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Art in Anglesey,  
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Visual Arts students  
added to their  
portfolios with some  
Tynny inspiration.

Swinging success,  
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Students paired  
with staff for the  
latest Inter-Hall  
Bucket Golf  
tournament.

# NEWSLETTER

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## MAKING A SPLASH!

Lymm Leisure Centre is undergoing an exciting period of development after suffering setbacks due to the Covid pandemic.

**I**n 2020, the Leisure Centre was unfortunately put in a position where staff reductions were needed and therefore opening hours were affected. This meant the centre had to drastically reduce its hours available to the public from 7 days a week down to 4 weekday evenings and weekends only.

The team has felt incredibly appreciative of their standing, as many pools have been forced to close altogether considering the same circumstances, writes Leisure Attendant and Swimming Teacher Jenna Ashall. Even before the pandemic, leisure centres, and particularly swimming

pools, were in a vulnerable position. The latest figures from Swim England state that: '500 swimming pools have been lost since 2010, totalling a massive 34,859 square metres of water space. Of all the pools lost in that time, almost half (42%) have been lost since 2020.'

The team at Lymm Leisure Centre, with the help and support of Lymm High School, have been working hard to move onwards and upwards and regain their accessibility to the community of Lymm and they have achieved an awful lot over the past 5 years.

Firstly, as of August 2024, Lymm Leisure Centre has managed to clear its debt and become profitable again. To have been able to do this with limited opening hours has been a huge achievement and has meant that we are now able to put some funding into developing and modernising the centre.

You may have noticed some physical developments at the centre: new branding and signage, photo displays on

the pool windows to easily identify the pool space, new flooring throughout the corridors, and new dry-side changing rooms. You'll also soon be seeing the first phase in the development of the pool-side changing rooms, beginning work at the end of June 2025 with the women's changing area.



There has also been a plethora of operational changes at the centre, further highlighting its development and modernisation. We have introduced a [fresh new website](#) that includes a new online portal where you can

manage memberships and bookings. To add to this technological advancement, there is updated Technogym equipment in the gym, which means you can enhance gym workouts with an online app.

In 2024, in an effort to really embrace the community, the centre showcased the first of what will be many annual fun days, raising money for local causes (see p.23). There has also been an upturn in clubs and classes available to the community at the Leisure Centre, including half-term provision for local children. And as swimming is at the heart of what we do, Lymm Leisure Centre has also offered extensive pool time and swim teaching to Lymm High School and local primary schools to help





develop their swimming and water safety skills, offering more regular weekly pool space than previous years.

There have been more opportunities for Lymm Sixth Form students and the local community to become qualified in the leisure industry as well. We've had more RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification courses run than in previous years, introduced the STA award, as well as certificate courses in teaching swimming and first aid.

The latest development has been the introduction of a new member of staff, which means that the centre has now been able to achieve a major milestone of broadening the opening hours back to the community again. From July 2025, the centre will be operating a new timetable, which includes Monday–Friday mornings sessions for gym users and swimmers. Morning swimming, in particular, is something that we have not seen at the centre since before the pandemic. To celebrate this milestone, Lymm Leisure Centre will be offering a promotional 'Comeback Swim Pass'



throughout July – £10 all you can swim for one month!

The staff at Lymm Leisure Centre feel extremely proud of all they have achieved over the past 5 years and are excited for what the next few

may bring. They would like to offer their thanks to the local community and Lymm High School for all their support as these achievements wouldn't be possible without them.

## SLAM DUNK

Well done to Mert Hadzhiev from Arley Hall.

The Year 9 student was the winner of our Year 9 Inter-Hall Basketball Shooting Competition.







Students were treated to two choreography workshops from Dope Male Performance Co.

**T**he Crewe-based, professional hip-hop influenced performance group was founded by choreographer Jack Robinson in 2012.

This emerging dance company is rapidly gaining recognition right across the UK.

Two of the company, Max and Alex, visited Lymm High on 3rd and 4th June to undertake dance workshops with selected Year 9 and Year 10 students one day, and then Year 7 and Year 8 students the following day.

The choreography that's been created and taught will be staged and a piece will be put together for the students to perform at Lymm

Festival at the end of this month.

