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Our latest musical theatre production was another huge success!

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LYMM REMEMBERS

Each year, Lymm High comes together to observe Remembrance Day, a solemn occasion dedicated to those who lost their lives in conflict.

It is a tradition that we hold close to our hearts, as it serves not only as a time for reflection, but also as an opportunity to foster a sense of community and a chance

to remember the sacrifices made by others. This year, our commitment to Remembrance Day was as strong as ever, with students, staff, and the wider school

community coming together in powerful and meaningful ways.

The Visual Arts and Technology faculty worked tirelessly to create a stunning



installation in honour of Remembrance Day. The display, which extends from A Block through to the Atrium, is a remarkable sight, with hundreds of handmade tissue paper poppies filling the space with their vibrant red petals. Suspended above the Atrium is a net-like structure, carefully crafted from red paper strips on which students across all year groups have written their own personal Remembrance Day messages. These red strips, gathered together, form a protective, net-like canopy — a symbol of the camouflage nets used by the Armed Forces for protection and security during times of war.

Together, the full installation stands as a poignant tribute to the sacrifices made by so many, and a reminder of the importance of remembering our history.

Wreath design

This year also saw the introduction of a Key Stage 3 Inter-Hall wreath design competition, which was a fantastic way for students to

engage with the remembrance process. Neville Davies, our wonderful contact at the Royal British Legion, once again supported us by organising the wreaths and suggested the idea of involving our students in the design of the centrepiece.

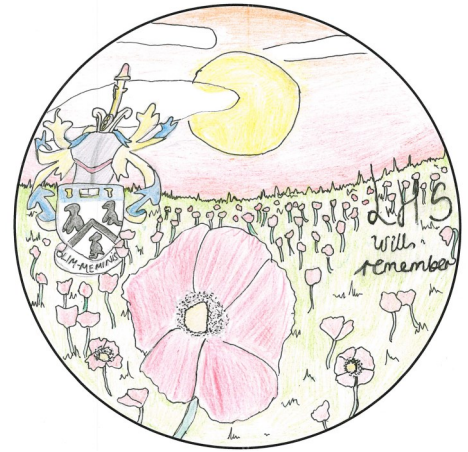
The aim of this competition was to design a logo that represented our school, which could be displayed in the centre of the wreath. The response was overwhelming, with so many wonderful designs submitted that it was difficult to choose the winners. However, after much deliberation, the talented Year 7 students Ginny Wong, Chloe Williams and Sophie Williams were selected and each won a lovely set of watercolour brush pens. Their designs were brought to life by our brilliant Design Technology department and were then proudly presented by our winners at the Remembrance Day ceremonies on Monday 11th November at The Cross, our old school site on Limefield Avenue, and at St. Peter's Church.



Ginny Wong



Chloe Williams



Sophie Williams

Community connections

In the run-up to Remembrance Day, our Humanities department worked with Lymm Heritage Centre to create a display alongside the poppy installation. This display highlighted our school's connections with the war, bringing to life the stories of those from our community who served and sacrificed (see Box overleaf). The students and staff who contributed to this project did so with a real sense of purpose, and the resulting exhibition was a poignant reminder of the legacy of war and the importance of remembering those who gave their lives.

To ensure that all students understood the significance of the day, Mrs McGahey created a video assembly that was shared with the whole school. The video provided historical context, shared personal stories, and reinforced the importance of remembrance. It was a moving and thought-provoking piece that left a lasting impression on everyone who watched it.

At 11 o'clock on Remembrance Day, our students and staff observed the 2-minute silence with great respect. Mr Starkey and the music team played the *Last Post* in front of school, on the Languages yard and on the English yard.



SCHOOL NEWS

The sound reverberated through the school, filling the atmosphere with solemnity and reverence. The silence that followed was impeccably observed by all students, each one taking a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many.

