

WHOLE SCHOOL

Change to dates of summer term

The original calendar for this year involved an INSET day on **Friday 27th June**. However, for various reasons (mainly related to exams and trips to Tynny) it no longer works to hold the INSET day then. Therefore, Friday 27th June will now be a normal school day. Instead, we will finish for the summer holidays on **Friday 18th July** (as opposed to the original plan of **Tuesday 22nd July**). Apologies for any inconvenience and please do let your Head of Year know if this causes any major problems.

Attendance: penalty notices

As mentioned in previous correspondence regarding attendance, Warrington Borough Council is now considering penalty notices in line with the new DfE guidance. Please [click here](#) to find out more information. As always, if you are concerned about your child's attendance, do get in touch with your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager.

Road Safety Week (17–23rd November)

In school next week we are helping our students to engage with the road safety issues that affect them. Unfortunately, more than six children are killed or seriously injured on roads every day in the UK. During dark, winter nights road incidents involving pedestrians become more prevalent. Please support us in passing on the message at home to use pedestrian crossings wherever possible and make sure students understand the importance of stopping, looking, listening, and thinking before they step out onto the road.

Year 8–11 Parent Forum and Parent Survey

We had originally planned to hold a parent forum next week. However, only a handful of people have expressed an interest in coming along and so we are going to postpone this for now. Instead, we would be grateful if parents and carers with children in Years 8–11 could take a couple of minutes to complete [this survey](#) on what the school is doing well and what we might do better. This kind of feedback is really helpful to us in trying to ensure we deliver the best possible education for your children and your support is much appreciated.

The Lymm Learner programme

We are excited to announce an inspiring new initiative at Lymm High School: The Lymm Learner. This programme is designed to recognise and cultivate qualities that we believe are essential for students to thrive academically and personally. As part of this, our positive points system will be shifting to better reflect the qualities of a 'Lymm Learner.'

A 'Lymm Learner' is a student who:

- Takes responsibility for their own learning.
- Is motivated by their progress and strives to improve.
- Asks thoughtful questions and confidently challenges assumptions.
- Thinks critically to enhance their understanding.
- Embraces setbacks as learning opportunities and shows resilience.

Each week, students will earn Lymm Learner Hall points for demonstrating these attributes in their classes. The top three students in each year group who accumulate the most Lymm Learner Hall points will receive a special certificate, which will be sent home in recognition of their dedication and success.

School Production – Footloose

Tickets are now on sale for this year's school production, which runs from **26–29th November**. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £6 for children and concessions, and can be bought from the School Finance & MIS Office (old school shop). The show starts at 7pm in the Main Hall. PTA will be running a bar before the production and during the interval.

Headlice

There has been a handful of reports of students with headlice over the last few days. This has been across two separate year groups, and we therefore ask that you check your child's hair and treat it if you find any. Please see [this leaflet](#) for additional advice.

Movember

Some of our staff and Sixth Form students are growing some mighty moustaches this month to raise awareness and money for the Movember charity. Staff volunteers sacrificing their upper lips include Mr O'Flynn, Mr Johnson, Mr Dobson, Mr Broadhurst, Mr Barrett, Mr Starkey and Mr Hawker-Green. Movember is a Men's health charity and has three main strands: testicular cancer, prostate cancer and suicide prevention. There are so many reasons why these three causes are important and we will be talking to the students about these over the month. If you'd like to make a donation, please [click here](#).

Wear Pink for Peace

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 'Wear pink for peace' fundraiser in memory of Brianna Ghey. We raised £580.44 for Peace & Mind UK.

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](#).

Raise funds for PTA while shopping at ASDA

ASDA shoppers can raise money for Lymm High by choosing the school to receive a percentage of their spend via the Rewards app. Up until **Saturday 30th November**, every time customers shop at ASDA using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen school.

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 Wray, who won £75! 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

Huge congratulations to Year 7

Students have made a tremendous start to their journey at Lymm High School. It has been very encouraging to receive praise from staff across the school who commend the year group on their participation to clubs and their overall positive attitude towards their learning. We wanted to share this with parents and carers to say thank you for your support so far. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Miss Taylor

Year 7 transition feedback

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already completed [this form](#) regarding your child's transition into Year 7. If you are able to spare 2 minutes, your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

The Year 7 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on **Thursday 5th December**. Please [click here](#) to read about how to set up appointments.

Year 8 Terrible Tudors Trip

The History Department is running a trip to watch the 'Terrible Tudors' at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, on **Thursday 13th February 2025**. Please [click here](#) to read the full letter sent home.

