

The first day of December! This week we encourage you to use the spirit of the season to pause, look back and plan ahead. Just as the upcoming holiday encourages reflection, gratitude and hope, this is your chance to think about how far you've come in your A' Level journey, recognise what you're doing well, and identify where you want to grow.

By setting clear goals and understanding your own learning habits, you can head into the New Year with confidence, focus, and a renewed sense of purpose.

MAKATON

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See p.17 for further information.

Y13 Parents Evening

will take place on Thursday 11th December. <u>Click here</u> to read the letter sent out.

UNI OF LIVERPOOL TRIP

On Monday 8th December, Year 12 students will visit Liverpool University. Please arrive to the Lower Hex by 8.25am. We will return by 3.10pm. Lunch is not provided, therefore we encourage students to bring this themselves. There are options should you wish to buy food. Students may wear own clothes or their business suits.

2026 GENEVA TRIP

Mr Mullin will shortly be launching the annual Maths and Physics visit to CERN in Geneva. This trip is available to students who study A' Level Maths and/or Physics. Please watch this space for further information.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



Assessment calendar, which includes key dates for the year ahead.

CALENDAR 1–5 December 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YE	EAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Monday reset – The Sixth		day reset – he Sixth	Deadline to pay for Christmas dinner on ParentPay
TUESDAY	Humanism assembly Lower Hex	bre	k yourself – east and cular cancer	Makaton Signing Course: Part 1 1.30 – 2.30pm, N205 (see p.15)
WEDNESDAY	Check yourself – breast and testicular cancer	as	imanism ssembly wer Hex	
THURSDAY	In the News: The Autumn Budget		e News: The mn Budget	Christie Youth Council, N206, 1.30–2.10pm (see p.22)
FRIDAY	Doing the Word Skills test on UniFrog	Dev	ures Friday veloping a vth mindset	School Nurse, 10.45–11.15am



Sixth Form







TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER











ROAST TURKEY OR
BUTTERNUT SQUASH & LENTIL WELLINGTON WITH
YORKSHIRE PUDDING

Savoury stuffing and cranberry sauce



ROAST POTATOES, GLAZED CARROTS, SPROUTS, PIGS IN BLANKETS, GRAVY. AND A CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE!

£3.75

ALL BOOKINGS TO MADE ON MICROSOFT FORMS <u>AND</u> ON PARENTPAY BY 8AM ON MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER





<u>Click here</u> for the booking link.





ChristmasJUMPER DAY



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition!

Get ready for some festive fun as the annual Year 12 vs Year 13 Christmas Tree Decoration Competition is just around the corner! This tradition is a chance for both year groups to show off their creative flair and holiday spirit by decorating their designated trees in the Lower Hex.

The competition kicks off on **Monday, December 1st**, when the trees will be ready and waiting for you to bring them to life with your holiday magic. From baubles and tinsel to homemade ornaments and quirky themes, this is your opportunity to go all out with your designs. Get inspired by winter wonderlands, retro Christmas vibes, or your own creative take on Christmas.

The trees will be judged by an independent adjudicator on **Tuesday, December 9th**, which also happens to be **Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day!** The winning year group will be rewarded with a festive treat for the entire group to enjoy — a perfect way to celebrate your creativity and teamwork!

So gather your friends, start brainstorming ideas, and let the decorating begin! Whether it's a dazzling display or a cheeky, fun twist, make sure to bring your A-game and let's see which year group will reign supreme in this festive showdown!

<u>NEWS</u>





Our Sixth Form students delivered a truly spectacular performance in this year's school show, We Will Rock You, featuring iconic songs from Queen. With a mix of talented singers, dancers, actors, and behind-the-scenes support from stagehands and technical crew, the show was nothing short of West End-worthy.

The energy in the room was electric, as the students had the audience clapping, stomping, and singing along to classic hits like *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *We Will Rock You*. Their dedication and passion were evident from start to finish, making the performance an unforgettable experience for all who attended.

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students for their hard work, creativity, and teamwork. Well done to all involved!









NEWS



Last week, Mr Mullin, Mrs Spellman and Mr Newns took 30 outstanding Maths and Physics students to Geneva to visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN and to discover the beauty and history of the city. Students received a tour of CERN with experts in their field and went 100m underground to see the Large Hadron Collider in action.