Our school's Remembrance Day commemorations are an annual tradition that remind us all of the importance of remembering the past and honouring those who came before us. This year's efforts were a

beautiful and emotional display of the commitment we have as a school to uphold this tradition, ensuring that the legacy of the fallen lives on in the hearts and minds of our students. It is through these shared moments of remembrance that we continue to foster a sense of community, respect, and gratitude that will carry us forward for years to come.



Every year, to mark Remembrance Day, Lymm High School will collaborate with Lymm Heritage Centre to tell the story of a local soldier from Lymm who lost his life in one of the World Wars. This year we remember

Pte Edward Johnson, 1897–1917.

Edward (Eddie) was born in the Rushgreen area of Lymm in 1897. His early childhood was hit by a double tragedy. His father, who was a canal boatman drowned in Manchester in 1899 and just 3 years later, his mother also drowned in the Bridgewater Canal in Lymm in unexplained circumstances.

Eddie was brought up by his uncle, George Hazlehurst and his family, who ran a small shop near Lymm Bridge. He attended Pepper Street School and later was a pupil at Lymm School. He was also a chorister at St Mary's Church. He had a brief working life at the Linotype Works in

Altrincham before enlisting in 1915 on or around his 18th birthday. Eighteen was the official minimum age to sign up.

Edward was posted with his regiment to France and on 31st July 1917, he was part of the very first advance in what would become known as the Battle for Passchendaele. The aim was to take possession of a small village on slightly elevated ground that made its position of strategic importance. This disastrous conflict would drag on for months and claim 300,000 British casualties, killed or wounded, but Edward's battle lasted only a few hours. He was reported missing following the very first advance.

After 6 weeks of anguish and uncertainty, it was reported that Eddie died on 2nd August 1917, aged just 20, probably in captivity after being wounded. He is buried at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. There is also a half-size memorial to Eddie in the cemetery at St Mary's Church.



GOLDEN SCOUT

Elliot Crook has been awarded the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

This is the highest award a Scout can earn. To complete it, scouts need to have finished all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six Activity or Staged Activity badges.



Elliot has worked really hard to gain this award over the past 3 years. In the last 2 months alone, he has taken part in both the Cheshire Hike (40km over a weekend) and the Blakfoot Hike (30km), which allowed him to secure the final few badge ticks he needed to gain the gold award.

The Year 9 student attended the Parr Hall in Warrington to collect his award from His Majesty's Lord lieutenant of Cheshire.

Needless to say, Elliot is now very excited to be taking part in his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award so he can get his hiking boots on again!



UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Year 9 Natalie Wong and Year 10 Alfie Broadstock were invited to take part in the Children in Need Choir performance on Friday 15th November. Filmed at the studios in Media City, Salford, the Children's Choir sang *Never Forget* and formed part of the live BBC TV programme.

First started in 2011 by Gareth Malone, the Children's Choir is a hugely important moment in the show and a performance that always helps drive donations to the charity from viewers watching at home. We are delighted that our students were able to take part in this very special moment. See p.26 for further Children in Need fundraising news.



WELCOME NEW WELLBEING CHAMPIONS!

We now have a new group of Year 8 students as our school Wellbeing Champions.

In November, the students completed their training with Mrs Hunter, our school Mental Health Lead, and Warrington Public Health 'Get 2 Know' service.

The group took part in activities learning about mental health coping skills, physical health, drug and alcohol awareness, and mental health signposting.

The sessions involved building confidence around important health topics but also giving the students the opportunity to start to plan their very first campaigns as Champions. The first campaign the students decided to raise awareness for was 'National self-care week'. Students created slides for video screens around school and a presentation for Form time encouraging their peers to reflect on how to make time for self-care and build positive wellbeing routines.

We look forward to seeing more from the Wellbeing Champions this year!

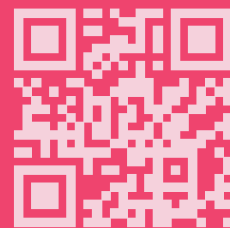
Practicing Self-Care Today

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POTTERING ABOUT



The ILC's annual Harry Potter Day event was bigger and better than ever this year celebrating the theme 'Care of Magical Creatures'.

