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Netball, hockey and
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enjoyed by Year 8
and 9 on their 4-day
trip to Spain.

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VICTORY IN EUROPE

On Thursday 8th May, students celebrated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe by undertaking a series of challenges set by the History department.

VE Day marks the day that the Second World War came to an end in Europe. To help Lymm High commemorate this important anniversary, a number of

activities, displays and events were planned.

A World War II (WWII) exhibition was set up in the Atrium, which included various artefacts and photographs.

Posters and a 'factual treasure hunt' around school highlighted our school community's connection to WWII, including some amazing family stories from staff.



Key Stage 3 students were set a 'VE Day Challenge' with a range of creative tasks to complete at home. These included:

Task 1: Plan a VE Day Party

Street parties were common to celebrate the end of war.

Alex Smith (9TL) helped to organise a street party on his road. Eve Wilks (7AL) attended the High Legh community celebrations of VE Day at the local church. There were drinks, food and music, and it ended with the lighting of a beacon.



Harley Yates (7AL) decorated his front garden for VE Day celebrations on his street. Summer Pollard (8AH) attended a VE Day street party.



Task 2: Bake using WWII rations

Rationing was introduced in Britain on 8th January 1940 and lasted until 4th July 1954. Rationing was a means of ensuring the fair distribution of food and commodities when they were scarce due to the war. Students were invited to choose a rationing recipe, make it and see how it tasted.

Various students took part, including Nell San Martin (8TL), Clara San Martin (9AL) and Xavier Staveley (7AH) who all made carrot biscuits. Chloe and Sophie Williams (7ML) also made carrot biscuits and a ration apple crumble, which were both really tasty!

Lisa (7AL) and Emma Thornton (9AL) also decided to bake carrot biscuits. They said: "They turned out more of a rock bun than a biscuit! But despite being made with the ration amounts, they didn't taste too bad at all! Not quite as sweet as biscuits today, but the flavour of the carrots made up for the rationed sugar."

Tobias Robinson (7AL) followed two ration recipes to make scones. He said they actually tasted alright! Sophie Bennett (7ML) made ration lemonade. Harry Bisson (7AL) had a go at baking the VE Day soda bread, and Alana Whelan (8TL) made a cake to celebrate VE Day. Matty Fawcett made wartime biscuits.



Task 3: Say Thank you

Students were invited to design a poster or write a card of thanksgiving explaining why they are thankful to those who lived and fought during WWII. These wishes of thanks extended to the soldiers, the women who worked in munitions factories, the spies who made operations possible, engineers, the politicians who plotted the country's moves, the children who were separated from their families, the medical staff at home and abroad, the people who were key workers who were committed to their essential roles, and many more.

Emmy Scoffin (8TL) made this colourful poster thanking the soldiers.



Task 4: Make your own bunting

Bunting was commonly used to signal a celebration. Students were tasked with making their own special VE Day 80 'Great British Bunting'.

Sara Bibby (7AL) designed and sewed her own VE Day flag to put up on our school display. This can be seen on our front cover. Ginny Wong (7AH) designed and coloured some beautiful 80th Anniversary bunting, which we have hung in the school's Atrium. Ella Hibbert (8TL) also designed some colourful bunting for her house.

Oliver Hughes (8AL) also made some special VE Day bunting to celebrate the 80th anniversary.

Here is a picture of him with his Grandpa (who is 83 and was therefore alive on the actual VE Day).





Task 5: Interview someone who was at the original VE Day

If students know someone who lived through the war, they were encouraged to meet up with them, call them on the phone, or use FaceTime or Zoom to interview them about their experience, both of the war, and of VE Day itself. We had a tremendous response to this task, with some amazing documents, presentations and posters being produced.

Laila Chappell-Steele (7ML) interviewed her Great Grandma, Margaret Smith, who is now 100 years old! Lizzie Cumming (7DH), Sophie Speakman (7DH) and Ethan Collier (7AH) interviewed their Grandmas about what they remembered about living through the War, VE Day, and their family's involvement in WWII.

Lilly McCarthy (7AL) found out that her Father's Dad, Fred, joined the army at 16 after lying about his age. Lilly's Mum's Dad, James, was captured by the Nazis and survived the death march after being a prisoner of war.