Students also visited a chocolatier with plenty of free samples and they showcased their bowling skills on their final night. Finally, everyone also got to experience the

wonderful Geneva Christmas Markets, some of the largest in Europe!

Students were a credit to themselves and Lymm Sixth

Form.



NEWS

Year 13 Mock Interviews: Valuable experience and feedback for future aspirations

This week, half of our Year 13 students took part in a mock interview with professionals from a variety of industries. The interviews were designed to help students prepare for real-life career and university interviews. The students were given the chance to discuss their future aspirations, ranging from university applications to career paths and everything in between. Our volunteers — who generously gave up their time to take part — not only shared their expertise and career advice, but also provided students with constructive feedback on their interview techniques.

The impact of these interviews has been incredibly positive! Students reported that they received valuable insights on how to improve their communication skills, confidence and interview preparation. Many mentioned that the opportunity to receive feedback from real professionals was incredibly helpful in preparing for future opportunities. What's more, some of the students were thrilled to walk away from interviewers who had shared their business cards and offered to connect via LinkedIn, providing a fantastic networking opportunity that will support their future

aspirations.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible – we simply couldn't have done it without you! The next round of mock interviews will take place on **Wednesday 10th December** for the remaining Year 13 students.



Personal Development

Equality & empowerment

We hosted a successful Equity Conference on Thursday. The boys enjoyed working with Beyond Equity.

Our girls reflected that the female speakers helped to build their confidence and inspire them to not limit their career aspirations due to gender.

Huge congratulations to Year 12 students who took part in this year's Conference, and to our Year 13 students who confidently led sessions. Feedback from external facilitators who led sessions was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to everyone for your participation, your engagement, and your thoughtful contributions.







CHILDREN IN NEED

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OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEDIA, JOURNALISM, OR ENGLISH?

DO YOU WANT HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE CREATING A REAL

NEWSLETTER?

LYMM RUGBY CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO HELP WRITE, EDIT, AND SHAPE THEIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

PERFECT FOR:

- A-LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES OR ENGLISH STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT JOURNALISM OR COMMUNICATIONS
- ANYONE WHO LOVES STORYTELLING, INTERVIEWS, OR DESIGNING ENGAGING CONTENT

ARE YOU STUDYING BUSINESS STUDIES?

WANT TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH SPONSORSHIP, MARKETING, AND WORKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES?

INTERESTED?

SPEAK TO MRS HUGHES OR

EMAIL

LHUGHES@LYMMHIGH.ORG.UK







BAE SYSTEMS TALK

Come along to hear from Paul Kelly, Early Careers
Skills Coach about Degree Apprenticeships at BAE Systems and how to apply.

1.30-2.10PM THURSDAY 11[™] DECEMBER N206

Degree Apprenticeships

- Engineering
- Business Services
- Technology
- Manufacturing

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13 BOTH WELCOME





Part time job opportunity

Location: Nature Garden Nursery and Forest school Out of School club

Hours of work: Monday to Friday 3.30-6pm (maximum of 2 nights per week) and holiday hours during school holidays

Do you:

- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Hold a level of pride in yourself and your work
- Work from you own initiative
- · Reliable and friendly

Key Responsibilities:

- Working in a team to look after children aged between 4-11 years old.
- Overseeing the children whilst they play and engaging with them when playing games, doings arts and crafts, helping with homework etc.
- If you feel you have what it takes to be considered for this role please contact us today, we are waiting to hear from you!

Contact Nature Garden Out of school club Manager Rebecca 01925 758 959 or naturegarden@rngroup.co.uk

APPLICATION DEADLINE- FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2025

NEWS



"Great work on Children in Need, folks", says Mr Hayes.

This year, our students managed to raise a fantastic total of £1119.20, which surpasses the total from last year which was £958.77.

Great job!!!!!!

Thank you to everyone who dressed up, donated and took part in the fundraising activities.





BIRTHDAYS

- D. Bowden
- J. 20114C.
- Y. Hughes
- E. James
- G. King
- S. Matthews

- E. Middlebrough
- D. Milby
- B. Shelton



PRIZES INCLUDE:

1ST PRIZE £1000 CASH 2ND PRIZE £500 CASH 3RD PRIZE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE FOR 2 4TH DELONGHI BEAN-TO-CUP COFFEE MACHINE 5TH FAMILY PORTRAIT PHOTOSHOOT

















To enter, click here.

*Competition open to those aged 18 and over.

