



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and had a fantastic summer.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as your children embark upon the final stage of their GCSE journey and their secondary education with us at Lymm High School. I am privileged to continue working with your children for another year as they continue their journey.

We are wholeheartedly committed to continue providing your child with the best possible support and guidance necessary to ensure their continued success.

We understand that your child's education and wellbeing is paramount, and we are dedicated to creating an environment that fosters their growth. Our experienced and passionate team of educators are here to nurture your child's strengths and empower them to reach their full potential.

Students can continue to take advantage of an extensive support network in Year 11 which has expanded since Year 10. They will work closely with the below members of staff as well as our fantastic Student Services team.

Mr W Barnett	Head of Year 11
Mrs N Purslow	Year 11 Pastoral Manager
Mrs E Feast	Deputy headteacher, Year 11 SLT link, Raising Achievement and Exams
Mrs H Jennings	Assistant headteacher – Behaviour and attendance
Miss K Yates	SENDCO
Mrs S Tasker	Additional support
Mrs C McGahey	Raising Standards Leader Year 11 and Pupil Premium lead

As a Year 11 team, we will be supporting students to continue managing their increased workload effectively, to develop and hone effective revision techniques, deal with exam stress, direct them to specific subject intervention sessions, and look after their emotional and mental wellbeing. Year 11 is undoubtedly a stressful and difficult year for our students but please rest assured that we are vastly experienced in guiding them through this journey and will be looking to build upon the record GCSE results that we achieved in 2024.

With a linear approach to the majority of examinations (most examinations take place at the end of Year 11), there is a greater emphasis and demand for students to retain and recall previous knowledge. Therefore, students must continue to invest greater time outside of the school day into their studies. Adopting an effective revision routine at home will enable them to become more confident in their knowledge and understanding of key content in their courses. As a rough guide, students should be spending a minimum of 1 hour revision per night in addition to their homework, with slightly more at weekends. This should increase to at least 2 hours in the time leading up to their mock exams. It is no coincidence that the students celebrating excellent GCSE examination results were those who adopted a revision routine and stuck to it rigorously throughout Years 10 and 11.

To support students with their revision routines, faculties will be offering their specific guidance and tools for success such as Knowledge Organisers, vocabulary lists and past paper questions. More specific information about these sessions, as well as general information around GCSE examinations, revision, expectations and support will be discussed at our **Year 11 Information and Guidance** evening being held on **Thursday 12th September 2024 (6–7 pm)** in the Main Hall. Further information and guidance on revision will be shared on the **Year 11 Revision Evening** scheduled to take place on **Thursday 17th October 2024** in the Main Hall (6–7pm).

Whilst the support and resources that we offer will prove invaluable to our students, it can only be maximised if they attend school on time each day, taking full advantage of the opportunities provided. Maintaining excellent attendance is more crucial than ever before to ensure that students do not fall behind in their courses or miss vital intervention sessions available to them. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes simply unavoidable, at Lymm High School we strive for students to have attendance above 97%, dropping below this figure has the potential to negatively impact their final grade.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to some of the key dates to note for this academic year:

Activity	Date
Year 11 starts	05/09/24
Year 11 Information Evening	12/09/24 (6pm, Main Hall)
Year 11 Revision Evening	17/10/24 (6pm, Main Hall)
Year 11 Progress Report 1 (PR1)	By end of October 24
Year 11 Mocks	02/12/24 – 13/12/24 <i>(catch-up w/c 16/12/24 for any missed exams)</i>
Year 11 Progress Report 2 (PR2) <i>Mock Results Day</i>	22/01/25

Year 11 Parents' Evening	23/01/25 (4.30–7.30, online)
Year 11 Core Mocks	03/03/25 – 07/03/25
Year 11 Progress Report 3 (PR3) <i>Including core mock grades</i>	By end of March 25
External GCSE exams begin	08/05/25
External GCSE exams end	20/06/25
Lymm High School Sixth Form transition day <i>For students remaining at LHS for Sixth Form</i>	23/06/25
Whole School Awards Evening	17/07/25
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I am confident that together, we can provide the guidance and encouragement they need to excel academically, build resilience, and develop into well-rounded individuals. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our doors are always open, and we are here to assist you in any way we can.

Should you have any queries or questions, please see the list of key contacts below to help you identify the best person to contact:

Subject-specific query/concern	Subject teacher or Head of Faculty
Student welfare query/concern	Mrs Purslow (Year 11 Pastoral Manager)
General progress query/concern	Form Tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Mr Barnett (Head of Year 11)
Exam query	Communications and Exams section of the school website

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 12th September at 6pm.

Yours faithfully,

Mr W. Barnett
Head of Year 11