Will Ransby (8AH) made this VE Day poster about his Great Grandad who served in WWII.

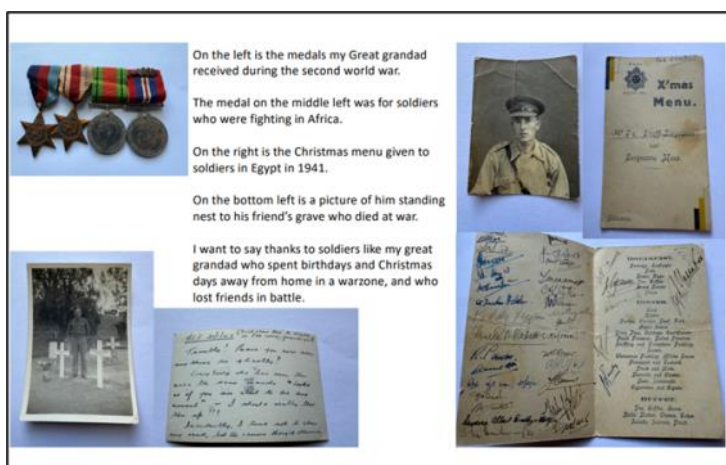
Tima Harbovskyi (9AL) made a fascinating poster about his Great Grandma and Grandpa who both served in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Tima is thankful for their sacrifice and bravery and sees them as true heroes and inspirations to him.



Rhys Marrington (7AL) found out that his Great Grandpa was a 1st officer, and his ship was called the SS Breedyk. In September 1942, the ship was attacked by the Nazis. The captain of the ship died but luckily his Great Grandpa and a few other people on the ship survived. They were then in a lifeboat for 10 days before being rescued.

Mason Castle (7AL) found out that his Great Grandad was an admiral in the Navy during WWII.

Oliver Mitchell (7AH) interviewed his Grandad, who is now 97, about what he remembered about the War and VE Day.



The **Maths department** organised lessons on World War II code breaking methods.



The **English department** looked at the power of poetry and songs in war. Year 7 considered how growing up during a war changes one's sense of identity. They then analysed two Vera Lynn songs as 'poems' that convey solidarity and unity. Year 8 considered how journalists played a role in the war, and also created an article reporting on the VE Day celebrations, inspired by some footage from the time.

The **RPE department** planned a lesson looking at the Quakers and Pacifists in WWII.

The aim of this was to share a religious group the students may not get a chance to study in school but also to recognise even religious pacifists still contributed in a very meaningful way to what led to VE Day.



We were thrilled with the response to our VE Day tasks. If you'd like to see more of the students' excellent work, please [click here](#).

Whole School Act of Remembrance

At 3pm on Thursday 8th May, all lessons stopped so teachers could read a special VE Day slide and play Winston Churchill's speech declaring Victory in Europe. At 3pm on 8th May 1945, Churchill made the speech to the country declaring the end of war in Europe.

GOLD AWARD CELEBRATION

Past and present Lymm High Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Gold Award achievers were invited to Buckingham Palace to celebrate their success.

Five ex-students and Year 13 David Baker made the journey to London, along with lucky Lymm High staff to enjoy the grandeur of the Buckingham Palace event. It was an inspiring day in magnificent surroundings, with Prince Edward addressing the Garden Party and key speeches from Bill Bailey, Big Manny and Calum Scott, amongst others.

"It really was an unforgettable day", said Mr Greenwood. "We look forward to supporting our current and future Gold participants, helping them reach their goals, to aspire to attend this wonderful occasion."

Think on... This could be you!

(See also p.12 to read about our Bronze DofE Practice Expedition.)



DAPHNE AND HER DUCKLINGS 2025

Daphne presented us with 14 babies on Thursday 8th May.

For those who are new to Lymm High, Daphne is a wild duck that chooses to return to us each year to lay her eggs in safety and get a helping hand in feeding them.

Staff and students avoid the quad area so we can keep human interaction to a minimum and give them the best chance upon release.



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Ms Beswick went to Buckingham Palace to meet Charles and have afternoon tea!

