

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Welcome back!**

Dear families

I do hope you have all been able to make the most of the fabulous weather we've had this summer. It has been lovely to welcome all the students back to school today. Notwithstanding some bleary eyes first thing this morning of those who clearly haven't had to wake up so early for a good while, there has been a wonderful energy around the place. Of course, Years 7 and 12 came back yesterday and I must say that they have made a very positive impression already. It's great to be back.

From the school's perspective, it's been another really positive summer. We were delighted with GCSE and A' Level exam results, which will again be right towards the very top end of schools in our region – and indeed nationally. We have also been named by the *Daily Mail* as one of their [top 100 schools](#) in the country – the only school in Cheshire to feature on the list. As ever, we know we are not perfect and will be working very hard to keep improving, but it is certainly nice to begin the year from this kind of position.

Our messages to the students this morning have been the same as ever: work hard, take part in as many extra-curricular activities as you can, and strive always to be socially responsible people. I have been here long enough to know that you will be reinforcing similar messages at home, and we are all looking forward to working in partnership with you again to ensure all our amazing young people have a happy and successful year.

Kind regards  
Gwyn Williams

**Every day counts**

We're excited to welcome all our students back for the new school year this week. I am sure many of you will have read the recent BBC article on school attendance, which highlights that being in school every single day is vital for children's progress, confidence and long-term success. Missing even a day in this first week can set unhelpful patterns for the year ahead.

We know many of you are also looking forward to the return of school routines (and perhaps a little peace and quiet at home too!). By ensuring your child is here every day, you're giving them the best start – and giving yourselves a well-earned breather as well.

We have been asked to share [this letter from Warrington Borough Council](#), which outlines their policy on Fixed Penalty notices, please take a moment to read this carefully.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Jennings

**Uniform expectations**

As we return to school, please check uniform is in line with our policy. [Click here](#) to read the letter sent home before the summer holidays.

### Mobile phone pouches and early finish – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Students will be given their mobile phone pouch tomorrow: **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Please [click here](#) for a reminder of how this will work. Please note that students will be dismissed slightly early at the end of the day to give them an opportunity to locate the unlocking stations and practise unlocking their pouches:

- 2.45pm: Year 7
- 2.50pm: Years 8 and 9
- 3pm: Years 10 and 11

We will do the same thing on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. The current plan is then to allow Years 7–9 out a few minutes early for a couple more days after that before a return to normal finishing times for everyone by the end of the week. If it is taking longer than that to get used to using the unlocking stations, we will let parents know in due course.

Please also remind your child the importance of locking their phone in the pouch during Tutor time from Monday morning (they should not lock it away before then so that the process can be supervised by their Tutor). They should already be well aware that failure to do this will lead to the phone being confiscated until 3.30pm the following school day, when it will need to be collected by a parent/carer or other responsible adult.

### Year group photographs

On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**, Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form students will be taking part in whole year photoshoots. This will take place outside (weather dependent), and disruption to classes will be kept to a minimum. Please can you ensure students arrive to school in full, smart uniform and are aware of the photos being taken. Should the weather be inclement, we will look to either move the photoshoot to the Sports Hall or reschedule. Students, parents and carers will have the opportunity to buy a copy of the print in due course.

### 41 bus

We are aware of some issues with the 41 bus this morning and some students not being allowed on because it was apparently full. We have been in touch with the bus company and made our feelings very clear. They have promised us they are looking into it urgently. We will let you know if, and when, we hear anything more.

### Careers Education volunteering in school

Every year, we work hard to provide students with real-life experience of the world of work and aim to expose them to as many employers and training providers as we possibly can. We are incredibly lucky to have such great support from parents, alumni and the local workforce, as well as fantastic local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers; and we'd like to urge you to volunteer this academic year if you possibly can. Last year, we had volunteers supporting with Oxbridge interviews, our Careers Fair, Year 10 post-16 Intentions Day, Year 10 mock interviews, Year 9 Take Your Child To Work Day activities for students in school, careers advice for specific careers, assemblies, National Careers Week, National Apprenticeship Week and much more. We will message out at various points during the year – if you can help, we would love you to, so please respond to [NWilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:NWilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk). Please also [click here](#) for a lovely account from one of our volunteers last year who helped us for the first time at the Year 10 post-16 Intentions Day.