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Tuesday 26th November**. Key Stage 3 students will study the following topics.

- **Year 7** move on from some of the biological changes they may experience to exploring the issue of consent. This is an introduction to the idea of consent. It will cover how we can set and see boundaries in all of our relationships and why it is important to have our own personal autonomy.
- **Year 8:** Having spent time looking at consent, students will now explore sexual orientation and gender identity in class. They will focus on how these ideas have become protected characteristics and how we can be an ally to all those around us.
- **Year 9:** Having explored sexual health, Year 9 will have an introduction to the impact pornography can have on attitudes towards relationships. They will also look at the issues and legal implications of sexting.

For further information regarding our Life Programme curriculum, please visit our [page on the website](#). In addition, parents/carers may find this [NSPCC webpage](#) useful for advice on how to talk to your child about relationships, sex and consent.

KS3 Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Key Stage 3 students are again contributing to the Street Angels Shoebox Appeal to support those who are homeless and struggling in Manchester. Students have been informed about which items to include in their Christmas wrapped shoeboxes and the different groups to support. Full details are on the [slides here](#). The deadline for receipt of the boxes in school is **Wednesday 20th November**. Students can speak to Mrs Taylor (Head of Visual Arts) if they have any questions.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 11 exam support

Year 11 are making excellent progress with their mock revision with superb attendance being seen at a range of revision sessions over lunch and after school. Thank you for your continued support with this. With just over 2 weeks to go until their first mock exam, attendance to school every day is imperative to give them the best chance of success, and also to support their confidence with their subjects. A reminder that all information relating to the mock exams and revision support is available on our [school website here](#) and were also detailed in a recent letter from Mrs Feast, which you can find [here](#).

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Tuesday 26th November**. Key Stage 4 students will study the following topics.

- **Year 10:** As we approach the end of the RSE unit, Year 10 will look at dealing with conflict within relationships, how to be assertive and how to de-escalate. We will also look at how we can manage emotions in these situations.
- **Year 11:** As this is the start of mock exam season, Year 11 will have a one-off session on getting prepared and making the most of this experience. Students will explore revision techniques and how to get mentally ready for exams.

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Personal Development Update

Our Social Responsibility theme for this half term is **Kindness**. Students should look out for various kindness activities and challenges that will be shared over the next few weeks.

In addition to our regular [extra-curricular activities](#), here are other events which students can enjoy over the next fortnight. What will your child get involved in?

WEEK A: 18–22nd November Assembly theme: <i>Anti-bullying</i> <i>(Mrs Jennings)</i>	WEEK B: 25–29th November Assembly theme: <i>Challenging Ableist Behaviour</i> <i>(Miss Crowder)</i>
<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Tournament begins, lunchtime, S107 <p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative writing club, S205, lunchtime • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 • Drama Theatre trip to see <i>1984</i> at Liverpool Playhouse, 5.30pm <p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Christmas Shoebox appeal • Maths revision, 1.35pm in E212 <i>(Reverse %)</i> • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 <p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths revision, 1.35pm in E212 <i>(Fractional and negative indices)</i> • Year 11 History Revision sessions: <i>The end of the Cold War</i>, 1.35–2.05pm, A201 (Mr Wilde) • <i>Elizabethan Society in the Age of Exploration</i>, 1.35–2.05pm, A202 (Miss Howard) • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 <p>Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Exam prep Breakfast Club, 8.15–8.45am, N206 • Sixth Form Geneva trip departs • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 • Freddo Friday: The top six ‘Star Students’ in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy! 	<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 <p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Programme • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 • School Production, <i>Footloose</i>, 7pm, Main Hall <p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths revision, 1.35pm in E212 <i>(Changing the subject)</i> • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 • School Production, <i>Footloose</i>, 7pm, Main Hall <p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History London trip departs • Year 11 History Revision sessions: <i>Superpower Relations Exam Technique</i>, 1.35–2.05pm, A201 (Mr Wilde) • <i>Early Elizabethan England Exam Technique</i>, 1.35–2.05pm, A202 (Miss Howard) • Maths revision, 1.35pm in E212 <i>(Triple brackets)</i> • Chess Tournament, lunchtime, S107 • School Production, <i>Footloose</i>, 7pm, Main Hall <p>Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Exam prep Breakfast Club, 8.15–8.45am, N206 • Chess Tournament final, lunchtime, S107 • Freddo Friday: The top six ‘Star Students’ in each group will be identified and rewarded with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread some Friday joy! • School Production, <i>Footloose</i>, 7pm, Main Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here for the latest sports timetable. • Click here for the extra-curricular clubs timetable. 	