Our esteemed maths teacher was nominated for Services to Education and Skills. "It was such an honour in my last year of teaching", said Ms Beswick, who is sadly retiring at the end of this school year. "The sun shone, the palace grounds were beautiful, and everyone was dressed in their 'Sunday best'. It was a sight to behold!"

"The King spoke to a small group of us and was so complimentary about the work we do as teachers", said Ms Beswick. King Charles stressed the need to recognise the value that teachers, and those associated with education, add to society. "He also jokingly complimented the behaviour of all the invitees, saying he could tell by the way we willingly lined

up that we worked in the education sector!"

"The food was delicious and approximately 7000 people were served afternoon tea (sandwiches, cakes and ice creams) as we chatted together about the honour of being invited."

Many of the educators expressed anxiety at being away from their schools. Primary staff were missing their KS2 Sats and the maths teachers (including Ms Beswick) were away for the lesson before GCSE Paper 1.

"It was a truly humbling and emotional experience", said Ms Beswick, "and one I will never forget. In my opinion, every teacher is deserving of such an honour."

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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Our Year 8 Wellbeing Champions worked hard to create whole school activities for 'World Mental Health Week' in May.

From lunchtime stalls to Form time activities and TV screens around school, the Wellbeing Champions were able to shine a light on the importance of community to help support positive mental health.

Our School Nurse Louise Williams also visited to share information with main school and the Sixth Form students.

Our School Nurse provides a drop-in service on a Friday breaktime in Student Services. This service is confidential and can be accessed at any time by speaking to one of our Pastoral Managers.



