

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear families

I hope you are all well and that preparations for Christmas are more advanced than they are in my own household.

In school, we are really looking forward to our Christmas assemblies at St Peter's Church next week, even if there will be a tinge of sadness in the air in light of the recent loss of Father Michael Burgess. Father Michael was the parish priest at St Peter's for many years and spoke to many hundreds of Lymm High School students at these assemblies during that time. Indeed, I have only ever known St Peter's with Father Michael there and it will be very strange to be conducting the Christmas assemblies without him. He was a wonderful man, who gave so much to both the school and wider community and he will be very much missed.

As you can see from this bulletin, we've also got plenty more festive fun going on next week, with the Carol Concert, Christmas dinner, 'Wear something Christmassy' day and the famous (or is it infamous?) staff karaoke. This comes off the back of another very busy term and one in which the highlight had to be the simply brilliant *We Will Rock You* production. As ever, I was blown away by the quality of the performances and the commitment of staff and students in putting it all together. Thank you also to the PTA, who manned the bar all week during the production and raised a fantastic £1000 towards our Hall Together project. Well done, everybody!

With best wishes for a lovely Christmas.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

Hall Together Raffle

Our Hall Together online raffle ended today at 12 noon. Please ensure you check your emails to see if you have a winning ticket as winners will be notified directly from the Raffall organisation. Thank you to those parents and carers who purchased tickets. In total, we had 421 entrants and we've raised over £5000 (inclusive of off-line Alumni donations). All of the funds raised will go towards the transformation of our Main Hall.

Early finish – Friday 19th December

A reminder that we break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 19th December** at 12.15pm. As is usual on an early finish, buses will not be running. Please note that **Monday 5th January 2026** is an INSET Day. Students return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Canteen prices

Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home about a slight rise in the cost of food at break and lunch.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas dinner for Years 7–11 will take place on **Tuesday 16th December**. Students can have roast turkey or butternut squash & lentil wellington with all the trimmings. The cost is £3.50. Please make sure there are sufficient funds on ParentPay.

Extra-curricular sport

No extra-curricular sport will take place next week with it being the last week of term.

Carol Concert

Our annual Carol Concert will take place at 6pm on **Monday 15th December** at St Peter's church. All are welcome to attend. Please [click here](#) to read the programme.

Wear something Christmassy

On **Wednesday 17th December**, students can wear an item that is Christmassy along with their school uniform. This could be a Christmas jumper, a Santa hat or just a piece of tinsel. We are asking for a donation that will go towards Save the Children, which parents and carers can pay on ParentPay.

Staff Karaoke Show

Staff will be taking to the microphone in the Main Hall on **Wednesday 17th December** for the annual staff karaoke show. Students can buy tickets for this event for £1.50 from the school Finance & MIS Office. All proceeds will go to Save the Children.

Cross-Country

A reminder that the next Walton Hall Gardens Cross Country Race is taking place on **Saturday 13th December**. To read the original letter sent home, [click here](#). Please note, however, for this race:

- The start time is now due to be 12pm.
- Runners will be asked to wear a number to identify them from other year groups, so safety pins would be helpful. Although Mr Scott will bring a supply with him.

Any help parents could provide with marshalling or helping record scores, etc., would be much appreciated.

Parent Governors

We recently invited parents to consider putting themselves forward to join the Lymm High School Governing Body. I am delighted to be able to welcome James Mayers as our newest Parent Governor. James is a father of three children and works as Group IT Director in the Energy sector.

You may also recall that we are very keen to attract new governors with Accountancy qualifications, or financial skills within the public sector: we do still have some vacancies on the Governing Body. So, if you are interested and would like to find out more about the role do get in touch with Mrs Headon, who can arrange for an informal chat with myself.

We look forward to continuing working together to serve the Lymm High School community.

Liz Green
Chair of Governors

Wellbeing webinars

Please [click here](#) to access a series of webinars delivered by [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) to support young people with their wellbeing. Parents can sign up to them on behalf of their young people, which would be a great source of

support. The topic on **Friday 16th** and **23rd January 2026** at 9am is on 'Feeling at home in your own skin'. This webinar addresses a relevant and sensitive issue in schools: Many students struggle with appearance-related pressures, social media influence, and comparison, which can affect their learning and relationships. Let's help young people understand body image, self-esteem, and how to feel confident in who they are.

Staying well this winter: a guide for parents and carers

During the winter months, more viruses like flu, COVID-19 and other infections spread, especially among children. Most winter illnesses are mild, but they can still make your child feel unwell and cause disruption. By following some simple steps, you can help protect your family and your school community. For more information, please [click here](#).