ENRICHMENT

Makaton Signing

Wednesday 3rd and 10th December

We are pleased to offer students the opportunity to take part in a two-part Makaton communication course, designed to build confidence and introduce the core signs and symbols used to support inclusive communication. Across the two sessions, students will learn practical everyday signing, expand their vocabulary, and gain an understanding of how Makaton is used in education, health and community settings. This course is ideal for anyone considering careers in childcare, teaching, health or social care, and is a valuable addition to a CV or personal statement.

Places are limited to 20 therefore please ensure you have replied to Miss Dixon's email to confirm your attendance if you signed up at the Enrichment Fair in September.

For further information on Makaton, please click here.



REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

GOLD DOFE

A copy of the Gold DofE application letter is here. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 5th December. For any general information please visit www.dofe.org. For specific enquiries contact Mr Greenwood on PGreenwood

@lymmhigh.org.uk

UNIFROG PARENT ACCESS

Important changes and enhancements have been announced to Unifrog access for parents. Action required if parents wish to continue using our Careers Platform. Please click here to read the letter sent recently.

SIXTH FORM DRIVERS

If you wish to use the Sixth Form car park, your car must be registered with school here. Please always drive carefully, keeping to the 5mph speed limit. Be especially mindful of pedestrians at the zebra crossing and ensure you park considerately so the space can be used safely by everyone.

MALE MENTAL HEALTH

November marks the end of Movember, an annual event to raise awareness and funds for men's health, primarily prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. We are pleased to see staff across the school embracing their moustaches (you can donate on p.12).

KEY DATES AND ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

A reminder to check the Key Dates and Assessment Calendar for important dates throughout the academic year.

Please note that this link is also always on the 'What's on this week' page (p.2).



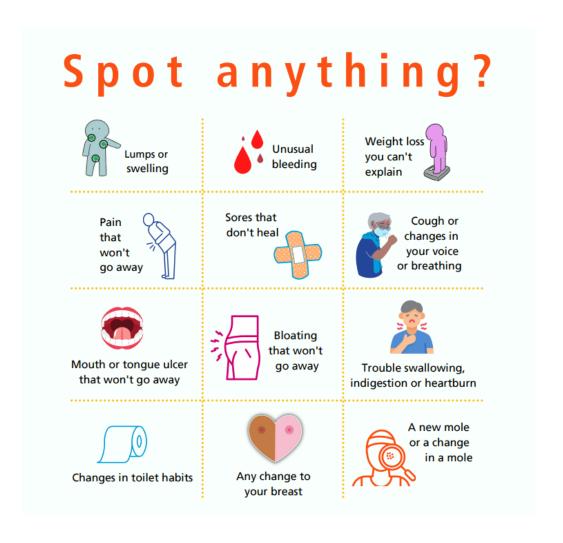
WELLBEING

Health and Wellbeing

This week, Year 12 and 13 students will take part in an important wellbeing session focused on raising awareness of breast and testicular cancers.

The session will cover how to recognise normal changes in the body, why regular self-checking matters, and when to seek medical advice. Students were reminded that early detection significantly improves outcomes and were signposted to trusted NHS resources for further guidance.

Our aim is to help young people feel informed, confident and proactive about their health, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home.



GIVE SOMETHING BACK



DONATE TO MY MO SPACE:

https://movember.com/t/lymm-high-school-staffand-students?mc=1



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



Arts and Humanities at UCL

Thursday 11th December, 4-5pm

Are you interested in an undergraduate Arts and Humanities degree? Rated 7th in the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025* by subject, UCL Arts & Humanities is recognised globally for both its teaching and research excellence, from Fine Art to Modern Languages.

This online information session is a great way to learn more about the application process and applying to interdisciplinary degrees. Attendees will have a chance to put their own questions about applications to Arts & Humanities courses to a member of the UCL Admissions team.

To book a place, click here.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Virtual Insight Event with Baker McKenzie

One of the world's leading global law firms.



Date: Thursday, 4th December 2025

• Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

• Location: Virtual via Zoom (Link provided upon registration)

What to Expect:

This event is carefully structured to give you a comprehensive understanding of the legal industry, Baker McKenzie's operations, and how to build a successful legal career.

Why Attend?

