big

thank you to our litter team for setting such a great example!"



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Years 8 to 13

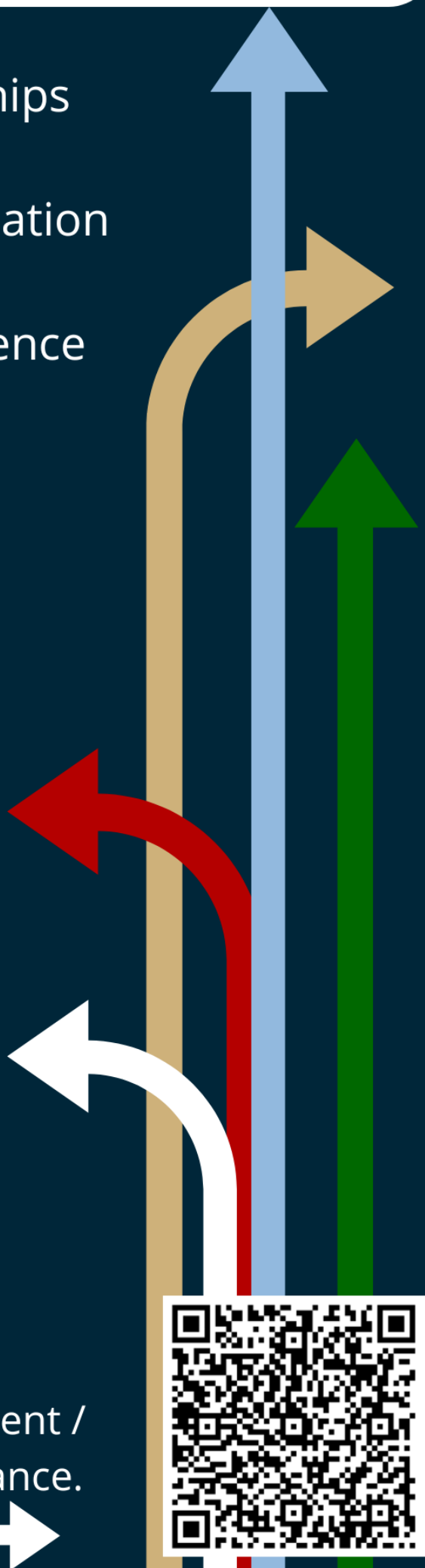
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DODGEBALL

A true test of spirit and teamwork!

Spanning across Years 7–9, the dodgeball Inter-Hall competition truly intensified the rivalry between the Halls, creating an electrifying atmosphere of friendly competition, teamwork and school spirit.

The event, which brought together students from different year groups, was not only a chance for students to show off their athletic abilities, but also a reflection of the strong sense of community we value so much at our school. Participation is at the heart of everything we do, and this competition embodied that ethos, with students engaging enthusiastically in the event and

giving their all for their Halls. The competition was expertly managed and delivered by our Year 13 BTEC Sport students, who took on the responsibility of organising the event from start to finish. This hands-on experience has provided them with invaluable skills in leadership, teamwork and event management. “Organising such a large-scale event has allowed us to put our knowledge into practice and develop a deeper understanding of what it takes to deliver a successful event”, said Year 13 Fin Scott.

A huge thank you must go to our dedicated Form Tutors, whose unwavering support

played a key role in ensuring each student participated and got involved. Their efforts in rallying their troops were essential in making this event such a success. There were a few funny moments from Mr Ward, really embracing the team spirit and getting involved to help his Form to win. And Miss Kenyon’s



shouting, encouraging her Form to get people out, really showed her competitive side!

The winning Forms were 7WH Mr Iddon, 8AL Miss Kenyon and 9WH Mr Elwood. Congratulations to all!

In the end, the Inter-Hall competition was a resounding triumph! It was not just about winning, but about fostering a sense of school spirit and demonstrating the power of collaboration and team-

work. We couldn't be prouder of every single participant for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and we look forward to the next opportunity to come together as a school community.

YO-YO DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!

What do you get when you combine a bunch of talented students, a sunny afternoon, and a lot of yo-yos?

A spectacular Inter-Hall Yo-Yo Competition, of course! This exciting new event, born out of some creative Student Voice activities, became a fulfilled showcase of skill, creativity and community spirit.

The idea for the competition came from Mason Monks from 7DL, who thought it would be great to bring everyone together for some friendly competition with a twist. And what a success it was! The competition was held on the Languages Yard, with competitors and spectators basking in the glorious sunshine. The atmosphere was lively, with crowds cheering on their friends and Hallmates.

The competition was fierce right from the start. Isaac Spencer from 7WH quickly made an impact, showcasing an array of impressive tricks.

But it was Luke Donovan (also from 7WH) who really wowed the crowd with his near-perfect yo-yo control, leaving everyone in awe of his skill.