CAREERS FAIR

Years 8 to 13

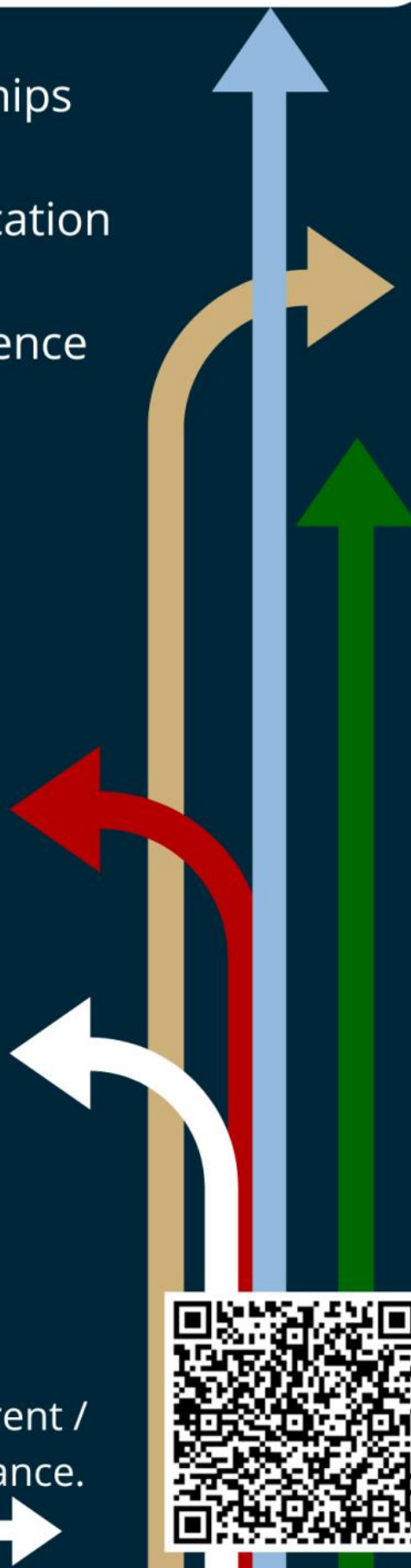
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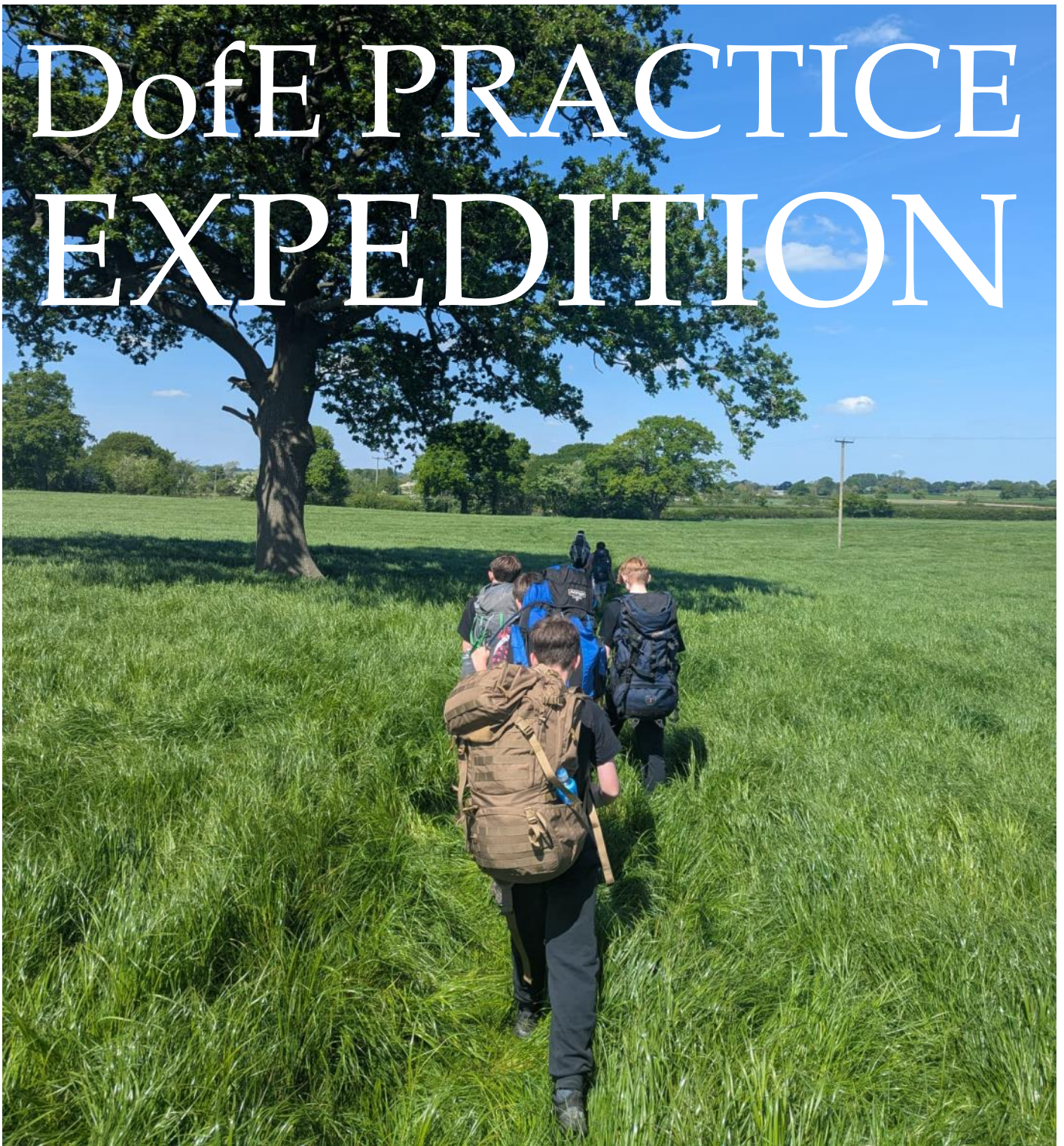
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Blessed with good weather, the Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students were put through their paces on their Practice Expedition in South Cheshire.

Record numbers of Lymm High participants packed rucksacks and headed towards the starting points on Friday 9th May, keen and eager to complete the 2-day, 1-night camping challenge, writes Mr Greenwood.

For most students, this rehearsal was their first taste of independence and being self-sufficient in the big outdoors. Twenty small groups navigated themselves, with their Get Outside the Classroom (GOTC) guides, along the picturesque bridleways near Marbury and

Wrenbury. Reading maps and orientating themselves, the students demonstrated valuable teamwork skills in order to meet the DofE criteria.