“As a department we are so excited to be bringing this great opportunity to the students and the school”, said Mrs Swift.

“They've loved it!”







LYMM HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# SISTER ACT JR.

SHOW DATES

(JULY 2025)

**MONDAY 14TH**

**TUESDAY 15TH**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH**

**7.00PM | MAIN HALL**

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SCHOOL FINANCE AND MIS OFFICE  
(THE OLD SCHOOL SHOP)

ADULTS **£10**

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# MAPPING THE LANDSCAPE



On Monday 19th May, 45 Visual Arts students set off on an inspiring 3-day residential trip to Ty'n-y-Felin in Anglesey.

The theme of the trip was 'Mapping the Landscape', and over the course of the visit, GCSE Fine Art, Photography and/or Textiles & Fashion students created a wide range of experimental artwork to support their GCSE coursework.

## **Day One: Inspiration from the landscape**

The trip began with preparations, as students researched the work of artists Mark Powell, Anna Atkins and Lorraine Brown – whose unique approaches to landscape and material provided influence for the theme of the project.

- Mark Powell is known for his detailed

biro drawings, often created on vintage documents like old maps and letters, offering a blend of history and fine detail.

- Anna Atkins was a pioneering 19th-century botanist and photographer who used cyanotypes – a photographic printing process that produces a rich blue image – to document plant life.
- Lorraine Brown creates layered, mixed media landscapes that combine stitch, drawing and collage, which provided perfect inspiration for the final outcomes of the trip.

Armed with their sketchbooks and cameras, students spent the afternoon walking to the nearby beach to gather inspiration. They completed observational drawings in their concertina sketchbooks, collected natural objects such as shells, seaweed, feathers and flowers, and took numerous photographs to bring the landscape back to the centre with them.

Back at the centre, students completed their sketchbooks with a focus on showing their creative journey, setting the stage for their final piece: a circular, mixed media artwork inspired by their surroundings.

### **Day Two: Art, adventure and exploration**



The second day was a perfect mix of adventure and art. Students rotated between an exciting watersports session (including coasteering and kayaking in the breathtaking bay of Rhoscolyn) and workshops led back at the centre by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Collins.

In the art sessions, students experimented with:

- Cyanotypes: a photographic technique where objects are placed on special light-sensitive paper and exposed to sunlight, creating vivid, shadowy prints.
- Monoprinting: a form of printmaking using ink, rollers and oil pastels.

These techniques allowed students to build a wide range of elements to include in their final mixed media compositions, experimenting with texture, tone and collage. The day ended on a high note with the group gathered around the fire pit, reflecting on the day and toasting marshmallows. An idyllic end to a fun-filled and creative day.

### **Day Three: Bringing it all together**



On the final morning, students worked with Mrs Taylor, Miss Anderson and Mrs Collins to pull together all of their individual elements into their final pieces. They added finishing



touches using pen, paint, oil, pastel and even stitch, bringing together everything they had produced over the 3 days.



To celebrate the work produced, students took part in a mini exhibition, walking around the classrooms to view each other's final pieces and appreciating the different styles and interpretations of the landscape.

The trip concluded with a celebration, and awards were given to students whose creativity, bravery and positive attitude had stood out: Sam Morris, Jessica Minnery, Halle Lomas, Hayfa Mohamad and Abi Craig.

A huge well done to these students, and to the entire group, who embraced every part of the trip with energy, open-mindedness, and a willingness to try new techniques outside of their usual art, photography or textiles work.

This trip was not just about making art work: it was about stepping out of comfort zones, connecting with nature, and building memories that will last forever.

We can't wait to see how this experience shapes their GCSE projects in the months to come!





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# CHEMISTRY QUIZZERS

Four of our top chemists (two from Year 9 and two from Year 10) ventured into central Manchester on Friday 13th June to represent Lymm High in the annual Chemquiz competition.

“We were hosted by Manchester Metropolitan University in the Dalton Building for a day of practical investigation, quizzes and explosive demonstrations”, said Head of Science Dr Dodds. “We competed against 35 other schools from across Greater Manchester.”

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working in the university laboratories and did themselves proud with a fantastic show of knowledge in the quiz.