### Extra-curricular sports consent

Please can parents complete the form on [this webpage](#) if your child wishes to play extra-curricular sport this year. This needs to be completed at the start of every year in order to be selected. Many thanks.

### Cross-Country Races

Warrington Athletics Club organises cross-country races for local schools. The dates of this year's races are **Saturday 27th September** and **Saturday 13th December**. This extra-curricular sport opportunity is open to Years 7-11. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### Year 7 boys football

Year 7 boys football training runs every Friday. Students need to head to the changing rooms down by the PE office after school, and need full Lymm High School PE kit with socks, shin pads and boots. The session will run from 3.15–4.15pm.

In addition, we have the Manchester Grammar fixture on **Wednesday 10th September** where we take all our football teams over to their school for the annual competition. To be selected, students must attend training this **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

There are games for everyone, and training is for absolutely anyone who wants to play football! If students have any questions, please pop to the PE office.

### Cashless catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via ParentPay to ensure your child is able to purchase food at break and during lunchtimes. You can [click here](#) to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be [viewed here](#).

### Easy Fundraising

You can help us raise money for Lymm High's PTA while online shopping at no extra cost to yourselves. All you need to do is go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and select Lymm High School as your cause, school will then receive a percentage donation. Last year, we raised over £700 just by shopping! As always, thank you for your support.

### LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Ms Wray, who won £120.90! You could be a winner too! If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website [here](#). If you want to find out how the school lottery works, please [click here](#). Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

## LOWER SCHOOL

### Year 7 Free School Meals

If you currently receive any of these [benefits](#), your child may be entitled to Free School Meals – this is a daily credit to spend in the school canteen at lunch, currently £2.70 per day. As a result of our cashless catering system, it is unnoticeable to your child or any other students that they receive this extra support so we really do encourage you to apply if there is even a small possibility that you could be eligible. Being eligible for Free School Meals also means your child automatically becomes eligible for something called Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium is funding given to schools so they can support eligible students, mainly to improve educational outcomes. We currently use this funding in all sorts of ways which you can see on our website. We know times continue to be tough and how much young people seem to eat as they grow so this is one small way for parents and carers to get a little more support if needed. Please [click here](#) to download the

Free School Meal application form which can either be returned to school (to Mrs Mogey in Student Services) or directly to Warrington Borough Council (phoning the number on the form is usually quickest way to check your eligibility).

If you have any questions about Free School Meals, please direct them to Mrs A Mogey ([amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk)).

### KS3 Life Programme

Life Programme covers the statutory requirements for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). It plays an essential role in supporting our students' personal growth, social awareness, and emotional wellbeing. Delivered during Form times, extended sessions, assemblies, and workshops, it equips students with the skills and knowledge to navigate life's challenges and build positive relationships.

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 10th September**. Key Stage 3 students will focus on the following topics:

- **Year 7:** *Building Friendships and Healthy Relationships* – Students will explore what makes a good friend, the qualities of healthy friendships, and how to resolve conflicts positively.
- **Year 8:** *Understanding Multiculturalism and Tackling Racism* – This session will encourage students to embrace cultural diversity, while addressing the impact of racism and how to create an inclusive environment.
- **Year 9:** *Developing Positive Relationships and Recognising Bullying* – Students will learn how to identify unhealthy behaviours, understand the effects of bullying, and build respectful and supportive relationships.

Further details about Life Programme will be shared with parents in a letter next week.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### KS4 Life Programme

Life Programme covers the statutory requirements for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). It plays an essential role in supporting our students' personal growth, social awareness, and emotional wellbeing. Delivered during Form times, extended sessions, assemblies, and workshops, it equips students with the skills and knowledge to navigate life's challenges and build positive relationships.

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 10th September**. Key Stage 4 students will focus on the following topics:

- **Year 10:** *Navigating Healthy Romantic Relationships* – This session will focus on the key components of healthy romantic relationships, including trust, communication and respect.
- **Year 11:** *Relationships and Commitment* – Year 11 students will reflect on the importance of commitment in relationships, covering topics like responsibility, loyalty and long-term partnerships.

Further details about Life Programme will be shared with parents in a letter next week.