

WHOLE SCHOOL**Student announcements on Class Charts**

It seems that a number of students aren't regularly checking their Announcements on Class Charts and are missing important messages about all sorts of different things. Please could you get your child to confirm they know how to do this on their phone/computer and remind them regularly to check as this is a vital communication tool between school and student. There is a student guide [here](#) to help (p.16 covers Announcements). As parents, if you can also make your child aware of anything they need to know from your parent messages, we'd be really grateful. Many thanks.

VPN Use – Internet Matters

Virtual private networks (VPNs) help users browse privately online. However, while they offer additional security, they can also leave children open to risk of harm. A Forbes Advisor poll shows that about 1 in 3 internet users worldwide use these tools. This number is growing, especially among young people. In the UK, VPNs are becoming increasingly popular, with many teens aware of, and actively using, them to get around filters.

Parents and carers can help keep their children safe by accessing this [Internet Matters VPN page](#). This provides information on whether a VPN is safe for students, what a suspicious VPN looks like and common signs of unsafe VPNs. There are also five top tips on how to keep your child safe online and prevent unexpected safety breaches.

Winter Water Safety

As the weather has turned wintry with snow and icy conditions, the NHS Safeguarding team has circulated [this poster](#) to share with your children.

Young Carers and Warrington Carers Service

Please [click here](#) to view the latest newsletter from the Warrington Carers Service. This contains detailed information about both the Young Carers and Adult Carers service. If you would like any further information about how to register your child as a young carer and how to access support for adult services, please speak with Mrs Hunter (rhunter@lymmhigh.org.uk).

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 Mogey (Student Services) or Ms Dixon (Pupil Premium lead).

PTA meeting

The next Lymm High PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20th January** at 7pm, online. All are welcome. If you would like the log-in details, please email PTA@lymmhigh.org.uk.

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, Mrs Glanvill, who won £58.75! 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

Reminder about KS3 exams and revision

KS3 exams will take place the week commencing **Monday 19th January** and are in English, Maths and Science for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. If you are unsure about when this is, [click here](#) and use your child's class codes (from their timetable and Class Charts). You can also access the revision guide [here](#) (which contains electronic links to different resources), a blank revision timetable [here](#), and the original letter including recommendations about the amount of revision students should be doing [here](#). If your child is absent on their exam day, please contact their teacher to find out when their rearranged exam will take place.

Year 9 Choices

A reminder that the Year 9 Choices Evening on **Thursday 29th January** will take place in school. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

The Year 9 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on **Thursday 12th February**. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home.

Life Programme

On **Tuesday 27th January**, KS3 students will continue to engage in our Life Programme, focusing on key areas of wellbeing, safety and healthy relationships:

- **Year 7: Online safety** – This session will explore how students can stay safe online, including managing privacy, recognising risks and knowing how to seek support.
- **Year 8: Consent** – This session will focus on understanding consent, personal boundaries and respectful relationships.

- **Year 9: Eating disorders** – This session will support students in developing healthy attitudes towards food and body image, as well as recognising where to access help and support. Year 9 will also attend an external assembly led by Talk Consent, addressing a range of age-appropriate RSE topics, including consent and healthy relationships. Further information regarding this assembly will be shared closer to the time via Class Charts.

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 11 Parents' Evening

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

Life Programme

On **Tuesday 27th January**, KS4 students will continue to engage in our Life Programme, focusing on key areas of wellbeing, safety and healthy relationships:

- **Year 10: External Assembly (Talk Consent)** – Students will attend an external assembly led by Talk Consent, addressing a range of age-appropriate RSE topics, including consent and healthy relationships. Further information regarding this assembly will be shared closer to the time via Class Charts.
- **Year 11: Exam stress** – This session will support students in managing exam pressure, building resilience and developing effective coping strategies.

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

Current vacancies

Please [click here](#) to view current vacancies and apprenticeships in the Warrington area.

Personal Development Update

This half term we are launching a new social responsibility theme which is '**empathy**'. Over the next 4 weeks, our Form time activities and assemblies will remind our students about the importance of understanding the feelings of others. We will be encouraging them to reflect on how they speak, treat and interact with others, considering the perspective and experiences of others too.

In addition to our regular [extra-curricular activities](#) shown below, here are some other events which students can enjoy over the next fortnight.

WEEK B: 19–23rd January Assembly theme: <i>Challenging prejudice behaviour</i>	WEEK A: 26–30th January Assembly theme: <i>Hall assemblies</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Mary's Church have asked us to design a new logo for them. Submit your entries to Miss Simms by the deadline of Sunday 1st February. Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award training takes place on Thursday 22nd January. The Performing Arts faculty is looking for Year 9, 10 or 12 students who are passionate about the arts to support the department in developing ideas and helping at extra-curricular clubs. Interested students can get further information from Mrs Swift (KSwift@lymmhigh.org.uk). Mr Scott is holding trials to select a Year 7 team for the Warrington School's Indoor Athletics Championships on Monday 19th January at 1.45pm. School Nurse drop-in at break time on Friday in Student Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Mary's Church have asked us to design a new logo for them. Submit your entries to Miss Simms by the deadline of Sunday 1st February. The Performing Arts faculty is looking for Year 9, 10 or 12 students who are passionate about the arts to support the department in developing ideas and helping at extra-curricular clubs. Interested students can get further information from Mrs Swift (KSwift@lymmhigh.org.uk). School Nurse drop-in at break time on Friday in Student Services.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click here for the latest sports timetable. 	

CLUB	NOTES	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF	YEAR GROUP							
MONDAY CLUBS												
Club name	Any additional info	Room	Time	Teacher	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	
Maths games & puzzles		E211	1:30-2:00pm	Miss Bolland	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11			
Arts and Crafts Club		A214	1:15-2:00pm		Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11			
Chess Club		TBC	1:15-1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	
Lego Club		E214	1:30-2:00pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11			
Year 7 Quiet Room		Downstairs hub	1:30-2:00pm		Y7	Y8	Y9					
DT Makers Club	To be confirmed in bulletin the week before. 1st project will be Halloween decorations, 2nd project will be Christmas themed!	E106	1:30-2:00pm	Euan Hacker & Mr Beardsall	Y7	Y8	Y9					
Coding Club		B205	1:30-2:00pm	Miss Peacock	Y7	Y8	Y9					
Junior Strings Ensemble		D109	1.25 – 2.00pm	Mrs Leighton-Jones	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	
Composition Clinic		D203	1:30	Mr Starkey				Y10				
Pride Club		A210	Lunch	Miss Tunstall					Y11	Y12	Y13	
Our Space		A215	1:30-2:00pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	