They were awarded joint first prize in the quiz section, tied with Manchester High School for Girls and The Grange, and walked away with some lovely goodies.

“We definitely cheered the loudest for Bridgewater High School, who were the overall winners of the day”, said Dr Dodds. “I took them to pay homage to the great chemist John Dalton himself and see his statue.” John Dalton was



an English chemist, physicist and meteorologist who is best known for introducing the atomic theory into chemistry.

Well done to Ethan Inskip, Jessica Wright, Noah Richardson and Joe McDonald.






# CAREERS FAIR

Years 8 to 13

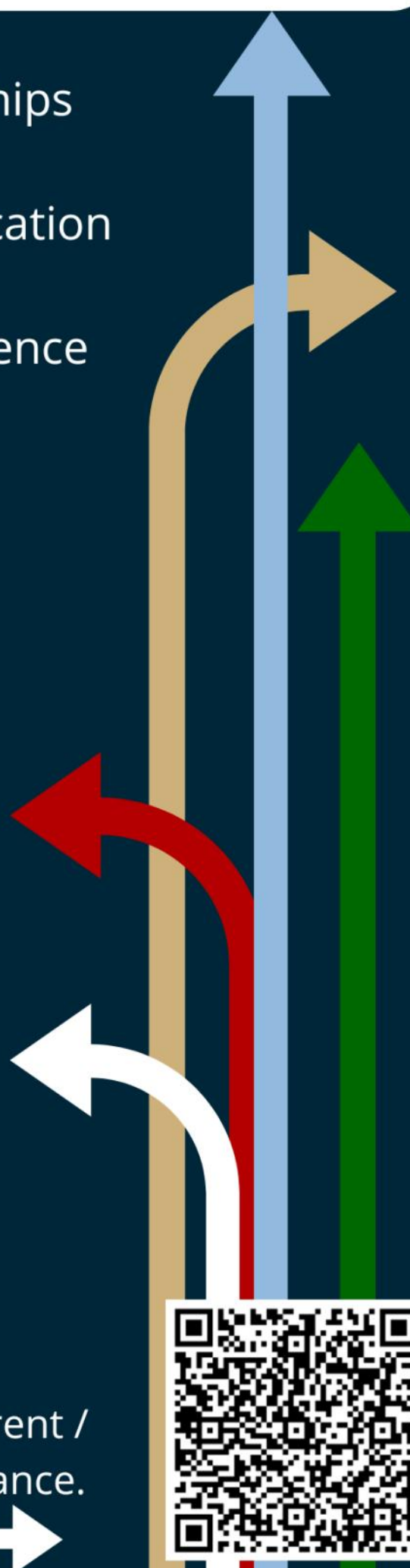
**Tuesday 8th July 2025**  
5.00pm - 7.00pm

**LHS Sports Hall**

Students should attend with their parent / carer. Tickets must be booked in advance. Scan here to book tickets. 

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# BUDDING RESEARCHERS

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On Tuesday 3rd June, Year 10 Fashion and Textiles students visited High Legh Garden Centre as part of the launch of their new coursework project, titled 'Botanicals'.

