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August's A' Level and GCSE exam results were Lymm High's best ever!

Inter-Hall Fun, p.9

Students lined up to take part in our first competitive event of the year.

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TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

As we embark upon a new academic year, we start with a personal development focus on participation.

A t Lymm High School we are very fortunate to have a wealth of opportunities available to our students both during the school day and after school. Actively participating in the school community through clubs, teams and events is an important part of our student's

school experience with us, supporting them in developing key skills of teamwork, resilience and confidence. Ultimately, these important skills shape the character of our students, equipping them to enjoy success both in and out of school.

We use the <u>Leadership Ladder</u> (KS3), Participation Profile (KS4) and Next Generation

<u>Future Leaders (KS5)</u> to record and reward our students for their efforts in participating within our school community.

<u>Click here</u> for our updated extra-curricular timetable.



BEST EVER RESULTS...AGAIN!

Lymm High has been celebrating another summer of success with its latest A' Level and GCSE results.

A' Level results days are always full of emotion.

There is a mixture of excitement and apprehension as the envelopes are opened and the eagerly anticipated results are revealed. They also provide a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work of students, and staff, over the previous 2 years and none more so than this year. We are delighted that our Year 13 students who sat their exams this year have done extremely well and have in fact surpassed the record set by last year's co-

hort, to take the mantle of our best ever post-16 results!

Mrs Jennings, our former Head of Sixth Form, said: "I am absolutely delighted. This cohort has been an exceptional group of students, not just in terms of their exam results, but as well-rounded and delightful individuals."

"It has been a privilege to see how they have progressed over the last 2 years and the fantastic individual results they have achieved. I really am so proud of them."

Once again nearly all Lymm High Sixth Form students have secured places at their preferred universities. This includes very high numbers heading off to the most prestigious institutions, including Oxbridge, and onto the most competitive courses, such as medicine. Our Sixth Form website will soon be updated with our 2024 students' Roll of Honour! Students will also be able to see our Destina-

tions poster in Sixth Form, which shows which institutions our students have gone on to study at.

Mr Williams said: "I'm extremely proud of all of our Year 13 students and the fantastic results they have achieved. Having faced disruption to a significant proportion of their school years due to the pandemic it is remarkable that they have gone on to achieve Lymm High School's best ever post-16 results. It is a fantastic testament to their hard work, determination and resilience."

These results underline the strength of our Sixth Form, which is built on an extremely committed, supportive and hard working Sixth Form team of teachers and support staff, he said. "I am delighted for the students and would also like to thank all the staff as well as parents and carers for the support they give to our fantastic students."

There are so many individual students who have performed brilliantly (including some who have had to overcome some very significant personal challenges) and it's impossible to acknowledge

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every single success here.

However, congratulations
especially go to the following
students who achieved A* in
all of their A' Levels:
Thea Benson (4 A*), Robin
Holden (4 A*), Ben Hutchison
(4 A*), Lucy Quayle (4 A*),
Erin Allsup (3 A*), Tom
Bettridge (3 A*), Tin Chu (3
A*), Ben Gomm (3 A*), Anna
Shaw (3 A*) and Remi Tavernier (3 A*).

And the following students achieved at least three A*/A grades: Thomas Anderson, Asya Bagan, Tom Davies, Hannah Davies, Matthew Johnson, Eve Kayll, James Knowles, Dylan McNicholas, Barnaby Nicholson, Charlotte Storey, Lucy Williams, Nell Wynne-Roberts, Ella Yates.

Special mention also to Belle Caqueret who got a Distinction in Health & Social Care as well as A* A in her A' Levels, Maddie Walsh who got D*D in Fashion and an A at A' level, Leon Woodward-Palmer and Callum Doubleday who Achieved D*DD in the BTEC Sport Extended Diploma, and Ruby Stephens who achieved D*D* in Fashion & Textiles.

Mrs Neesam, Lymm High's new Head of Sixth Form, said: "It's been a year of outstanding results! We wish the very best to all our former students taking those exciting next steps, many of whom are just starting their new terms, apprenticeships or jobs. Together with our dedicated Sixth Form team, I look forward to guiding our current cohort to similar success next year!"



