

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear families

Spring is my favourite time of year: longer days, brighter weather, flowers opening up and a sense of everything to look forward to. I hope most of you are feeling similarly optimistic at the moment.

This last half term is always one that seems to fly by especially quickly and it has been no different this year. Please do have a look at the [latest newsletter](#), which contains plenty of lovely articles about some of the different things that students have been getting up to. It almost seems unfair to highlight anything in particular, but I must mention the Platinum Artsmark we have recently been awarded – a rare accolade and a reflection of all the great work from the Performing Arts and Visual Arts faculties, not to mention the talent and commitment of so many students in these areas. Hats off also to the two teams who had so much success in the North of England finals of the Youth Speaks competition; I had the pleasure of watching the event last weekend and was genuinely blown away by the quality of the speeches, even if it did result in me feeling somewhat insecure about my own ability to speak in front of an audience! The article above all others that makes me smile the most, though, is the one about our Wall of Kindness. As you all know, the notion of social responsibility is a central part of our ethos (arguably the most important part) and so it is always wonderful to see and hear of Lymm High students doing things to support their community. Well done to all those students who have made the wall this time around.

I do hope you all have a lovely Easter – even those of you with students in Year 11 and 13, where I appreciate it might be less restful than for those with children in other year groups: I wish you all the best of luck.

Many thanks for your continued support for the school during the past term, and very best wishes.

Gwyn Williams

Parking concerns

The local police has contacted us to let us know of several complaints from residents regarding dangerous parking at school pick-up and drop-off times, including parking on bends and junctions. There are concerns that an accident could happen due to restricted visibility. Please can we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking. Cars should be 10m from a junction and not block pavements.

We expect the police to be out and about over the next few weeks to keep an eye on the situation. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Road closures

As communicated via the Class Charts message on **Wednesday 11th March** – for a period of 6 weeks from **Tuesday 7th April**, New Road, Rushgreen Road and Birchbrook Road will be closed in various phases to allow Scottish Power to continue with the installation of a new HV circuit. This will mean that the 5A service will be unable to serve Partington and Carrington from Lymm to Sale. All other buses serving Lymm High will be unaffected.

The Monday to Friday 5/5A timetables [linked here](#) highlight the journeys that will still serve Lymm High from Sale and Altrincham. Students will be able to catch the unchanged 5 from Altrincham, and the 5A from Sale, which will be operating directly via the A56.

Service 247, [linked here](#), operates from the Trafford Centre via Carrington and Partington to Altrincham. Students could catch the 6.38am from The Trafford Centre, which goes through Carrington at 6.55am and Partington at 6.59am, arriving in Altrincham at 7.27am, and then catch the 7.40am 5 service from Altrincham

Sports Clubs

New extra-curricular PE clubs will start from **Monday 20th April**. Everyone is welcome! All levels and all abilities are encouraged to come along and try a new sport. Please [click here](#) to see the new timetable.

Start-up week

Start-up Week is for 12–18 year olds and will run in Warrington Youth Zone across the half-term break (**13–17th April**). The programme runs a range of activities to help students learn entrepreneurial skills, and five lucky participants could win a £100 grant to start-up with! Free refreshments/snacks and lunch are provided each day for all participants. There will be a Graduation Party with certificates and Domino's pizza will be provided on the Friday. Non-members will also receive a free Youth Zone Membership. For more information on Start-up Week, [click here](#).

Holiday Activities and Food sessions

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions are now open for students eligible for free school meals (see below). Please [click here](#) for more information and to sign up. Each eligible child can attend four funded sessions. There are also activities, such as sports, dance, cooking, trampolining, climbing and much more. Please email haf@warrington.gov.uk for help with booking or for eligibility queries.

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 Moge (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, Mr Harris, who won £76.75! 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

Life Programme

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students' personal development, wellbeing and life skills, all year groups will take part in our next extended Life Programme session on **Thursday 23rd April**. The content has been carefully planned to be age-appropriate and in line with statutory guidance.

- **Year 7 – Healthy Choices: Laws and Impact**
Students will explore the risks and legal aspects surrounding substances such as caffeine, smoking, vaping and alcohol. The session will focus on helping students understand how these substances can affect their health, decision-making and future wellbeing, while also raising awareness of the laws that apply to young people.
- **Year 8 – Careers and Safeguarding (FGM Awareness)**
Students will take part in a careers assembly to support them in continuing to think about future pathways and aspirations. This will be followed by an awareness session on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This session is a statutory safeguarding requirement for schools and will be delivered in a sensitive, age-appropriate manner. The aim is to ensure students understand their rights, how to stay safe, and how to seek help if needed.
- **Year 9 – Safe Financial Choices**
This session will introduce students to key financial concepts, including budgeting, spending, saving, and making informed financial decisions. It aims to build early financial literacy and promote responsible attitudes towards money.

Year 10 Revision support

Please [click here](#) for the Year 10 Revision Booklet. This booklet contains an explanation of successful revision strategies, as well as topic lists for revision to help students prepare for their mock exams effectively.

Whilst the Easter holidays is a good opportunity for a 'reset', it is also important that students balance their time, incorporating a couple of hours of revision each day to help them feel confident and prepared to sit their mock exams. Our advice would be to chunk this into approximately three 45-minute revision sessions each day, trying to focus on revision in the mornings when they are fresher and more energetic, allowing them to enjoy their afternoons/evenings with friends and family. Subject teachers have already started populating Class Charts with revision-specific tasks to support effective revision.

Please do reach out to subject staff for any clarification as needed.

Year 11 support

Please [click here](#) to read the letter sent home last week detailing a couple of updates and advice to best support your child over Easter and beyond.

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- **Year 10 – Mock Examinations**

Year 10 students will not attend this session as they will be completing their mock examinations.

- **Year 11 – Health Awareness: Breast and Testicular Cancer**

Students will receive an age-appropriate session focused on awareness of breast and testicular cancer. This will follow national guidance provided to schools and will aim to promote early awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage students to seek medical advice if they have concerns.