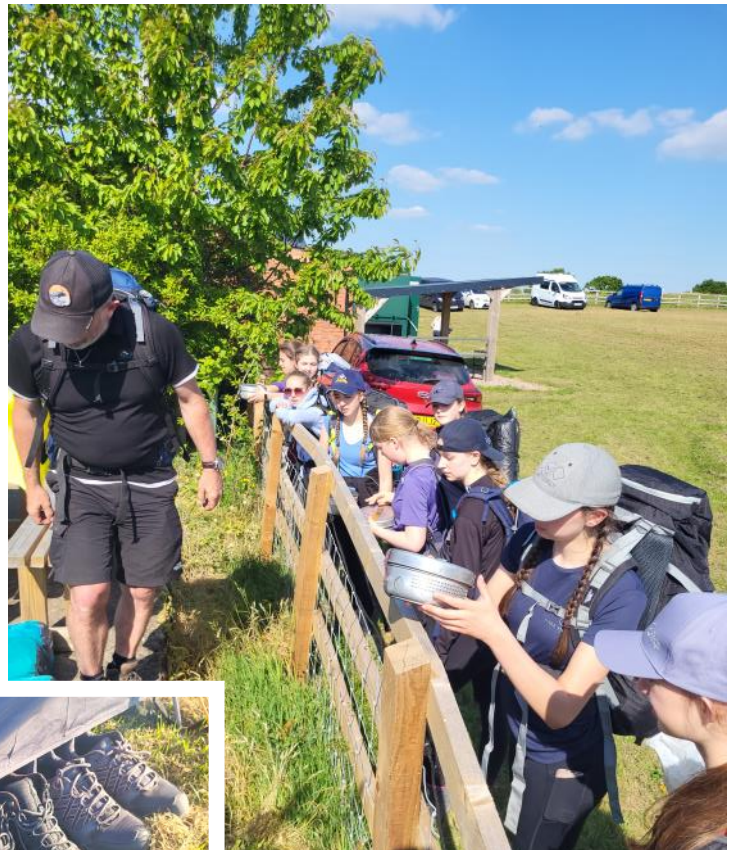
After a long, warm day out on the field, they then collapsed the rucksacks and mustered the effort to attend to their group tents and cooking responsibilities. Valuable calories for the next day, before a well-earned rest.

The early birds on Saturday morning caught sight of hot air balloons overhead whilst seeing to the pans and dismantling tents.

There was an impressive amount of motivation, considering the limited sleep; perhaps some were keen to get it over and done with!

Groups left camp knowing they would need to rely on their map skills to get from checkpoint to checkpoint. The stakes were high, but all groups embraced the challenge and navigated the coursework with full rucksacks in the considerable heat.

Well done Bronze group. Your DofE staff team salute you. Roll on Summer for the Qualifying Expedition.





Year 7 students 'bake a difference' for the MIND mental health charity.

Students from Arley Hall brought a delicious touch of kindness to our school with their inspiring charity bake sale. The sale, entirely organised by the girls, raised funds for MIND, a charity dedicated to improving mental health.

The idea for the bake sale was sparked by the school's termly theme of resilience. Zoe Liput, Ginny Wong and Brook Barnes wanted to contribute to a cause that supports mental health,

believing that MIND's work aligns perfectly with the importance of resilience in overcoming life's challenges. The girls knew that baking up a storm could bring the school together for a meaningful purpose, and they certainly succeeded.

With a wide variety of cakes, cookies and other treats on offer, the sale was a resounding success with £190 raised. Fellow students eagerly lined up to buy the delicious creations,

which sold out in no time. The students' enthusiasm not only showcased their love for a good bake but also their support for the worthy cause. It was clear that the girls had truly put their baking skills to the test, and the results were both tasty and impactful.

This charitable initiative highlights the girls' embodiment

of our school's ethos of social responsibility. By using their talents to give back to the community and support a cause that builds resilience, Zoe, Ginny and Brook have set a shining example for others to follow. As we look toward the summer term, when Inter-Hall fundraising for our five legacy charities begins, there's no doubt that their

actions will inspire many more students to think creatively and make a difference.

The Arley Hall bake sale is a perfect example of how small acts of kindness can have a big impact. We are incredibly proud of Zoe, Ginny and Brook for their hard work, dedication and commitment to helping others.