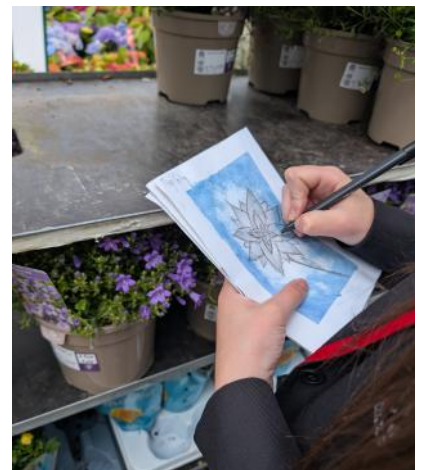
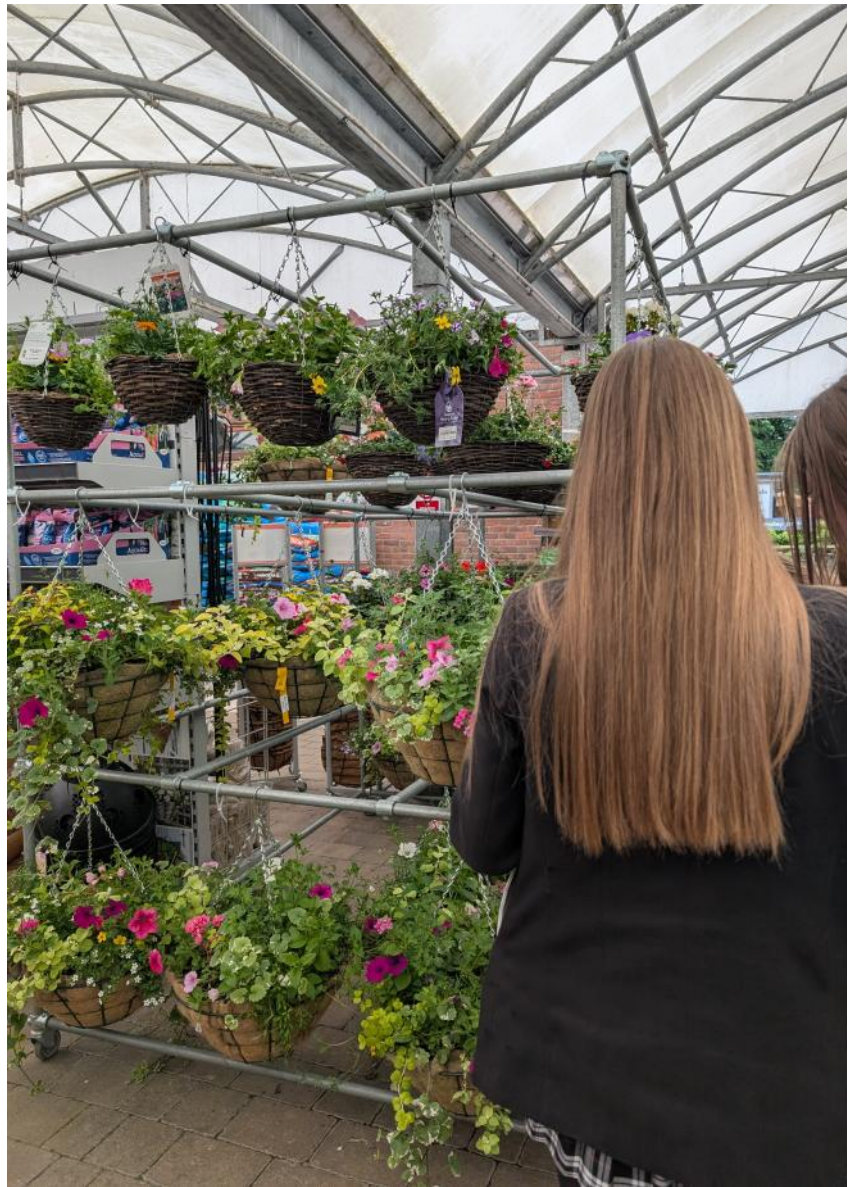
The visit marked the beginning of an exciting journey, as students began gathering vital primary research. Surrounded by hundreds of stunning flowers and plants, the garden centre provided the perfect setting.

Armed with their sketchbooks and cameras, students captured the vibrant colours, unique textures, and intricate shapes that will go on to inspire their textile samples in the coming weeks.