With hanging candles, jars of fairy lights and a long table centrepiece, the library was transformed into the Hogwarts banqueting hall with Ms Timson and Mrs Cheney suitably dressed as Hogwarts professors. Students took part in a wide range of Potter-themed activities including puzzles, games and colouring sheets. They got creative with garden sticks, paper leaves and googly eyes to create a line-up of magical Bowtruckle beasts; and the Hogwarts sorting hat became a lucky dip with mini jars of 'Bart's Beans' for anyone who drew out a Hogwarts house name.



Students and staff were encouraged to visit the 'Forbidden Forest' themed corner of the ILC where Hagrid and Hedwig waited, and to take a selfie in the 'Have You Seen This Wizard' photo booth frame.

This year's colouring competition to design a dragon egg had an amazing response and it was a difficult task to choose winners from the fabulously colourful entries. The overall winner was Zara Gardiner-Johnson (8DH), with close runners up Abigail Cooke (8DH) and Nora Szekely (7AH).

All the books from the Harry Potter series and a large collection of information and fun fact books are available to borrow from the Library collection and SORA.



Design a Dragon Egg Competition



WINNER
Zara Gardiner-Johnson 8DH



1ST PLACE RUNNER-UP
Nora Szekely 7AH



2ND PLACE RUNNER-UP
Abigail Cooke 8DH



15 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Students are in with a chance of entering a draw to win an Apple iPad. All they need to do to qualify is to attend school every day for the 15 school days in December. The Prize Draw will take place on the last day of term (Friday 20th December). We look forward to seeing who walks away with an early Christmas treat!

In addition, throughout December, all students with 100% attendance in each year group will be entered into a daily draw to win a selection box.

Students can see the striking artwork below in the Atrium.



CHARITY BAKE SALE

On Wednesday 27th November, Year 7 students Heidi Clark, Megan Riley and Beau Cooper demonstrated the true spirit of generosity and teamwork by hosting a fundraising stall during lunchtime. Heidi and Megan put their talents to work, crafting a delightful assortment of homemade cupcakes, cookies, scrunchies, phone charms and badges. Their efforts attracted plenty of support from their peers and teachers alike, resulting in an impressive £300 being raised. The funds will go towards their participation in the Santa Dash for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, a cause close to their hearts. Heidi, Megan and Beau's dedication and hard work not only highlight their entrepreneurial skills but also their commitment to making a difference in their community. Congratulations to all three students for their incredible achievement and thank you to everyone who supported their stall. Keep an eye out for their upcoming Santa Dash as they spread holiday cheer and continue to support Alder Hey.



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TALK SPORT

On Friday 15th November, 60 Year 8 students attended a trip to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium to learn all about sports journalism.

Their visit included a 40-minute session on interviewing techniques, how to ask effective questions and the role of a journalist. Students then got the opportunity to have a go at interviewing each other in the media room.

Students then had a full behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium where they got to go into the home and away team changing rooms, press conference room, executive seats and manager's areas.

They were taught about the sports psychology that is considered when setting up an away team's changing room and the wider history of the stadium.



“The students engaged wonderfully throughout the day”, said Miss Melia. “Their questions to the staff were really thoughtful, and their behaviour was fantastic. It was great to see the students discussing future pathways that studying English can lead to, we’ve definitely got some very talented future journalists on our hands!”



“It was great to get the chance to interview each other and see what being a sports journalist is really like. We had to really focus on how to ask questions in a way that would get the most interesting answer.”



“I really liked that we got to go into places that not even the away teams get to see. We even got to see some parts of the stadium that some of the Manchester City team have never been to!”



“Getting to see how interviews are actually conducted and filmed after games was so interesting, it has made me think more about what I can do when I leave school.”

Footloose

Lymm High's latest production was a vibrant and energetic musical, celebrating the power of self-expression, friendship, and the joy of dance.

Following the success of *Matilda* and *High School Musical* last year, we continued our foray into the world of musical theatre with this exciting production, writes Mrs Richards.