Mrs Neesam is the new Head of Sixth Form.



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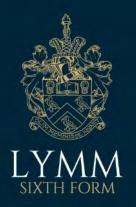




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A fter our best ever set of A' Level results, it was Year 11's turn to shine the following week.



This year's GCSE results were also the best the school has ever had. Nerves were high following media reports of nationwide results dropping slightly. However, Lymm High students bucked the trend.

In all, 88% of students met the benchmark grades of 9–4 in both English and Maths, with 71% securing grades 9–5 in both subjects and 34% getting grades 9–7 in both. Across all subjects, 45% of grades were at 9–7. Remarkably, over 70% of our students achieved at least one grade 7 (equivalent to the old A grade).

Speaking on Results Day, Mr Williams said: "After last week's phenomenal A' Level results, I could not be prouder of our students and the dedicated staff who have supported them".

This year's very top performers with ten grade 9s were Sophia Cheung and Adam Hunt. This is an incredible performance given how difficult it is to get a 9, and how little margin for error there is in any one subject. We're

thrilled that both students are now in Year 12 and we look forward to following their A' Level journeys.

The following students also performed exceptionally well in their GCSEs and secured at least nine grade 8 or 9s: Abigail Allsup, James Bolton, Niamh Corley-Lewis, William Greenwood, Akshith Gulapally, Bryony Holden, Annie Kirsten, Evie Madgin, Daniel McCormack, George Mitchell, Anna Mukherjee, Lottie Nicholson, Max Ottiwell, James Owen, Evie Preston, Lucas Schulz-Utermoehl,

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Erin Shaw and Alice Williams.

Very close behind with at least eight grade 8 or 9s were: Amber Ali-Snippe, James Booth, Josh Cooke, Rachel Cooke, Kiera Denwood, Elizabeth Dobson, Jasmine Egerton, Harry Evans, Ava Rose Exley, Holly Franklin, Lexie Garner, Ben McFerran, Joe Short, Benjy Walton, Tom Welsby, Eifion Williams and Ewan Wynne-Roberts.

While official progress data, which considers students' starting points, won't be available from the government until next month, it looks to be even better than last year.

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The *Daily Mail* has already included Lymm High in its listing of top 100 state schools in the country.

Of course, the statistics only tell a tiny bit of the story. Be-

hind the numbers lie a huge amount of hard work on the part of the young people concerned, combined with masses of support from families, teachers and other professionals. Success is almost always a team effort, and we pay tribute to everyone who has worked so hard over the last few years.

Well done again to all of our former Year 11 and Year 13 students; and congratulations to all students who received the results they deserved and worked so hard to achieve. "A heartfelt thank you to everyone – families, teachers and staff – who supported them along the way", says Mr Williams. "Your efforts have truly made a difference."



Information evening for Parents and Carers

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FAIR

Join us to learn about mental health and the support available for our students, both within school and locally.





Lymm High School
Wednesday 9th October

6-6.30pm: Stalls

6.30-7pm: Talk from school Mental Health Lead

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE



CYBER STUDENTS

On Tuesday 10th September, Year 9 students had an exciting and educational day at the Cyber First Event at Media City.

The event, hosted by in4Group at HOST, offered a hands-on introduction to the world of digital technology and Cyber Security. Students became digital detectives, solving complex mysteries through technology, and participated in a geo-caching adventure that sharpened their navigation skills.

A highlight of the day was a tour of the site, including a visit to the cutting-edge podcast room where football legend Micah Richards recently recorded his latest podcast with Samsung.

Students also took on the challenge of an escape room using virtual reality headsets, giving them a taste of the future of immersive tech. Gaming enthusiasts enjoyed playing the latest titles, with Fortnite proving to be a crowd favourite.

In addition to the fun, the students had the opportunity to discuss the growing influence of AI in programming, delving into both its potential benefits and drawbacks. "The day was enriched by talks from industry experts, offering invaluable insights into the tech world, leaving the students inspired and informed about future career possibilities in digital industries", said Mrs Binks.







