

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear families

I hope you all had a lovely summer, even if we didn't seem to get much sunshine! We certainly had another tremendously successful one in terms of exam results, which we were delighted with. You'll already know that our performance in the last few years has consistently put us among the top handful of comprehensive schools in the North West so it is quite something to be able to report that the 2024 results are even stronger – the best we have ever had for both A' Level and GCSE. You can read more on the [website here](#), and we will let you know when the government publish the official figures later this term.

Most importantly, huge congratulations again to all the students who walked away with such great sets of qualifications, as well as to their families who supported them throughout. I'd also like to publicly thank all the staff who worked so hard on the students' behalf; one of the most remarkable things about the profile of results is the consistency of high performance across virtually all subjects and the different groups of students – something that is only possible with a great deal of hard work and commitment from a lot of people. Well done to everyone involved and all the very best to those from Year 11 and 13 who have headed off to pastures new.

It was also nice to read over the summer that we have been included in the *Daily Mail's* list of the [top 100 state schools](#) in the country!

It has been a very positive start to the new school year too. I've especially enjoyed meeting lots of the new Year 7 cohort, who I must say seem to have found their feet very quickly and have been wonderfully polite and engaging so far. All the other year groups also seem to have settled very well and it's lovely to have everyone back.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything that is worrying you or you need support. Otherwise, all the very best for a happy and successful year.

Kind regards  
Gwyn Williams

### Concern regarding unsafe driving and parking near school

This week, we have received a number of complaints regarding dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the school. In particular, we have been made aware that Longbutt Lane is very busy, with students walking this way to school and parents choosing this road to drop their children off. We have had reports of cars blocking driveways, speeding, and parking on the curb blocking access to the footpath. All of which poses a significant risk to the safety of our students, as well as other pedestrians and drivers in the area.

Please can we ask that you drop your child off a little further away from school to avoid congestion in this area. We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be stressful and that everyone is eager to get their children to school on time, but the safety of our students is our top priority.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Extra-curricular sport

Please [click here](#) to see the full list of sports clubs, which run at lunchtime and after school. All students are welcome to attend these clubs and we hope to see many students taking the opportunities to get involved in sport. Please ensure that this [consent form](#) is completed before your child attends their first session. Paper copies are available from the PE office if required. Please note that parents/carers are responsible for making arrangements for children to be collected from school.

### Sports fixtures

Please [click here](#) for the link to all sports fixtures, including team sheets, locations and timings. All cup fixtures will be added as and when confirmed.

### Netball Training

Please [click here](#) to see the netball training timetable for 2024–25.

### Cross-Country Races

Each year, Warrington Athletics Club organises cross-country races for local schools. The dates of this year's races are:

- **Saturday 28th September**
- **Saturday 14th December**

This extra-curricular sport opportunity is open to years 7–11. For further information, please [click here](#).

### Careers information

Please be aware that there is a wealth of information on careers and further education options on the school website [here](#). This is updated regularly and includes upcoming events, labour market information (including current vacancies) and signposting for parent and student further information.

### Careers Fair

This year's Warrington Pledge Careers Fair is taking place on **Wednesday 13th November** at Warrington Youth Zone from 3.30–7pm for parents, carers and students. There will be over 50 exhibitors present (including employers, Further Education, Higher Education and voluntary groups) providing inspiration for future careers, employment, training and volunteering opportunities to support skills and a future CV.

To book a place, please [click here](#).

### Cashless catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via Parent Pay 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](#).

## PTA AGM

The first PTA meeting of the year is on **Monday 16th September** at 6.30pm in school. Meet in main Reception. All are welcome! Come and find out what the PTA is all about and meet the Headteacher. Refreshments provided.

## 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 go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and select Lymm High School as your cause, school will then receive a percentage donation. Last year, we raised over £700 just by shopping! As always, thank you for your support.

## LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Mrs Stone, who won £70.50! 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 Welcome Letter

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Miss Taylor, Head of Year 7, which includes important dates for the year ahead, including a 'Meet the Tutor' event on **Monday 23rd September**.

## Year 7 Reading Tests

As part of our commitment to supporting your child's learning, all Year 7 students will be taking the New Group Reading Test (NGRT), starting on **Monday 16th September**. Please [click here](#) to read about the test and its purpose.

## Year 8 Welcome Letter

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Miss Rowley, Head of Year 8, which includes important dates for the year ahead, including an Information Evening on **Tuesday 24th September**.

## Year 9 Welcome letter

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Miss Beck, Head of Year 9, which includes important dates for the year ahead, including an Information Evening on **Wednesday 25th September**.

## Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Tuesday 24th September**. Key Stage 3 students will study the following topics.

- **Year 7: Transition and New Starts**

Year 7 are focused on their move from Primary to Secondary school. In the last Life Programme

session, they looked at the feelings we have when we have to make big changes in our lives. On Tuesday, they will be focusing on travelling safely to school. This will also look at how we travel safely around Lymm. Year 7 will then (like the rest of the year groups) move onto the Relationships and Sex education module for the rest of the half term. They will start with looking at healthy relationships and how to form positive relationships with their peers.