Footloose is based on the hit 1984 film, with music by Tom Snow and lyrics by Dean Pitchford. The musical tells the story of Ren McCormack, a teenager who moves to the small town of Bomont, where dancing and rock music have been banned. Ren's spirited resistance to the town's oppressive rules – particularly those enforced by the stern Reverend Shaw Moore – drives the heart of the story. As Ren fights for the right to dance and live freely, he inspires the townspeople, including the Reverend's daughter Ariel, to rediscover the importance of joy, individuality and community.

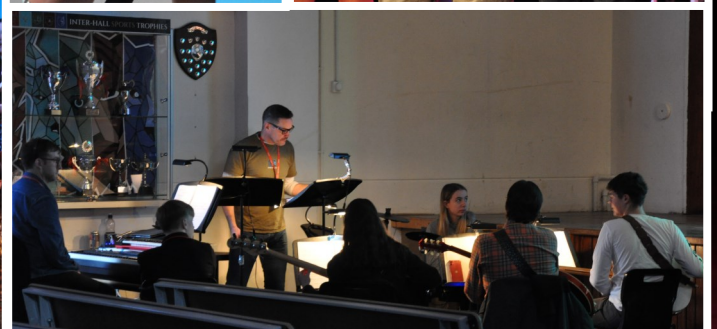
This production showcases the talents of our students in acting, singing, dancing and technical design. The ensemble has worked tirelessly to perfect every scene, each bringing their passion and energy to every performance. From the high-energy dance numbers to the heartfelt emotional moments, *Footloose* is a show that is both inspiring and uplifting.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and teamwork our cast and crew have shown in bringing this production to life. They have spent countless hours rehearsing, learning choreography, perfecting their lines, and supporting one another through this journey.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff and volunteers who have supported the production in countless ways, and, of course, to the parents and families, for their encouragement and support.

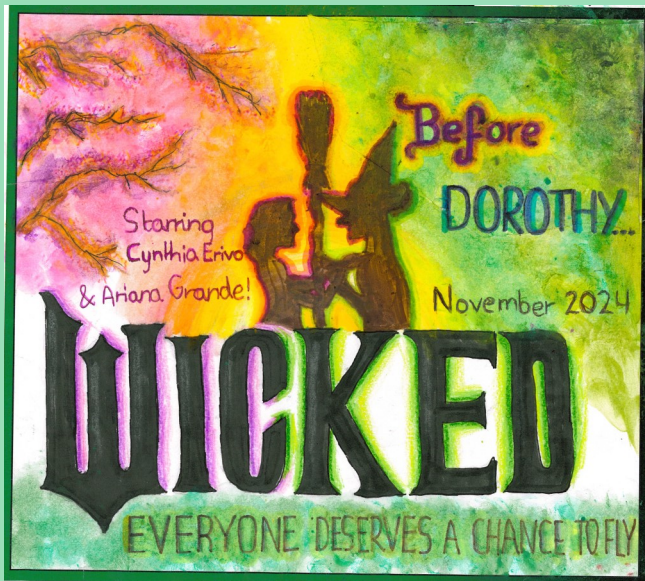
To read the full programme, [click here](#).





Thank you to Year 13 Emily Kershaw & Lily Johnston for the excellent photography.

WICKED WINNER



Well done to Max Osborne who has been selected by Sky TV as the regional (North England) winner of the Wicked Poster Design Competition. The Year 7 student has won free cinema tickets to see the movie *Wicked* for up to 30 students.

The contestants were required to be inventive and creative with the *Wicked* storyline. The poster needed to effectively communicate the film and characters through text and visuals, use a colour scheme aligned to *Wicked*, and captivate the judges with its symmetry and proportions.

Max's winning design (shown above) wowed the judges. They said: *The design truly defied gravity and enchanted the judges, casting a spell they couldn't resist. They captured the spirit of Wicked with creativity and style that could only come from someone truly changed for good. Your student's poster brought the magic, mystery, and power of Elphaba and Glinda's world to life. From Oz to here, you've set the standard for "wonderful".*

'OAR' INSPIRING DEDICATION

Our Year 8 rowers are training hard in preparation for their indoor rowing competition in January.