Toilet Roll Derby

Contenders queued to take a turn in Lymm High's latest Inter-Hall event.

Students didn't need much equestrian experience, only rolls of unravelled toilet paper, to compete in Lymm High's first Toilet Roll Derby.

The aim of the game was to wind up the roll, thereby racing the horses along the length of the table in the quickest way possible. It sounds easy, but several horses 'fell' as the 'jockeys' pulled the roll too swiftly. Slow and steady was the name of the game and the winning students won the race in the fastest time without losing their horses!

The finals took place on Wednesday 25th September. Well done to Year 9 Isla Greenfield representing Tatton who won the Derby. Second place went to Year 9 Isabella Walker from Walton Hall.









In July, our Year 7 students were lucky enough to return to our special place Ty'n-y-Felin, affectionately known as 'Tynny'.

A fter months of planning and preparation, the children enjoyed a fun packed 3 days in the beautiful Anglesey countryside.

After unpacking and settled into their dorms on the first day it was time to hit the beautiful Silver Bay beach. We played football, rounders and had a sand sculpture competition. After dinner we went crabbing at the creek followed by indulging in a tuck shop whilst watching Euro 2024.

The next day the children were up bright and early for a full day of water sports and team building activities. Some groups were luckier than others weather wise... but everyone got

involved and loved the coasteering and kayaking. After some lunch, t-shirt painting commenced followed by our 'Tynny's got



talent' competition. The standard was exceptionally high, and the year group really does have a range of amazing talents!

The final morning was spent in the beautiful grounds of Tynny. Everyone got involved and it got very competitive during the Tynny Sports Day.

"The trip was a massive success, and I count myself lucky to have had the opportunity to spend some quality time enjoying the Wales countryside with the best group of students", said Miss Rowley, Head of Year 8. "A massive shout-out to all the wonderful staff who volunteered to join the trip and help it run so smoothly."





NEW MEETS OLD A



Another traditional celebration of the school's heritage saw new exciting activities and experiences for students and staff.

A s well as ways to further bring the school together in celebration, Founders' Day is a fantastic opportunity to raise money and support the wider community.

One of the new events introduced this year was cardboard raft racing, hosted in Lymm Leisure Centre. Throughout the year, the school has been collecting cardboard boxes from orders in preparation for the eagerly anticipated raft race. Forms worked together to construct a sturdy, and water-ready, vessel to

race across the swimming pool. "These races provided an exciting and imaginative way to reuse old cardboard and to bring the school Forms together in competition", said Mr Hayes.

The other new addition to Founders' Day 2024 was the sponsored inflatable course. Students helped raise funds for Lymm High's Hall charities whilst racing round an inflatable obstacle course in the school grounds. As well as the monster inflatables, students took part in

T FOUNDERS' DAY



Sumo Suit Wrestling and a Pugil Stick Challenge. Drinks and cakes were sold in aid of the Afritwin charity.

Community engagement is a key focus of Lymm High and throughout the year students help to run and participate in local events. During the week of Founders' Day, our skilled orchestra visited care homes in the Lymm and Statham areas and played for the residents. Other students visited local care homes to chat with the residents and create craft projects. Students, residents and the accompanying staff members all enjoyed the

activities, the sharing of stories, and the lively discussions about the Euro 2024 competition!

Further community engagement involved a litter pick to help tidy up Lymm. The first locations tackled were areas around the school itself and then Lymm Dam, which houses a lot of hidden litter, as these students discovered. Grundy Park was next, and bin bags soon began to fill up! Before returning to school, the group of students walked along the canal and continued to clean up any litter, finding an umbrella and an oil container! Many people saw these students and complimented them on the good work they were doing, and we couldn't agree more. It's hoped that by seeing these students collect and tidy away discarded litter, it will inspire people to litter less.



CHARITY NEWS

The evening of Founders'
Day was the traditional
church service held at St.
Mary's. Some students gave
speeches in the service, highlighting their involvement
with these community
engagement initiatives.

This service is the finale to the Founders' Day celebrations, discussing and praising the students' continued help and support for the wider Lymm community.

The conclusion of the evening

is guests being served fantastic canapés by the hardworking A' Level Hospitality team.