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In a wonderful display of generosity and social responsibility, two of our talented Year 7 students, Ava Dunn and Florence Askew, have shown that even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

PENS, PAPER AND KINDNESS

Ava, who was inspired by the presence of her Great Grandmother at Westy Hall Care Home, decided to launch a charity stationery sale with the goal of raising funds to improve the residents' experiences at the care home.

Thanks to Ava's initiative and dedication, the sale became a huge success.

Working alongside Ava was Florence, who was instrumental in identifying the types of stationery that students would need, ensuring

that the sale catered to everyone. Together, the girls not only met their customer needs but also provided an excellent opportunity for students to contribute to a meaningful cause.

Their hard work paid off when the sale raised an impressive £130! This money will go directly toward purchasing resources that will make a positive impact on the lives of the residents at Westy Hall, bringing them more joy and comfort.

"This inspiring act of kind-

ness perfectly reflects the ethos of our school, where we encourage students to take responsibility for their community and make a difference where they can", said Mr Hayes. "Ava and Florence have truly shown what it means to act with compassion, and their efforts have left a lasting impression on everyone involved."

Well done, Ava and Florence – your dedication and thoughtfulness have made our school community proud.



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BUG HOTEL UPGRADE

Eco Reps increase wildlife and support the natural environment around school.

Bug hotels benefit lots of minibeasts and insects such as ladybirds, bees, spiders and woodlice. Our Biodiversity Eco Reps had made their initial Bug hotel out of pallets, old bricks, dead leaves and foliage.

Our Year 7–9 students spent the afternoon of Wednesday 7th May working on Bug hotel version 2 behind the 3G pitch. “The old one was

4 years old, and was looking a bit worn out”, said Dr McCombs, who heads up the Biodiversity Eco Reps. “This one is actually a bit of an upgrade. We used an old speaker cabinet, with loads of nooks and crannies already in it, which is really helpful for woodlice and ants. We cut up an old pipe, which is a good habitat for spiders. The bottom layer has some logs and bricks, which are perfect

for slightly larger animals like hedgehogs.”

Very well done to Darcey Capper, Talia Coxon, William Creaney, Elizabeth Deak, Daisy Ecclestone, Ava Edwards, Lara Proctor, Ethan Rankin, Alexia Shadwell, Kaia Shaw, Thea Stockton, Thomas Thundercliffe and Aoife Wood. We’re sure the new inhabitants will love the upgrade!



The previous Bug Hotel had fallen into disrepair.



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SLAM DUNK FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT

Played in quick-fire, 4-minute games, the first Inter-Hall Basketball Tournament for Year 7 and 8 students delivered action-packed entertainment, high skill levels and plenty of Hall pride.



Students suggested 3v3 basketball as a new sporting opportunity they'd like to see introduced at a student voice activity earlier in the year. The enthusiasm shown in those discussions translated perfectly onto the court.

Walton Hall led the way in participation, fielding the most teams, while Tatton and Arley also brought strong representation. The league-format competition ensured

every team faced off, giving all players the chance to showcase their talent – and they didn't disappoint. Spectators, including staff and students, were treated to silky skills, determined defence and some spectacular baskets. It was especially heartening to see the younger Year 7s take to the court with confidence and enthusiasm, squaring up to their Year 8 peers with no shortage of spirit. All games were played

in a fantastic spirit, with mutual respect shown between opponents. Celebrations were matched with handshakes and nods of appreciation for great plays. "It was a real credit to all involved", said Mr Hayes.

Early tournament standouts included Arthur, Will and Seb from Arley, whose eye-catching teamwork and energy put them top of the standings in the opening rounds. Walton's Viktor took on a



leadership role, organising substitutes and rallying his team when fatigue set in, showcasing great determination and Hall pride.

But as the week went on, one team rose clearly above the rest. The Dunham trio (Charlie, Will and Max) put on a basketball masterclass, racking up a staggering +21 point difference in

their matches. Their dominance was confirmed with a commanding win over a strong Tatton side on Tuesday 20th May to seal the title.

The tournament concluded with a celebratory trophy presentation, where the Dunham boys lifted the inaugural Inter-Hall 3v3 Basketball Trophy to well-deserved applause.