- Exclusive Access: Get an insider look at life in one of the world's most prestigious law firms.
- Career Development: Gain practical advice on career routes, applications, and how to stand out as a future legal professional.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Build connections with Baker McKenzie's law-yers and recruitment team.
- First-Hand Insights: Understand the skills and attributes valued by a global law firm and discover more about vacation schemes and training contracts.

Apply Here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BakerMcKenzie_Virtual

FUTURES



OPPORTUNITIES

Uni of Cambridge VetCam 2026

Monday 30th March – Wednesday 1st April 2026 St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Are you passionate about animals and science? Curious about what it's like to study Veterinary Medicine at one of the world's leading universities?

VetCam 2026 is a two-and-a-half-day residential programme at the University of Cambridge designed for Year 12 students considering a future in Veterinary Medicine. It is targeted at students aiming for A/A* grades, with Chemistry A' Level and ideally two other science subjects (Biology, Physics or Maths). What's Included:

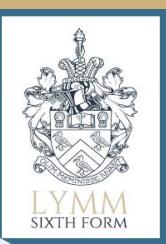
- Visits to preclinical and clinical departments
- A taste of college life at Cambridge
- Opportunities to meet staff and current students
- Insight into the Veterinary Medicine course and admissions

Please note that there is a fee of £380 to cover accommodation, meals and all activities. Places are limited to 50 students on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, and to book a place, <u>click here</u>.



The Christie Youth Council Opportunity



THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER LUNCHTIME 1.30 - 2.10PM N206 - Bring your lunch

EMAIL MRS
HUGHES TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE

- Presentation from a Christie Public Governor
- Learn what the Youth Council is, what members do
- Find out how to apply
- Discover how this opportunity can support your future in medicine

Why join the Christie Youth Council?

- Have a real impact on one of the UK's most respected cancer hospitals.
- Ensure young people's voices are heard at the highest level.
- Champion diversity, representation and inclusion in healthcare.
- Gain leadership, teamwork and communication experience.
- Strengthen your CV, university personal statement, or apprenticeship application.
- Learn how large NHS organisations engage with their communities.
- Meet like-minded young people and build confidence.
- Opportunity to influence projects, events, and outreach programmes.
- Work alongside experienced NHS staff, governors, and decision-makers.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Key Apprenticeship Links

- <u>Current apprenticeships in the Warrington area</u>
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies October 2024
- Cheshire and West Apprenticeship
 Opportunities
- Search for an apprenticeship GOV.UK
- A Guide to Traineeships and Apprenticeships Lymm Sixth Form
- Not Going To Uni Search for Opportunities
- Liverpool John Moores University Apprenticeships Courses
- Manchester Metropolitan University Become A Degree Apprentice
- Apprenticeships | University of Salford
- Programmes Apprenticeships The University of Manchester
- Search apprenticeships | UCAS
- NHS Apprenticeships
- <u>Linkedin Degree Apprenticeships</u>

Need More Help?

Our Careers Advisor, Ms Draper, is available for one-on-one support. Contact Mr Brown at Sixth Form Student Services to book an appointment (nbrown@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Register for New Degree Apprenticeship Alerts:

- Indeed
- Total Jobs
- Rate My Apprenticeship
- Prospects





Our <u>careers website</u> includes a <u>calendar of events</u>, <u>labour market</u> <u>information</u> and a link to <u>Unifrog</u>.



Upcoming Events

- Careers with Lloyds Banking Group

 Tuesday 2nd December, 5–6pm (Zoom)
- Compassionate Careers with St Columba's Hospice 27–29th January, 9.30–3pm (remote)
- Solicitor Apprenticeship Application Masterclass
 Thursday 27th November, 4.30–6pm (virtual)
 Tuesday 13th January 2026, 4.30–6pm (virtual)
- Virtual Entrepreneurship experience 21–22nd January 2026, 10–3pm
- Explore the STEM world of defence & technology 16–18th February 2026, 10–3pm (Teams)

INVESTIN

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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY



To view the latest online University events, click here.

These are listed in chronological order and include Open Days (in-person and virtual), online chats and webinars. Students can browse these events and engage with higher education from the comfort of their mobile, tablet or computer.



- University of Chester Open Day

 Saturday 6th December For
- STEM Support from
 Cambridge University
 Saturday 10th January 2026

Chester sites

 University of Manchester mA*ths online programme
 January to May 2026

For details of these events and more, click here to access our dedicated UCAS webpage, and click the button 'What's on this month'.