Mason, being the mastermind behind the idea, asked if he could judge the competition; after all, who better to judge the technical aspects of the tricks? He was joined by Mr McNally, who brought his artistic eye to the panel, judging the flair and creativity of each routine.

The final showdown boiled down to a thrilling head-to-head between Buddy Jackson (7WL) and Riley Mitton (7TL).

Both brought their A-game, but it was Riley who took the crown, impressing the judges and crowd alike with his signature 'DNA' trick – truly a move to remember!

It was a fantastic day, full of fun, talent and a true sense of school spirit. And the best part? It was entirely student-led! We can't wait to see what creative event Mason and the rest of the students come up with next.

Congratulations to all the competitors, and especially to Riley Mitton for being our first-ever Yo-Yo champion! Keep practising everyone – you never know when the next competition might roll around.





UPCOMING DATES

Friday 9th May

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
Practice Expedition

Wednesday 14th May

Girls Sports Tour to
Marbella departs

Monday 19th May

Year 10 Art, Photography
& Textiles trip to
Ty'n-y-Felin

Tuesday 20th May

Parent E-Safety Talk
(see p.15)

Wednesday 21st May

KS3 Celebration Evening

Monday 26th May to

Friday 30th May

Half-term break

Sunday 1st June

High Legh Teas
fundraiser

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We now have planning permission for the Drama Studio, which means that construction can begin over the summer holidays in readiness for the new school year in September. An impression of how this will look is shown below.

Preparation is also underway for stage 1 of the Main Hall transformation, funded by school and the PTA. This will include floor and stage renovation, painting, curtains upgrade and new fire doors. The PTA have kindly agreed to give us £12,000 to help kick-off the renovations and more fundraising is planned. Stage 2 of the Hall Together project will be determined by the success of all the fundraising campaigns, and will (hopefully) encompass replacement seating, sound access improvements, and professional theatre lights and a rig.



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 **6.00pm**




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POLO CHAMPIONS WIN GOLD

Year 10 Nieve Folkes played in the Nationals last weekend with Liverpool U17s.

City of Liverpool were crowned female U17 champions at the GoCardless Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships. They defeated West London Penguin 12–6 to claim the Edith and Tom Lythe Memorial Trophy for the first time since 2011.

In the semi-finals, the team beat Worthing 9–8. Nieve scored in both games and the team won Gold.

Swim England reported on the 'impressive team display, both defensively and in front of goal' and called the Liverpool team 'Outstanding'.

Well done Nieve and the City of Liverpool team!

HAYWARD PERFORMING ARTS
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ROWING SUCCESS



Year 9 Ewan Richards, Year 9 Jayden Chan and Year 8 Imogen Ferrie were selected to race for the North West team at the inter-regional rowing championships in mid-April. They were second in their time trial and got Bronze in the final, rowing in a quad with Imogen as their cox.

At the start of May, Ewan attended the Junior

Sculling regatta, held at Eton Dorney (built for the 2012 Olympics) in his quad with Warrington Rowing Club (including Jayden). They came fourth in their time trial, getting into the A final and came fourth overall.

They are now due to attend the National Schools regatta in Nottingham at the end of May. We wish you the best of luck!



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YEAR 8 & 9

BARCELONA FOOTBALL TOUR 2025



The tour kicked-off with a 3am check-in at Manchester Airport on Easter Monday.

Once in Spain, any tiredness from the early start was soon forgotten when the team arrived at the Cambrils Park Resort in Tarragona. The afternoon was spent exploring the site and making use of the leisure facilities. The all-inclusive buffet for the evening meals was a particular highlight for the boys!

Tuesday started with the first Spanish FA training session followed by even fixtures against local opposition and a Finnish academy side.

Wednesday was taken up with more pro-coaching sessions and further games.

“Pro training sessions with Spanish Catalan FA were excellent”, says Mr Powell. “The boys got a real insight into the Spanish way of football.”

After breakfast on Thursday, the boys visited the RCDE Stadium of Espanyol FC. They next saw the construction of Barcelona’s Camp Nou and explored the club shop for memorabilia and presents before heading back to the airport.

The whole trip was amazing and feedback from parents and students has been excellent, with many asking for an extra day next year!





[Click here to view the full sports tour programme.](#)



21 FOR 21

Year 10 Libby Edwardson walked 2.1 km for 21 days in March.

Libby took on the challenge to raise money for Down Syndrome Cheshire. So far, she has raised over £1600 for the charity!

The number 21 was chosen because people with Down Syndrome have three copies of the 21st chromosome. In the past for World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March, Libby would give up three things for 21 days, but this year, she took on the ultimate challenge of walking.

“She isn’t fond of walking at all”, said mum Yvonne, “but on the last day to celebrate she had lots of people do the final walk with her”.

“The charity has been a true lifeline for us and so many families in Cheshire, and we’ve gained so much from their incredible support.”

Well done Libby. What a fantastic achievement!



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