Another great celebration of the school's heritage, and an amazing yearly tradition to get involved with!



CHARITY CAR WASH

Year 13 students Thomas Dunkley, Reuben Compton and Alex Currie braved the torrential rain to wash staff cars on September's INSET Day. The three Sixth Formers are raising funds for their Afritwin visit in June 2025.





We kicked off our first charity event of the year on Friday 27th September.

ur Sixth Form student charity representatives organised a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Staff, students and parents brought in homemade and store-bought cakes to sell to Year 12 and 13 at

breaktime and lunch in the Lower Hex.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of baked goods we received and we'd like to thank all who contributed.

Sixth Formers sold cakes to

the rest of the student population at lunchtime.

We were delighted to raise over £200 for this very well deserving charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.









UNITED FOR OLI

Maggie Clair was part of a charity walk to raise money for her cousin's boyfriend's therapy.

The Year 9 student, together with family and friends, took part in a 33-mile walk on Sunday 29th September to raise money for the treatment and rehabilitation of Oli Coppock.

Oli has been hospitalised following a brain injury and can now only communicate by blinking his eyes and shrugging his shoulders.

Maggie's cousin Beth Wright led the fundraising walk that started at Oli's beloved Old Trafford and ended at Oli's favourite restaurant in Liverpool. Oli had surgery to remove a brain tumour and seemed to be recovering well until May 2024. It was found that he had fluid on the brain and during emergency surgery went into cardiac arrest. He is now in a high dependency ward where he needs help to breathe and is fed through a tube.

The go fund me page set up to raise money for Oli's treatment has already topped £22,000. His family and friends hope the walk will raise awareness of his condition as well as vital funds.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4th October
INSET Day

Wednesday 9th October
Mental Health &

Wellbeing Fair, 6pm, Lower & Upper Hex

Thursday 17th October

Year 11 'How to revise' evening for parents, 6pm, Main Hall

Friday 18th October

Spanish Exchange

28th October to 1st
November
Half-term break

Monday 4th November
School reopens

Thursday 7th November Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th November
Sixth Form Open Evening
(see p.4)

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MEET THE NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



This year, we had an overwhelming response with 19 high-calibre applicants applying for various leadership roles within our Sixth Form.

Each applicant showed dedication and a passion for serving our school community. All 19 students have been successfully placed into various leadership roles within the school. These positions allow them to represent and advocate for issues that are important to them, including eco-awareness, LGBTQ+ support and charitable activities.

Head of Student Leadership

Kallika Vyas

"I am excited to begin my work as Head Student. Above all, I hope to improve students' confidence and enthusiasm in their studies, primarily by building upon the success of our paired reading programme and establishing a mentoring system to cover a wider variety of subjects and year groups. I will also strive to immerse students in the wider Lymm community, creating links with local businesses and promoting social responsibility. Finally, I wish to ensure that Life Programme sessions equip students with the necessary skills to enter adulthood in 2025."



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Head of Student Leadership

Elizabeth Nelson

"I am very honoured and excited to jointly lead the Student Leadership Team this year! I would love to be able to help create an enjoyable and safe environment at school, because I feel it is important for everyone to feel free to be themselves, feel accepted, and feel they matter. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and working with the other members of the Student Leadership Team."



Deputy Head Student

Beth Parkinson

"As Deputy Head Student, I aspire to provide greater encouragement and participation of women's sport, ensuring everybody has a chance to try something new and express their talent. I also aim to provide a mentoring system between Sixth Form and younger years providing a supportive environment where students can build confidence in their ability and look up to their older role models. I am eager to make a positive legacy in my role and will work hard to ensure students have an enjoyable, welcoming experience at Lymm High School."



Deputy Head Student

David Baker

"I'm really excited to have been chosen as Deputy Head Student representing Arley. I plan to help students with their studies through help with revision strategies and I will promote the school at outside events. I'm looking forward to supporting everyone and working on making our school an even better place."





REMEMBERING ROALD DAHL

Our first ILC activity of the year took place on Friday 13th September.

o celebrate Roald Dahl Day, there were a variety of activities taking place in the library.

