

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Parking around the school site

We have recently been made aware of an incident at the Sixth Form exit. While no injuries or damage occurred, it served as an important reminder that this area is used by young drivers and is also accessed by students leaving the site on foot.

We kindly ask parents and carers to:

- Keep all access routes and exits clear
- Not park alongside, or block, the Sixth Form car park entrance
- Not to use the Sixth Form entrance as a turning point

Your cooperation helps ensure the safety of all students, especially younger children and less experienced drivers, during busy departure times. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school community safe.

### NGL warning

Please be aware of NGL (an acronym for 'Not Gonna Lie'): an anonymous messaging application that is becoming increasingly popular among young people. It allows users to receive anonymous questions and messages from their social media followers. Please [click here](#) for some guidance, which is aimed at parents and carers.

### National Apprenticeship Week

This week is National Apprenticeship Week (**9–15<sup>th</sup> February**). Students have had a session to educate them on what apprenticeships are, what types exist, and where they can look to find them. During assemblies, they have had talks from industries currently offering Apprenticeships. Please [click here](#) to access the useful resource that we have put together for parents and carers.

### Careers help

We are currently looking for parents, ex-students, family friends, and members of our wider school community who would be interested in volunteering to support our careers programme. Our careers activities vary throughout the year, and support may include mock interviews, assembly talks, careers workshops, apprenticeship information sessions, and more. Taking part does not commit you to a specific event. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please complete [this form](#). Once completed, you will be added to our school careers database and will receive emails when opportunities to volunteer arise. If you have any queries, please contact Miss N. Williams ([nwilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:nwilliams@lymmhigh.org.uk)).

### Cycle safety

Please can parents and carers remind students that they need to be especially careful when riding bikes to and from school on dark mornings and dim afternoons. Light-coloured or fluorescent clothing can help other road users to see cyclists in daylight and poor light, while reflective clothing and/or accessories can increase

visibility in the dark. In addition, cyclists must always use lights when visibility is poor, and wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet that is securely fastened and conforms to current regulations.

### 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).

### 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, Ms Fish, who won £50! 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 Parents' Evening

A reminder that the Year 7 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on **Thursday 26th February**. Please [click here](#) to read the full details.

### Year 8 Parents' Evening

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on **Thursday 26th March**. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home.

### Design and Food Technology

All Key Stage 3 students in DT and Food Technology will be rotating after the half-term break. Further information about the changes of room and teacher have been posted as a Class Charts announcement. If any student is unsure of where they are moving to, please ask them to speak to their current teacher or Mr Beardsall/Mrs Thompson. No practicals will take place in the first Food lesson. During this first lesson, students will be informed about upcoming lessons and will be provided with ingredient lists.

## Life Programme

On **Tuesday 24th February**, KS3 students will take part in a series of Life Programme sessions during Form time, tailored to their year group. Where possible, please continue these conversations at home to help embed the lessons learnt.

- **Year 7** will focus on *Puberty and Emotional Change*, helping students understand the physical and emotional developments they may experience, alongside healthy ways to manage change.

In addition, Year 7 students will attend a talk delivered by Daniel, founder of Damaged Goods. Daniel shares his personal life journey and the lessons he has learned through overcoming significant challenges. He will speak about mental health, grief, family breakdown, substance misuse, and business failure, drawing on his lived experience. The aim of this session is to help students develop resilience, self-awareness, and a positive mindset when facing adversity. Daniel is one of our most popular speakers and consistently receives very positive feedback from both students and staff. The content will be delivered in a carefully considered, age-appropriate manner, with a strong focus on personal growth, coping strategies and hope.

- **Year 8** will explore *Gender and Sexuality*, supporting respectful discussion, understanding, and inclusivity in an age-appropriate way. Students will also be reminded of the Equality Act 2010 and how this topic relates to it.
- **Year 9** will learn about *Borrowing Money*, developing financial awareness and understanding the responsibilities and risks associated with lending and borrowing.

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 11 core mocks and revision

This been an incredibly busy, yet successful half term for our Year 11 students. Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home about revision support in advance of the core mock exams.

### Year 11 Admissions to Lymm Sixth Form

Students in Year 11 who have applied to come to Lymm Sixth Form have been sent an email confirming their one-to-one admission interview time. These guidance interviews will take place in school between **23rd February and 27th March**. Students are kindly requested to login to their Applicaa accounts via the Lymm Sixth Form website [here](#) to acknowledge their invitation. Any questions, please email Mrs Hughes at [6thformadmissions@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:6thformadmissions@lymmhigh.org.uk).

## Life Programme

On **Tuesday 24th February**, KS4 students will take part in a series of Life Programme sessions during Form time, tailored to their year group. Where possible, please continue these conversations at home to help embed the lessons learnt.

- **Year 10** will take part in a session on *Drugs, Alcohol and Risky Behaviour*, focusing on informed decision-making, personal safety, and understanding consequences.
- **Year 11** students will attend a talk delivered by Daniel, founder of Damaged Goods. Daniel shares his personal life journey and the lessons he has learned through overcoming significant challenges. He will speak about mental health, grief, family breakdown, substance misuse, and business failure,

drawing on his lived experience. The aim of this session is to help students develop resilience, self-awareness, and a positive mindset when facing adversity. Daniel is one of our most popular speakers and consistently receives very positive feedback from both students and staff. The content will be delivered in a carefully considered, age-appropriate manner, with a strong focus on personal growth, coping strategies and hope.

### **Year 11 online Apprenticeship Q&A**

The Apprenticeships Team at Warrington & Vale Royal College are hosting monthly online Apprenticeship Q&A sessions via Microsoft Teams. These sessions are an ideal way for Year 11 students to learn more about apprenticeship pathways and receive guidance to support their next steps. The session is on **Tuesday 10th March**.

To take part, students must register using [this form](#).

### **Unifrog subject discovery fair**

For students interested in university, Unifrog is hosting a subject discovery fair on **Wednesday 18th March**. Students can explore a wide range of subjects in university-led taster sessions on trending topics, and they'll have the opportunity to meet 32 universities throughout the fair. To sign up, [click here](#).