HALL TOGETHER

Our ParentPay push has now raised £916.25. Many thanks to all of our parents and carers who have contributed. Our next fundraiser will take place on Sunday 1st June at the [High Legh Teas](#). Please do come along and support this special event. We need to sell all our cakes, sandwiches and other baked goodies.



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 1st June

High Legh Teas
fundraiser

Thursday 5th June

Year 8 Battlefields trip
departs

Tuesday 17th June

Fashion Show

Monday 23rd June

Year 11 Induction Day
to Sixth Form

w/c Monday 23rd June

Year 7 Residential to
Ty'n-y-Felin

Year 12 Work
Experience week

Wednesday 25th June

Art & Tech Exhibition

Thursday 26th June

Year 11 Prom

w/c Monday 30th June

Year 7 Residential to
Ty'n-y-Felin

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SWIMMING GALA: A SPLASHING SUCCESS!

On a fantastic morning of competition and teamwork, Year 7 and 8 gathered for the much-anticipated event that saw skill, determination and house spirit take centre stage.

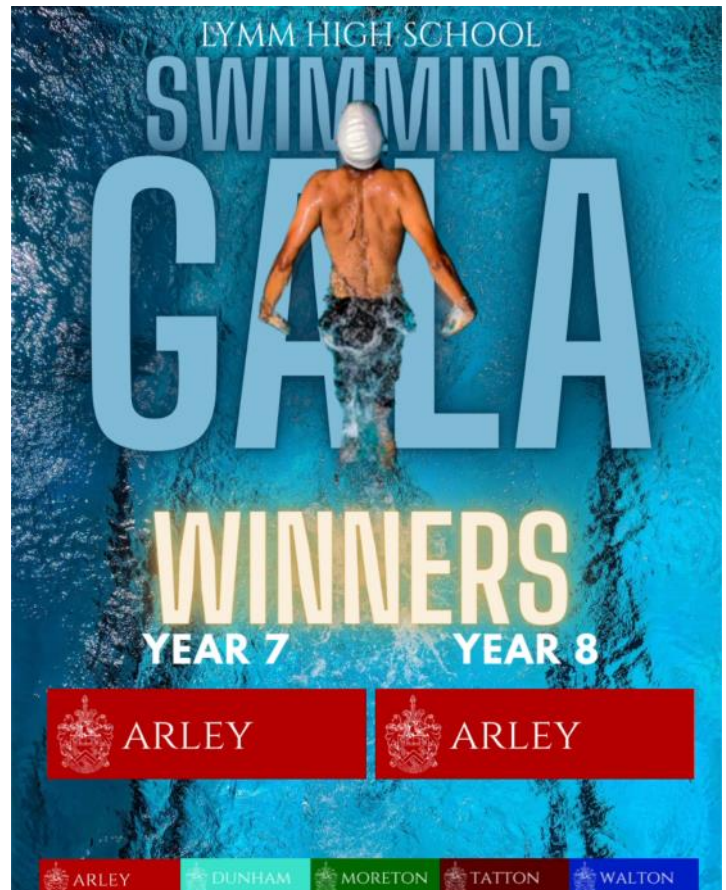
The Inter-Hall gala, held in the school's impressive swimming pool, was a thrilling display of athleticism, camaraderie and sportsmanship, writes Mr Kerwin.

The five Halls competed fiercely for the coveted top spot, but it was Arley who emerged victorious, clinching the overall win as well as dominating both Year 7 and Year 8 competitions. Their swimmers displayed incredible talent and teamwork, showcasing their dedication and preparation for the event.

In a variety of races, including individual sprints, relays and freestyle challenges, each Hall cheered on their swimmers with great enthusiasm. The competition was tight, with many thrilling moments as the swimmers powered through the water, but Arley's

performance was truly outstanding across both year groups.

A special mention must go to the Year 9 Sports Leaders, who not only organised the event but also ran it with exceptional



professionalism. Their leadership and hard work ensured the event went smoothly, with every race executed on time and with precision. The support and encouragement they provided to all participants was invaluable, making the gala an unforgettable experience for both the competitors and spectators.

