

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear families,

Happy New Year! I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas – even if it already feels quite a long time ago! Many thanks again for your patience and understanding during the snow and ice of last week. It was obviously not an ideal start to the term, and the first time we've had to close the school for weather-related reasons for many years, but at least we have been able to get back to normal this week.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful 2025.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams

Safeguarding concern

This week we have been made aware of incidences of students being approached in Irlam. In light of this, we ask that you speak to your child about ensuring they stay safe and aware of their surroundings while they are out in the community.

Life Programme

This term sees the start of the second unit of the Life Programme. Years 7–11 will now have a focus on physical and mental health. Sessions will focus on, in an age-appropriate way, how to remain both physically and mentally well; how to approach times of turmoil and stress, as well as exploring issues around drugs (both legal and illegal) and how all of these can impact on our wellness.

Reaseheath College support

One of our parents has a child who is going to Reaseheath College after finishing Year 11 at Lymm High. If any other parents have children intending to study there, please contact send@lymmhigh.org.uk so the students can share details, link up and form a peer network to support each other.

Warrington Apprenticeship and Job Fair

This free Apprenticeship and Job Fair on **Thursday 13th February** takes place from 5–8pm at the Engine Rooms at Birchwood Park. All exhibitors are actively recruiting, or will be recruiting, during 2025. This is an ideal opportunity to connect with potential employers and understand opportunities locally. Please [click here](#) to read more about this event. To register to attend, please [click here](#).

PTA Quiz Night

Join us for another night of trivia on **Friday 7th February**. Tickets are on sale on ParentPay (£13) and include a delicious burrito from Wrapsallion. There will be a pay bar from 7pm and a raffle with great prizes. We hope to see you there!

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](#).

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, Ms Hinde, who won £77.70! 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 Boys football

Please note that Year 7 Boys football has moved back to a Friday after school.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

The Year 9 Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 13th February**. To read the full letter sent home, [click here](#).

Year 9 Choices

At this stage of Year 9, it is time to consider students' choices for KS4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure students and parents that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the Year 9 Choices process, which is about to start. Please [click here](#) for the full information. To access the Choices booklet, [click here](#).

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Training

A reminder that the Silver DofE Pre-Expedition Training takes place on **Thursday 23rd January**. These are mainly outdoor-based practical sessions on site, run by our partners at Get Out The Classroom (GOTC), and students will be out of lessons all day. Instructors will take students through all the skills they need for their practice walks in March and assessments in July. Further details of groups and meeting points have been sent to Form Tutors this week. Please refer to the GOTC letter for details including appropriate clothing and snack.

In addition, please support and encourage your child to check emails/Class Charts for messages and to update their EDofE planner.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 23rd January**. Please [click here](#) to read the full details. This will be an excellent opportunity to speak with subject staff about your child's progress, as well as seeking advice on next steps to best support your child in achieving their full potential. Please contact Mr Barnett or Mrs Purslow if you have any issues with bookings.

Year 11 Mock Results

A reminder that we will be holding our mock results afternoon for our Year 11 students during period 5 on **Wednesday 22nd January**. This will replicate the experience of collecting results in summer. Students will be supported by their Form Tutors and pastoral staff during this time, as well as being spoken to by Mr Williams and Mrs Feast.

NCS half-term programmes

NCS offers young people in Year 11 an incredible opportunity to develop skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. It is now offering three new experiences that will take place during the February half-term. The programmes are in:

- Public services
- Arts, Drama and Theatrical programme
- Animal management

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

Year 11 Boys football

Please note that Year 11 football has moved to a Tuesday after school. The Tuesday session is for everyone, but it is especially important for GCSE PE students to attend to secure the best practical grade possible.

Sixth Form applications

Sixth Form applications for admission in September 2025 are now closed. However, if your Year 11 child missed the deadline, it's not too late to apply. Please email Mrs Hughes (lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk) as soon as possible to request the application form. Over the next few weeks, we will be processing applications, and students will be notified of the date and time of their one-to-one admission interview. We anticipate this will be either just before or just after February half term. Interview times and details of what students should expect will be communicated via students' school email addresses. If parents have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

SIXTH FORM

Certificate collection

GCSE and A' Level certificates for students who sat Exams in Summer 2024 are available to collect on **Friday 31st January** from Main Reception. This will be a drop-in day from 8.30–3pm. Certificates can be collected on behalf of a student so long as written permission from the student is provided on the day. Any queries, please email exams@lymmhigh.org.uk.

Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Training

A reminder that the Gold DofE Pre-Expedition Training takes place on **Thursday 23rd January**. These are mainly outdoor-based practical sessions on site, run by our partners at Get Out The Classroom (GOTC), and students will be out of lessons all day. Instructors will take students through all the skills they need for their practice walks in March and assessments in July. Further details of groups and meeting points have been sent to Form Tutors this week. Please refer to the GOTC letter for details including appropriate clothing and snack. In addition, please support and encourage your child to check emails/Class Charts for messages and to update their EDofE planner.

Personal Development Update

This half term we are launching a new social responsibility theme which is '**Empathy**'. Over the next 4 weeks, our Form time activities and assemblies will remind our students about the importance of understanding the feelings of others. We will be encouraging them to reflect on how they speak, treat and interact with others, considering the perspective and experiences of others too.

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 B: 20–24th January Assembly theme: <i>Challenging Homophobic Behaviour (Mrs Feast)</i>	WEEK A: 27–31st January Assembly theme: <i>Hall assemblies</i>
<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 • Year 11 Dance Club 1.30–2pm • KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at lunchtime, Main Hall <p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate Club 1.30pm, N201 • Year 8 Drama Club 1.30–2pm • Year 9 Dance Club 1.30–2pm • Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 • KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at lunchtime, Main Hall 	<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DofE Bronze Award pre-expedition training day • KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at lunchtime, Main Hall • Year 11 Dance Club 1.30–2pm • Year 9+ Musical Theatre Club starts 3.30–4.15pm <p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate Club 1.30pm, N201 • Year 8 Drama Club 1.30–2pm • Year 9 Dance Club 1.30–2pm • KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at lunchtime, Main Hall

Wednesday

- Year 9 Cryptography Club
1.30pm, E211
- Chinese New Year preparations
1.30pm, E207
- Year 7 Drama Club
1.30–2pm
- Year 8 Dance Club
1.30–2pm
- KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at
lunchtime, Main Hall

Thursday

- Year 10 DofE Silver Award pre-expedition
training day
- Year 7 Dance Club
1.30–2pm
- Chinese New Year preparations
1.30pm, E207
- KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at
lunchtime, Main Hall

Friday

- Year 11 Exam prep Breakfast Club,
8.15–8.45am, N206
- Year 11 Dance Club
1.30–2pm
- Chinese New Year preparations
1.30pm, E207
- KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at
lunchtime, Main Hall
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each group will be identified and rewarded
with a praise postcard and Freddo to spread
some Friday joy!

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Thursday

- Deadline for University of Liverpool space
programme logo competition. Designs need to
be returned to the DT Office.
- Year 7 Dance Club
1.30–2pm
- KS4 & 5 Inter-Hall darts tournament at
lunchtime, Main Hall

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- [Click here](#) for the latest sports timetable.
- [Click here](#) for the extra-curricular clubs timetable.



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