E-bike and e-scooter information

Please [click here](#) to read some advice from Cheshire Constabulary about where e-bikes and e-scooters can be used within the law.

Free School Meals

The Government is expanding the Free School Meal (FSM) system from September 2026, meaning that all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for FSMs but parents and carers will still need to apply for FSMs to Warrington Borough Council. If you receive Universal Credit, but your children (Years 7–12) do not receive FSMs, please complete this [short survey](#) and read [this article](#) about the changes. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Mogy (Student Services) or Ms Dixon (Pupil Premium lead).

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 [click here](#) and select Lymm High School as your cause, and school will then receive a percentage donation. As always, thank you for your support.

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Mx Bennett, who won £51! 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

Key Stage 3 (KS3) exams

KS3 exams will take place the week commencing **Monday 19th January 2026** and are in English, Maths and Science for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Please support your child with their revision according to the content

and guidance in the [revision booklet](#). Please contact your children's English, Maths and Science teachers if you have any queries. The exams will take place during normal lessons with their teacher, but under exam conditions. To read the letter sent home, please [click here](#).

Year 9 Choices

Please save the date for the Year 9 Choices Evening on **Thursday 29th January 2026**. This will take place in school and further information will be communicated in the New Year.

Life Programme

On **Tuesday 13th January 2026**, KS3 students will be engaging with these key topics as part of the *Life Programme* during Form time:

- **Year 7: Stereotypes and homophobia** – students will explore how stereotypes develop, how they influence the way we see others, and why challenging them is essential for creating an inclusive community. They will look at the roots and impact of homophobia, understand the importance of respecting different sexual orientations, and consider how language and behaviour can either harm or support others. The session aims to build empathy, challenge bias and understand the law.
- **Year 8: The dangers and laws on sexting** – students will learn about the legal implications of creating, requesting or sharing explicit images, with clear guidance on why sexting poses serious risks for young people. They will explore issues of consent, pressure, online permanence and emotional wellbeing, as well as the laws that protect minors. Students will also consider how to seek help if they or someone they know feels unsafe or is affected by image sharing.
- **Year 9: Eating disorders** – students will examine different types of eating disorders and how these conditions can affect physical and emotional health. They will discuss the pressures that can contribute to disordered eating – such as social media, body image expectations and stress – and learn how to recognise signs that someone may be struggling. The focus is on promoting body positivity, understanding support pathways and encouraging early help-seeking.

We encourage parents and carers to discuss these themes with your child at home, as open conversation can deepen understanding and support their wellbeing.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder that the Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 8th January 2026**. This will be an online event. The booking system opened at 6pm on **Thursday 11th December**. To read the letter sent home, please [click here](#).

Year 10 knife crime assembly

On **Tuesday 6th January 2026**, Cheshire Magistrates in the Community will deliver a focused assembly to Year 10 on knife crime and citizenship. Students will learn about the legal consequences of knife-related offences, the impact on individuals and communities, and the responsibilities young people hold as active citizens. The session reinforces safety, awareness and informed decision-making.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 22nd January 2026**. This will be an online event. To read the letter sent home, please [click here](#).

Year 11 mocks

A huge well done from Mrs Wagstaff, Miss McMullen and Mrs Feast to Year 11. They have been amazing these last 2 weeks whilst doing their mocks. Mr Green and the invigilators have been really impressed with them too.

Letters of encouragement

A reminder to our Year 11 parents and carers to consider writing a short message of encouragement and motivation to their child, which we will place in mock results envelopes. We have found that students have really appreciated the 'hug in an envelope' from someone at home on mocks results day – just a few short words of encouragement to keep them feeling positive and motivated. If you would like to participate, please use [this link](#) to submit your message.

Life Programme

On **Tuesday 13th January 2026**, KS4 students will be engaging with these key topics as part of the *Life Programme* during Form time:

- **Year 10: Mental health** – students will explore a range of mental health topics, including how to recognise signs of stress, anxiety and low mood. They will consider healthy coping strategies, the importance of talking openly about mental wellbeing, and where to access support both inside and outside school. The aim is to build resilience, reduce stigma and empower students to look after themselves and others.
- **Year 11: Perseverance and being yourself** – students will reflect on the importance of persistence, self-belief and authenticity, particularly as they approach exams and life beyond school. They will explore strategies for staying motivated, managing setbacks and celebrating individuality. This session encourages confidence, positive self-identity and a growth mindset.

We encourage parents and carers to discuss these themes with your child at home, as open conversation can deepen understanding and support their wellbeing.