Grace Shires (7DL) won the colouring competition, and the runners up were Ginny Wong (7AH), Amy Ryan (7DL) and Kaia Shaw (7ML).

Scarlet Neale (7MH) was the only student to correctly guess that there were 107 Willy Wonka sweets in the jar. She wins the jar of sweets and a book of her choice.

See p.24 for details of our Key Stage 3 performance of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*.





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YOUNGMINDS



A wonderful day at Disneyland was a fitting culmination to a triumphant trip to Paris for Year 9–11s in July, writes Ms McQuillan.

Having endured a startlingly early start in order to travel by coach all day on the Monday, students and teachers were delighted to see the Eiffel Tower and all the sights packed into the busy itinerary.

The group made sure to sample French cuisine. Breakfasts were a continental affair, with fresh bread, cheeses and pastries; and hot food fuelled the group for their adventures. This was needed exploring the vast Chateau Versailles,

grand palace to the infamous Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI, which gave context to the French revolution.

On the coach journeys between the attractions, staff passed the time by taking sartorial notes from the well-dressed denizens of this elegant city and playing 'spot the dog' to keep a watch out for Paris' four-legged friends.

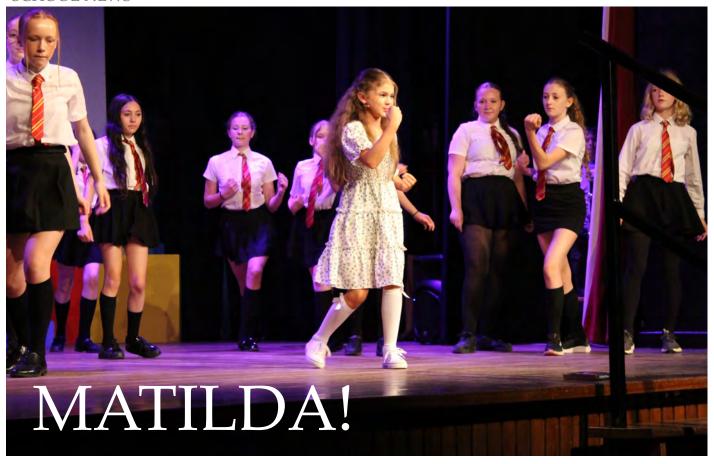
A quick trip up the Montparnasse Tower gave the group a fabulous view over the city and an opportunity to pick up souvenirs for loved ones back home, then the whole group relaxed at a soothing trip to the Paris Aquarium before dinner.

The Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie gave students opportunity to flex their brains and discover the world of technology in a very interactive way. Despite a real downpour (the only rain of the trip!), the cruise on the River Seine was a welcome point of relaxation to take in the sights, with a very informative audio guide pointing out the many sites of historical, artistic and political interest.

The trip was so oversubscribed that Mrs Hurn is looking into running another, so keep your eyes peeled!







On the 15th, 16th and 17th July, nearly ninety Key Stage 3 students took to the main stage to perform in the junior version of *Matilda the Musical*.

ix weeks prior to the first-night show, the cast list was sent out and rehearsals began. Every lunchtime and the majority of after schools were taken up with learning the choreography for dances, singing three-part harmonies, and reading through the many lines of script.

Everyone in the cast was completely dedicated and passionate to put on an amazing show from the very start. "After the very first rehearsal we were surprised by how fast the students were picking up choreography and direction", said the Director, Miss Larkin. "The students put their best efforts into every rehearsal and were incredibly committed to improving to always make their performance better, even during the first few weeks of practice."

Over 750 tickets were sold across the three show nights, which is an incredible achievement. "During show week it was like working with professional performers", said Miss Larkin, "all the cast conducted themselves perfectly".

The students performed to their best abilities, and they put on an incredible show filled with big dance numbers and emotional scenes. The students sang and danced their hearts out and enjoyed every minute. All their faces were beaming with joy which was wonderful to see.

"They made our job feel like the best job in the world due to their polite manner and dedicated attitude. I can't thank the students enough for their hard work, we are so excited to see what the future holds. We have some very talented performers on our hands!"