"Watch this space! They are destined for success", says Mrs Hayes.





CHESHIRE CHESS SUCCESS CONTINUES

On Saturday 16th November, seven talented students proudly represented Lymm High at an inter-school chess tournament held in Northwich.

Under the leadership of last year's Lymm High tournament champion, Captain Ambrose Lam, the team comprising Oscar Spink, Sebastian Spink, Jack Sykes, Charlie Benson, Jayden Chan and Ted Murphy demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship throughout the event.

The tournament, consisting of six rounds, saw our students secure victory by the 5th round, well before reaching the final round. Despite being first-time participants and relatively inexperienced compared to some of the more seasoned teams, their determination, teamwork and focus never faltered.

Our school's chess club, which is open daily, played a key role in preparing our students for this competition.

"Our students' collective performance was truly remarkable", said Mr Sokyir. "They showcased impressive strategic play and exhibited admirable sportsmanship and mutual support, encouraging one another through each game. Their positive attitude throughout the competition made us incredibly proud. We are thrilled with the team's success and look forward to seeing them grow and shine in future tournaments. Congratulations to all the participants, and a heartfelt thank you to the supporters who made this event possible."

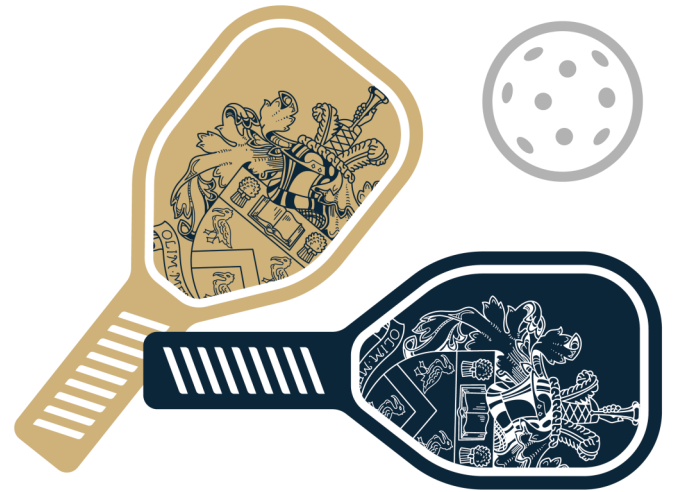
SMASH HIT FOR SENIORS AND STAFF

Lymm High hosted its very first Pickleball Tournament for students in Years 10 to 13, with staff members entering the fray in an Inter-Hall competition that showcased both talent and teamwork.

Pickleball, one of the fastest-growing sports in the world, is quickly gaining traction here at our school, and this inaugural tournament was a testament to that momentum.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Beth Parkinson, our Deputy Head of Student Leadership, we witnessed an incredible turnout that not only highlighted our competitive spirit but also aimed to increase participation in extra-curricular activities, particularly among girls in this age group. The energy in the Sports Hall was palpable as students proudly represented their Halls, each eager to uphold their Hall's rich traditions.

The tournament kicked off with thrilling matches that had everyone on the edge of their seats. Early rounds were filled with surprises, as some pre-tournament favourites, including Mrs Ashford and her partner Nassir Koromia, found themselves outmatched by our skilful students. "It was fantastic to see students trying pickleball for the first time and mastering the rules with impressive



speed", said Mr Hayes, our Head of Ethos.

As the rounds progressed, it became clear that age was no barrier to success. Walton's dy-

dynamic duo of Jonah Ottiwell and Henry Canterbury, both in Year 10, showcased their skills by taking down several Sixth Form and teacher combinations. The intensity ramped up as we reached the quarter-finals, where Arley's David Baker and Ben Somerfield, alongside Walton's Mrs Collins and Josh Cordwell, delivered strong performances. Tatton's Sam Spencer and Mrs Walsh also showed their class with a masterful display, eliminating their Sixth Form opponents and proving that they meant business.