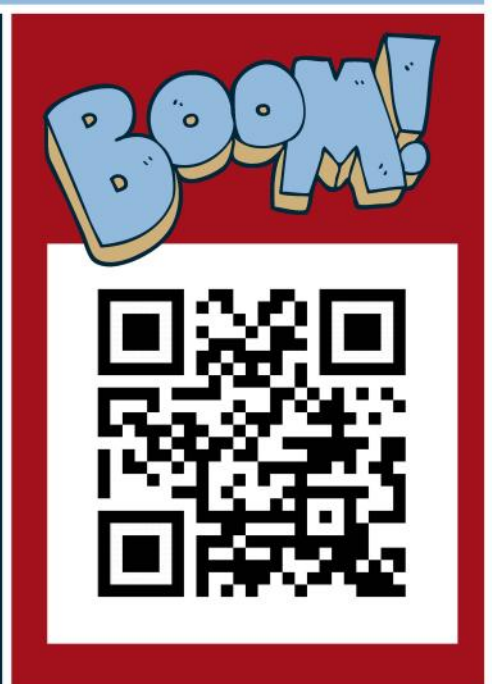
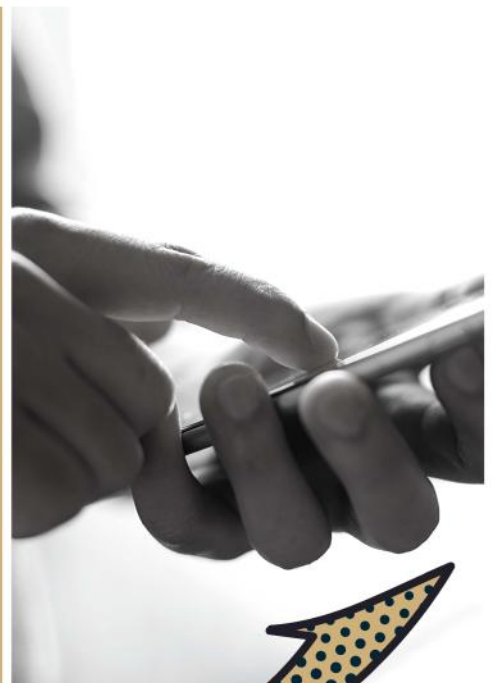
All students threw themselves into the task, exploring the grounds thoroughly and thoughtfully. From bold blooms to delicate foliage, students made the most of the opportunity to gather a wide range of visual material.

This research will form the foundation for their coursework, sparking ideas and informing the development of their designs.

"The Visual Arts department are incredibly proud of the focus and enthusiasm shown by all involved, and we can't wait to see the beautiful, botanical-inspired creations they produce!", said Miss Simms.









# DOUGHNUT DONATION

A big round of applause for Year 7 Aoife Wood, whose sweet idea made a huge difference!



Driven by a personal connection to Cancer Research UK, Aoife was determined to raise as much money as possible for this important cause. Her brilliant plan was to sell delicious doughnuts during break time – and they were gone in a flash!

Thanks to Aoife's hard work and the generosity of everyone who bought a treat, she raised over £160 for Cancer Research UK. The whole school is incredibly proud of her dedication and success. Well done, Aoife. You really proved that a little kindness (and a lot of doughnuts) can go a long way!



## FOOD TECH FUN

On the 12th and 13th June, we welcomed 60 students from Ravenbank Primary School to Lymm High. As part of their Year 6 transition events, each group had a fantastic morning in our Food Technology department. They started the day with a fun food quiz and the students then made some pizzas and pizza pin wheels followed by a tasty sponge tray bake topped with icing and sprinkles.

We look forward to seeing them all at High School in September.



## COUNTDOWN TO FOUNDERS' DAY

Lymm High is celebrating its Founders' Day on Wednesday 16th July. In the run up to this important charity event, Year 10 students from each Hall are selling cans of pop from the Courtyard servery on the English Yard. The cans cost £1 and all profits raised will go to the [Inter-Hall charities](#). This week Arley was supporting the Meningitis Research Foundation.



# LYMM RUNNERS



# LYMM TRAIL RACES

Festival



## SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 25



### Registration Fees

- \* Fun Run £5.00
- \* JUNIOR Race (aged 10-16) £9.00  
less £2 for UKA membership
- \* ADULT Race £17.00 (16+) less £2  
for UKA membership

### **RUNS & TIMINGS**

**1 MILE - KIDS FUN RUN : 10:30AM**

**2 - MILE JUNIOR RACE: 11:00AM**

**5 MILE RUN ADULT RUN : 11:45AM**

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to the Woodland Trust







## Inter-Hall Golf was a swinging success!

**F**or the first 2 weeks of June, the school community was gripped by the thrilling spectacle of the Inter-House Bucket Golf competition. With students and staff pairing up to represent their Halls, the event showcased an impressive mix of talent, enthusiasm and the occasional wild swing!