Arley's winning spirit was evident throughout, as they celebrated their triumph with pride. But, as always, the true highlight of the day was the way all students came together to support each other, regardless of which Hall they represented. The friendly competition, sportsmanship and fun atmosphere left everyone with memories to cherish.

Congratulations to Arley for their fantastic win, and a big thank you to everyone who participated in making this event such a success. We look forward to next year's event and the exciting challenges that lie ahead!

TYNNY TRIP

A small group of Year 7 students visited our residential centre at Ty'n-y-Felin on Anglesey on Thursday 15th May.

Ahead of the whole year residential to 'Tynny' next month, the purpose of the day trip was to familiarise the students with the surroundings and to try to allay any worries some of the students may have about the full residential. They had a tour of the centre and the grounds, visited the beach, and even had time to enjoy an ice cream.

"The students had a lovely day and benefitted greatly from the visit", said Head of Year 7 Ms Taylor. "We now look forward to welcoming the rest of Year 7 to Tynny."



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YEAR 8 & 9 GIRLS

MARBELLA SPORTS TOUR 2025

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Sixty Year 8 and 9 girls took part in the Sports Tour to Marbella on 14–17th May.

The trip began with an early meet at Manchester Airport (3.30am!). The girls were very excited to start their Sports Tour and embark on their trip to the south of Spain, writes Mrs Slater.

Any signs of tiredness were quickly forgotten when we arrived at the hotel and the girls checked into their rooms.

However, there was no time to relax: we were straight out to our Hockey fixtures, which took

place against local opposition in Benalmadena.

The girls played amazingly well and even though we came away with a loss they battled really hard throughout in hot conditions.

Day 2 started with pro-coaching sessions with Malaga FC. The girls then put their new football skills into practice with 7-side games against local opposition.

We saw some brilliant games with a 4–3 win for the 9A team and a 4–2 win for 9B. The Year 8 football team also won 5–2. A clean sweep for the football games! Well done girls!

In between training and matches, the girls made the most of their leisure time, relaxing by the pool and exploring the amenities at the Marbella Estepona Atalaya Park. This included volleyball and getting involved with the Dance Fit (which was a definite highlight)!

Day 3 involved training sessions with Netball coaches and then a trip over to Gibraltar to play against Gibraltar Netball Club



YEAR 8 & 9 GIRLS SPORTS TOUR 2025



(where the Netball Youth World Cup will be played this year).

There were some great games from our five teams with a mix of wins and losses. We also made use of the excellent facilities, and the girls got to play some internal matches against each other too.

This was followed by a bit of leisure time and an awards presentation. Then it was time to head back to the airport.

A trip full of fantastic memories and new friends being made!

Until next time Spain!!



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NETBALL SEASON ROUND-UP

What a great year for participation!, writes Mrs Walsh.

We have played over 65 matches from Year 7 to Year 13. We continue to play friendly matches against the good netball schools: Loreto Grammar School, Altrincham Grammar School, Bridgewater High School, Kings Chester, Kings Macclesfield, Wellington High School and others.

We also have competed in the Cheshire Schools competitions with all our teams positioning easily in the top 10 in Cheshire. A very special mention to our Year 9 team who got to the last eight of the National Schools SNS Shield competition, narrowly missing out on the finals at Loughborough University by

losing 30/34 to Bury Grammar School.

The senior team have also had a successful season in the National Cup SNS Shield competition getting to the last 16 but losing to Stonyhurst College 26/32. The seniors also came 2nd in the Northwest College Netball league 2024/25.

Individual thanks go to the following captains who have worked hard supporting staff and their team throughout the season: Year 8 Maggie Cresswell, Year 9 Evie-May Williams, Year 10 Lila Fitton, Year 11 Niamh Wilce, and Seniors Eliza Simmons and Sophia Schache.

CHESHIRE COUNTY PATHWAY NETBALLERS

Congratulations to Ellie-Grace Stuart who has played for Cheshire U15 Academy this season; and to Sophia Schache and Zita Walsh who have played for Cheshire U17.

Sophia was also selected for the Cheshire tour to USA, and Zita was selected to play for Cheshire vs U17 Scotland. Both Sophia and Zita have also been selected to go to Cardiff with Cheshire to play the Welsh U17 team this month.