By the semi-finals, the competition was fierce, featuring two strong teams from Arley, along with representatives from Tatton and Walton. However, both matches concluded with decisive wins, setting the stage for a spectacular final.

The grand finale pitted Arley's Mr Wilde and Ben Humble against Tatton's Sam Spencer, who was joined by Tom Matthews (stepping in for Mrs Walsh on the day of the final). Right from the start, Tatton raced into an early lead, demonstrating their tennis prowess in this exciting new format. But Wilde and Humble

weren't about to back down; they fought back with determination, nearly levelling the scores in a display of resilience.

As the tension mounted, Spencer and Matthews showcased their skills with graceful passing shots and stunning returns. The defining moment arrived when Humble set up Spencer for a thunderous smash. With precision and power, Spencer sent the ball soaring, clinching victory for Tatton and earning them the inaugural Seniors' Pickleball trophy!

"A huge thank you, to both staff and students, for their spirited participation", said Mr Hayes. "A special shout-out goes to our diligent staff umpires, whose efforts ensured the smooth running of the tournament."

This event was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of camaraderie, skill and school spirit. The buzz from this tournament is sure to resonate throughout the school, sparking even greater enthusiasm for pickleball in the future. With this incredible start, we can't wait to see what's next for our growing pickleball community!

DARTS CHAMP BECOMES CHARITY CHAMP TOO



Well done to Year 8 Oliver Edwards who channelled his inner Luke Littler to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in a darts marathon. After becoming KS3 darts champion in Lymm High's Inter-Hall tournament, Oliver 'The Bullet' Edwards challenged himself to either play darts for 12 hours or play until he reached 100,000 points.

In the end, Oliver played for the whole 12 hours, reached 90,000 points and raised a tremendous £580.49 for the charity.

To find out more, and donate, [click here](#).



SIXTH FORM CERN TRIP

On Friday 22nd November, 30 Maths and Physics students flew to Geneva to fully immerse themselves in the world of Particle Physics.

The Sixth Form students visited CERN where they learnt about Dark Matter as well as learning more about the endless benefits and possibilities regarding Nuclear Fusion.

Founded in 1954, the CERN laboratory is now 75 years old. It was one of Europe's first joint ventures and has

23 member states.

The laboratory sits astride the Franco-Swiss border. Its instruments are purpose-built particle accelerators and detectors.

Accelerators boost beams of particles to high energies before the beams are made to

collide with each other or with stationary targets. Detectors observe and record the results of these collisions.

Students also visited a chocolate factory and got to sample the amazing food and festivities at the Swiss Christmas Markets.







You are never alone and there is always support available. Find out where and how to access support over the festive period.

We know that Christmas can be a hard time for a lot of people. It may even have a negative effect on your mental health. This is normal and lots of people share this feeling – it is okay not to be okay! Therefore, we wanted to highlight how important it is to do things that take care of your mental health and wellbeing over the Christmas and holiday period. This might include:

- **Engaging in self-care.**
Remember to take time to do things that make you happy. Be aware of how you are feeling. It can be hard at this time of year but make sure you make yourself a priority.

- **Setting clear boundaries.**
Be honest with people about how you feel and what you feel comfortable doing. It is okay to say no if you don't feel up to something. Do what feels best for you!





- **Have structure to your days.**
It is great to have chilled days but also ensure you are getting some fresh air, are active and continuing to get up and follow your usual routine.
- **Spend time with people you love and who make you happy.**
Be gentle with yourself. Try not to put too much pressure on yourself and take it one day at a time!

These activities are all positive ways to support your mental health. However, it is also important to recognise when you may need some help and support (see box).