From the outset, competitors of all skill levels took to the course, with novices and seasoned

golfers alike vying for glory. Arley's Mason Castle made waves early on, stepping in for a Hallmate and storming to a clubhouse lead at 8 under par. Meanwhile, Holly Cochrane and Freya Brown had an absolute blast, proving that enjoyment matters more than the scoreboard as they wrapped up their round with a cheerful +22 over par.

Leadership was on full display as Heads of





partner Dominic Duff delivered an impressive round of 4 under par but fell just short.

Ultimately, it was Jake Doubleday and James Coe who triumphed, lifting the coveted claret jug and retaining the trophy for Tatton Hall. Their consistency and teamwork saw them edge ahead, proving that precision and patience are key to mastering the art of bucket golf!

Competitors are already looking forward to next year's tournament – where no doubt, new rivalries, underdog stories, and astonishing shots will take centre stage once again. Until then, keep practicing those chips!

Hall took to the course, leading by example. Even senior staff got in on the action, with Mr Williams teaming up with Huw Williams to ensure SLT representation. Teachers also proved their mettle, with contributions from Mrs O'Brien, Mr Dore, Miss Barnes, Mr Dobson, Mr Sweeney and Mr Iddon. While they played with pride, they ultimately didn't make the cut for the final round.

The competition heated up as teams who finished at level par secured spots in the final. Tatton's Jake Doubleday matched Mrs Wagstaff's incredible hole-in-one, while Stevie Atkinson 'chipped in' twice, helping to secure joint third place alongside Arley's Mason Castle and Rhys Marrington.

Despite sunny skies, the final proved challenging as gusty winds wreaked havoc on the more experienced players. Pre-tournament favourites including Mr Kerwin and Declan Richardson, along with Mr Slater-Davies and Gabe Gyepi-Garbrah, struggled to adjust to the tricky links-style conditions. Walton's Joe Worsfold, deputising for Mr Dore, and his





# HONOURING OUR STUDENTS

Many will be aware that we have striking wooden Honours Boards in school.

These are located along the walls as you walk into main school from Reception. The panels display the names of all the Lymm High School students who have, over the years, represented their county or country at sport. Recognition is also given to those students who win individual county/regional competitions or are placed (top 3) in national competitions.

These boards are updated every 2 years, and we are pleased to say that the latest boards have just been unveiled in the Atrium.



## DREAMS OF A GENERATION

On Thursday 3rd July (10–11am), students from Years 7–13 are taking part in a drama, dance and singing performance at Chester's Festival of Ideas.

The students will use their voices to explore their dreams about their personal futures, and also their dreams for the future of society, and the environment. It promises to be an uplifting and dynamic performance showcasing the positivity of this generation of high school students.

For free tickets, please [click here](#).



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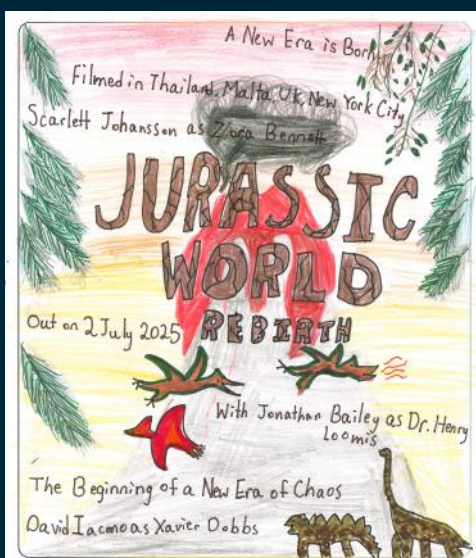
Ginny Wong, Lois Johnston-Starrs, Max Osborne and Ember Brown in Year 7 have created some very exciting designs to submit to the Sky Up competition.



Max Osborne, 7DL

The challenge was to design a poster for the new *Jurassic World Rebirth* movie, which is being released on Wednesday 2nd July. The designer of the winning poster entry and their Form group will have the opportunity to visit [Sky Up Academy Studios](#), a state-of-the-art extended reality studio based on the same film lot where *Jurassic World Rebirth* was filmed.