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RENOVATING LYM

Over the summer holiday, our maintenance team have been busy updating, repairing and renovating Lymm High.

- Design Technology has a vibrant, new wall display.
- The female changing rooms in the Leisure Centre have been refurbished.
- A new science lab is in E311.
- One of our Food Tech rooms (E216) has been completely overhauled and made accessible for all students.
- A Block toilets have been completely replaced.
- We now have a new servery in the main canteen.







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CHAMPIONSHIP SAILORS

It's been a successful summer of sailing for Sophie Thorougood and Freya Antonelli.

he students started their summer holiday by competing at Abersoch Dinghy Week. This was a week-long regatta with over 200 boats competing, and 19 boats in the girls' class. Year 11 Sophie had a really good week finishing in third place overall. Year 8 Freya sailed exceptionally well winning an incredible six out of nine races and finishing first overall by a clear margin.

The regatta was an excellent opportunity for both girls to hone their sea sailing skills in preparation for the National Championships in August. This took place at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, where the girls had all their skill, experience and resilience tested fully! A fleet of 126 boats raced in really challenging conditions over 6 days. Both girls achieved their goals by getting into the Gold Fleet. Sophie finished in



Freya in Weymouth.



Sophie in Weymouth.

61st position overall and Freya finished 63rd. This was an impressive performance at their first National Championships. In addition, Freya was the youngest sailor to make the Gold Fleet.

"This is fantastic", said Mr Barnett, Head of Year 11. "What an absolutely incredible achievement from both girls. It's fantastic to see members of our school community not only get involved in activities as demanding as sailing, but also to be so resilient, dedicated and successful in their pursuit."

Next up is the World Championships in Holland in July 2025.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

On Monday 30th September, our cross country team headed to Walton Hall and Gardens for the Warrington Schools Cross Country Championships. The conditions were very difficult given the constant rainfall.





However, there were some great results with Bethany Roberts and Evie-May Williams taking gold medals on the day!







Sports Day at Lymm High is a highly anticipated event each year, offering students the opportunity to showcase their athletic talents and engage in friendly competition.

This year's Sports Day took place on Wednesday 17th July and was a fantastic success, bringing together students and teachers in a celebration of athleticism and school spirit, writes Mr Kerwin.

The day not only highlighted the physical talents of our students but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and community. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year and building on the successes of this event.

In the weeks leading up to Sports Day, students and staff worked diligently to prepare. The Sports Leaders, along with volunteers, organised various activities and ensured that all logistical aspects were covered. Students participated in practice sessions to hone their skills and build team spirit.

A special thank you to all the staff, volunteers, site team, catering team, the Maths department and everyone who helped run an event, who contributed to the success of Sports Day. Your hard work and dedication made this event possible and enjoyable for everyone involved.





















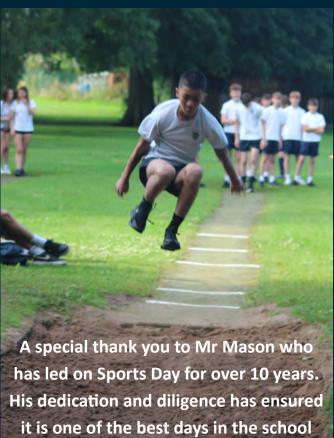












calendar. Mr Mason leaves us with all

of our well wishes!

SPORTS DAY HIGHLIGHTS

 Outstanding Performances: Leah Poole in Year 7 with an unbelievable performance.
 For the first time in decades she broke two school records (Long Jump and 100m) in one Sports Day!



- School Spirit: There was an impressive display of school spirit, with students cheering enthusiastically for their peers and participating in various fun activities.
- Sportsmanship: The event showcased excellent sportsmanship, with students supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes.





FIN IN THE FINAL

Well done to Year 13 Finlay Yeomans for his part in the Rugby League Academy Grand Final on Wednesday 25th September.

Both Sixth Former Fin and his brother Charlie played for Wigan Warriors vs St. Helens at the Totally Wicked stadium.

Following their 15-12 win, Wigan Warriors have been crowned the 2024 Academy League Champions!