You are never alone, especially at Christmas. If you are struggling, please speak to an adult you trust or contact a helpline. Over Christmas you can access the following helplines and services:

- **Childline** is open 24/7 over Christmas and New Year to support you with any issues. Call 08001111 or [click here](#).
- **Samaritans** are open 24/7 all year round. Call them on 116 123 or [click here](#). For some more tips and a guided breathing video visit the [Samaritans' website](#).
- **The Mix** provides mental health support for people under 25. Call 0808 808 4994 or [click here](#) for more information.
- **SHOUT** can provide support through a 1-1 text service; it is a space where you can feel listened to and access help and support. Text SHOUT to 85258 or access [their website](#) for more information.
- **KOOTH** is a safe space for young people to speak to someone 1-1 via webchat. Their website can be used to access forums and helpful resources. Visit www.kooth.com to speak to someone or for more information.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Lymm High School Art Ambassadors have embraced the theme of 'Christmas Old & New' by creating unique decorations for this year's St Mary's Community Christmas Tree Festival. Using materials from their own recycling bins, the students have breathed new life into old items, transforming them into festive works of art.

"Their eco-friendly approach not only celebrates sustainability but also adds a creative twist to traditional holiday cheer", said Miss Simms. This is a beautiful reminder that even the oldest things can sparkle with a little imagination!

The festival runs from 6–8th December. For full details, [click here](#).



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CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 15th November, Sixth Form embraced its creative side for the annual fundraising event in aid of Children in Need.

The school grounds were filled with vibrant, quirky, and downright hilarious costumes as students and staff alike took part in the fun-filled day, all for a great cause.

As the students made their way to school, local residents would have been treated to a rather unusual sight – a parade of Smurfs, Pink Ladies, Bananas in Pyjamas, and even a shiver of sharks walking through the streets. Year 12 and Year 13 students didn't hold back when it came to showing off their costumes, and it was clear that they had put a lot of effort into making this day a memorable one. Staff members also got involved, dressing up as various

sportspeople, including golfers, a cricketer, a dartboard and a referee. Special mention must go to Mr Hayes, who once again excelled with his costume, taking on the role of 'Rocket Man' in true style!

The highlight of the day was the fancy dress parade at breaktime, where students and staff proudly showcased their costumes to the whole school. From the Wizard of Oz to Mr Bean, Ninja Turtles to the Addams Family, and of course, the obligatory dinosaur, there was no shortage of creativity on display.

Lunchtime provided even more entertainment as four brave staff members – Mr Williams,





Mrs Jennings, Mrs Neesam and Miss Crowder – took on the challenge of having wet sponges thrown at them for just £1. The money raised from this messy but fun activity went directly to the charity. Meanwhile, in the Sports Hall, the traditional staff vs. students netball game took place, adding an extra layer of excitement to the day.

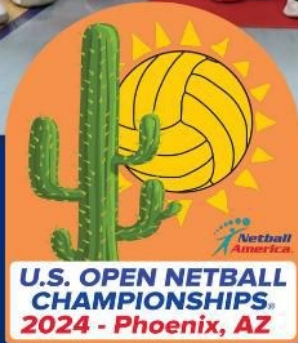
Throughout the day, Sixth Form students worked hard to collect donations, with an option for parents and carers to contribute via ParentPay as well.

We are pleased to report that the generosity of everyone involved helped raise an impressive £960 for Children in Need.

We hope the students enjoyed the day as much as they enjoyed their costumes, and we'd like to thank everyone who participated and donated. It was a fantastic way to come together as a school community and support such a worthy cause.

Here's to even more fancy dress fun next year!





LADIES CUP CHAMPIONS
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CHESHIRE NETBALL ARE US CHAMPIONS

Cheshire County Netball's Under 17s have become the first team from the UK to not only participate in the US Netball Open Championships – but to win the event too! Year 12 Sophia Schache is part of the team, which progressed through the tournament on 8–10th November unbeaten to secure the 2024 Ladies Open Title. As a consequence, the team are now the top ranked netball team in the USA!

As well as performing on the court, Sophia and her teammates went into schools in Phoenix, Arizona, and taught Elementary School pupils about netball, provided coaching and showed off their netball talent. They then did the same at Arizona State University.