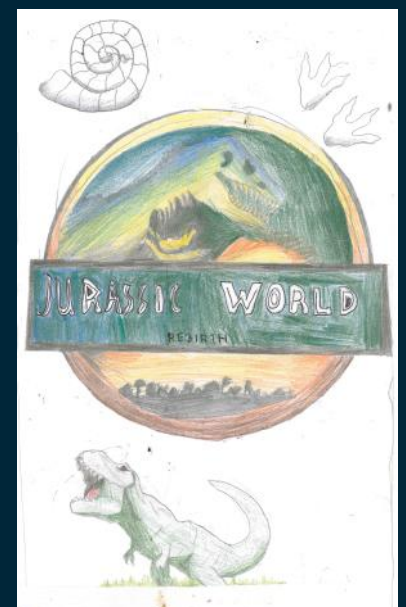
The Technology faculty would like to wish all four students the best of luck with the competition. As you can see, they have created some stunning designs!



Ginny Wong, 7AH



Lois Johnston-Starrs, 7MH



Ember Brown, 7MH





## PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

Our Year 8 Wellbeing Champions have been busy this half term visiting our local Primary Schools to help Year 5 and Year 6 students learn about healthy minds.

The group created their own 1-hour lesson exploring how to understand emotions and how to look after your own wellbeing.

The Year 8 students helped the Primary School pupils practise breathing techniques, consider who to speak to if they needed to ask for help, and answered any questions about their next steps to High School. Our students really enjoyed working with the younger children to support their wellbeing.

The Primary Schools visited were: St. Wilfred's, Little Bollington, Ravenbank Primary School, Oughtrington Primary School, Cherry Tree Primary School and Statham Primary School.



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young carers?**

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## CARING FOR CARERS

In June, the Warrington Carers Team visited Lymm High to deliver assemblies to all year groups, raising awareness around the importance of support for young carers.

Mrs Hunter, School Mental Health Lead, is our current Young Carers Champion in school. Please contact her for more information around how to access young carers support in school. Alternatively, [click here](#) to contact the team directly.



# LEADING BY EXAMPLE



Year 12 BTEC Sports students helped to run a primary school tri golf competition last week.

“The Sixth Formers were absolutely brilliant leading the activities”, said Mrs Slater. “They organised and led a really lovely event.”

They were brilliant role models to the Primary School children and the teachers of the Primaries were praising their efforts and leadership skills. Well done!

**8  
JULY**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to participate in mock interviews with our Year 10 students on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (9.45-12:15pm). If you have previous experience in recruitment or working with young people and would like to help run 1-to-1 mock interview sessions, please email Miss Williams ([NWilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:NWilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk)).



# NEXT STOP THE NATIONALS!



Congratulations to Lillie Shaw, who has just qualified her pony for the British National Show Jumping finals.

When the Year 7 student started at Lymm High School, her ambition was to qualify for the nationals, which she achieved at the end of May. "This is a massive achievement for a new class to her", says mum Abi.

Lillie 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 September 2025.

Congratulations Lillie and D'Amour D'Amerrier!

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**LYMM LEISURE CENTRE**  
**SUNDAY 27TH JULY**  
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 Sports taster sessions  
 Bouncy castles • face painting  
 Free swimming  
 Fairground rides  
 Food stalls  
 and more!





# EUROPEAN WORLD KICKBOXING CHAMP

Following on from winning the title of National Kickboxing Champion in the 16–17-year-old age category earlier this year, Jake Sands' year continues to be knockout!

**T**he Year 12 student competed at the World Kickboxing Organisation (WKO) European Open on Saturday 17th May at Barnsley Metrodome and won the 17–18 age category (weight 69.1–74kg). This means that Jake is now the 2025 WKO Open European Champion.

What a tremendous achievement. Well done Jake!



## UPCOMING DATES

**Thursday 3rd July**

Summer Concert

**Monday 7th July**

Rewards Trip

**Tuesday 8th July**

Careers Fair (see p.11)

**Wednesday 9th July**

Awards Evening

**Thursday 10th July**

Year 13 Prom

**14–16th July**

KS3 Sister Act school production  
(see p.5)

**Tuesday 15th July**

Sports Day

**Wednesday 16th July**

Founders' Day

Founders' Day Service,  
St. Mary's Church, 6pm

**Friday 18th July**

Early finish at 12.15pm

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