- **Year 8: Influences on Relationships and Consent**

Year 8 are continuing their Relationships and Sex education module with a focus in the next couple of weeks on what influences the relationships we have and how they can change, as well as how we can avoid making assumptions about consent. We look here at how we can spot when consent for any behaviour is given and how to act appropriately when it is not.

- **Year 9: Consent**

Year 9 will be spending the next couple of sessions trying to unpick the issue of consent within relationships. Firstly, they will explore what capacity to consent actually means and how we know when someone is able to give consent or not. The second session will be about how we can see when consent has been given and recognising situations where it is important to gain consent.

For further information regarding our Life Programme curriculum, please visit our [page on the website](#).

## UPPER SCHOOL

### Year 10 Welcome Letter

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs Wagstaff, Head of Year 10, which includes important dates for the year ahead, including an Information Evening on **Thursday 26th September**.

### Well done Year 10

A massive well done to Year 10 on such a positive start to the year. They have impressed us hugely with their behaviour, effort in lessons and great attitude. It is lovely to see them all after summer. Keep up the great work Year 10!

*Mrs Wagstaff and Miss McMullen*

### Year 11 Welcome Letter

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Mr Barnett, Head of Year 11, which includes important dates for the year ahead.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

We are delighted to announce the reservation form is now available for our Sixth Form Open Evening, which will be held 5–8pm on **Thursday 14th November**. We highly recommend Year 11 students only and their parents/carers join us for what will be a fantastic opportunity to explore our Sixth Form, see our facilities, listen to a talk from the Head of Sixth Form, find out more about all the courses on offer and how to apply.

Please click on [this link](#) to register your place. If you have any questions or queries regarding Sixth Form in the meantime, please contact Mrs Hughes on [lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk).

## Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Tuesday 24th September**. Key Stage 4 students will study the following topics.

- **Year 10: Consent and the Law**  
As part of the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, Year 10 will be focusing on the rule of law when it comes to consent. Exploring what the law says around issues of consent and rape, and how we can see when the law has been broken. They will be able to look at a scenario and apply the law to it. This will be followed up with a look at some of the issues that are thrown up around consent and rape and how we can approach them maturely. They will also be able to challenge some preconceived ideas around these issues.
- **Year 11: Exploring ideas around Family**  
Building on the last session on making long-term commitments, Year 11 will spend the next few sessions looking at ideas around family and the relationships we have within them. We will look at what family means in the 21st Century and explore conflict within families, and how we can help resolve these as well as support those within our family units.

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## SIXTH FORM

### Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Evenings

The Sixth Form IAG Evenings are on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** in the Main Hall at school. Year 12 is at 6pm and Year 13 is at 7pm. Please [click here](#) to read the letters sent home.

## Personal Development Update

As we embark upon a new academic year, we start with a personal development focus on **participation**. At 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 your child'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 Leadership Ladder (KS3), Participation Profile (KS4) and Next Gen Future Leaders (KS5) to record and reward our students for their efforts in participating within our school community. Please keep an eye out for the updated extra-curricular timetable coming soon.

A range of events which students can enjoy over the next fortnight can be found below. What will your child get involved in?

<p><b>WEEK B: 16–20th September</b>  <b>Assembly theme: Participation Hall Assembly</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 7–9 Girls Singing Club, 8.20am in the Drama Studio</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungeons &amp; Dragons club, 1.25pm in A211</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 7–9 Boys Singing Club, 8.20am in the Drama Studio</li> <li>• Dungeons &amp; Dragons club for new players, 1.25pm in A211</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> <li>• Years 10–13 Singing Club, 1.30pm in D104</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 7–13 Mahjong club, lunchtime in S202 (bring your lunch)</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> <li>• DofE drop-in workshop, 3.15–4pm in the ILC</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 &amp; 11 Film Club, 1.30pm in L201</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> <li>• <b>Freddo Friday:</b> The top six ‘Star Students’ in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy!</li> </ul>	<p><b>WEEK A: 23–27th September</b>  <b>Assembly theme: Kindness Matters: SLT lead</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 7–9 Boys Singing Club, 8.20am in the Drama Studio</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Programme</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 7–9 Girls Singing Club, 8.20am in the Drama Studio</li> <li>• Years 10–13 Singing Club, 1.30pm in D104</li> <li>• Years 7–9 Set Design Club, 1.40–2.10pm in E208</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photography trip to Liverpool</li> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> <li>• DofE drop-in workshop, 3.15–4pm in the ILC</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lego Club, 1.30–2pm in E214</li> <li>• <b>Freddo Friday:</b> The top six ‘Star Students’ in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy!</li> </ul>
<p>In addition, <a href="#">click here</a> for the latest sports timetable. The extra-curricular clubs timetable is being updated and will be available soon!</p>	



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