What a fantastic representative of Lymm High, Cheshire and the UK! Well done, Sophia!





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WATER POLO WINNER Lymm High student competes in water polo championships.

The Female U15 National Age Group (NAG) Championships, which took place at the start of November, involved the City of Liverpool competing against Exeter and London teams. Year 10 Nieve Folkes sealed the 13–3 victory for her Merseyside team against Exeter with a stunning hat trick. During a dramatic penalty shootout in the final with West London Penguin, Nieve scored both of her penalties, but the Londoners eventually won 4–3.

Nieve trains in the swimming pool 6 days a week. Since 2019, she has been swimming with Warrington Swimming & Water Polo Club twice a week. For the last 2 years, she has also been playing water polo with them three times a week. She joined the City of Liverpool team earlier this year, and plays water polo for them twice a week.

The NAG tournament was Nieve's first one. She now has a rest from games until the New Year when the season starts again. We look forward to hearing of future successes!

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Volunteering opportunities

We can help with much more - just ask!

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CROSS COUNTRY CUP FINAL

On **Tuesday 5th November**, our Junior and Inter Girls cross country squads made the journey down to Bromsgrove School to compete in the Regional Final of the ESAA cross country cup.

The conditions were excellent, but the course was very tough with many hills and difficult terrain to negotiate. "We didn't make it through to the national final but the attitude and commitment of the girls was fantastic", said Mr Scott.



Year 7 Bethany Roberts was our highest placed junior runner and Evie-May Williams was the highest placed inter runner.

Well done to all involved.



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SENIOR CLUB



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SESSION TIMES

Monday 4pm-9pm

Wednesday 4pm-9pm

Friday 4pm-10pm

Saturday 4pm-10pm

SPORTS INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

PODCAST STUDIO **DANCE & DRAMA**

MUSIC MULTIMEDIA **GYM**

ARTS, CRAFTS & FASHION FOOTBALL PITCH

HEALTH & BEAUTY RESTAURANT & KITCHEN




HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Young people can sign up to become a member through our online membership form. Our annual membership fee is £5, and only 50p every time you come after that! The Youth Zone is open to all young people from across Warrington - 52 weeks a year.



An **OnSide** Youth Zone

Cafe & Tuck Shop

Open 7 Days a Week

Hot Meals £1





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JUNIORS CONTRIBUTE TO CRICKET CLUB SUCCESS

Lymm Oughtrington Park Cricket Club (LOPCC) 1st X1 team has been promoted to Division One of the Cheshire Cricket League after one of its most successful seasons of recent years.

The Cricket Club's achievement has been partly attributed to talented junior players bolstering the senior teams. The decision to prioritise junior development and fast track younger players into the senior team has certainly paid off.

Several Lymm High School students made their debuts this year for the Second Team, with Year 11 Reuben Roberts cementing his place in 1st XI team as an effective all-rounder. As the only junior player in the team, he seems to be really enjoying playing alongside the seniors and told us: "They are all really impressive role models and I have learnt so much this season. Being part of the team motivates me to work harder and

seeing what I can achieve in the future is very exciting."

The Club caters for all standards of player and has five senior teams, a women's team and numerous opportunities for juniors of all ages to learn and play.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 17th
December**

Carol Service at
St. Peter's Church,
6pm

**Wednesday 18th
December**

Rewards Trip

**Friday 20th
December**

Early finish at
12.15pm

**Monday 23rd
December**

to

**Friday 3rd January
2025**

Christmas Holidays

**Monday 6th
January**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 7th
January**

Students back
at school

**Wednesday 15th
January**

KS3 Celebration
Evening

GOOD LUCK JASPER!

Jasper de Glopper is off to the Dutch Nationals Swimming Championships.

The Year 9 student qualified for the Dutch Nationals after being awarded a Bronze medal (see below) for his attainment in his swimming achievements from PSV Eindhoven.



The total of his World Aquatic points (10 races) qualifies him as overall 15th on the Dutch rankings for under 14s.

He will be racing Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. We wish you the best of luck Jasper!

