

WHOLE SCHOOL

Year of the Snake

Happy New Year to our families celebrating Chinese New Year. Our Atrium has been decorated with lengths of red and gold-painted willow branches, Chinese money wallets, lanterns and red ribbons to represent good fortune and wealth. We will also be holding several events this week and next to celebrate the occasion, including a paper folding workshop and lessons on the ancient art of Chinese calligraphy. In addition, on **Tuesday 4th February**, the canteen will be serving a special Year of the Snake menu.

Construction careers

If your child is interested in a career in the construction industry, please <u>click here</u> to access the Open Doors event delivered by Build UK and explore the event days on offer.

PTA Quiz Night

We've had to take the difficult decision to cancel our night of trivia on **Friday 7th February** due to lack of support. Thank you to all our parents and carers who had bought tickets. We really do appreciate your ongoing support. Refunds are in the process of being issued.

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 <u>click here</u> to view the lunch menu, which changes each day. The price list can be <u>viewed here</u>.

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 <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</u>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, Mr Wilcock, who won £80.40! You could be a winner too! If you have not signed up for our lottery yet, please head to our dedicated lottery website <u>here</u>. If you want to find out how the school lottery works, please <u>click here</u>. Tickets are only £1 each week and your support would be hugely appreciated.

LOWER 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, <u>click here</u>.

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 12th February**. Key Stage 3 students will be continuing with the Health and Wellbeing unit looking at the following topics:

- Year 7: After the last session on smoking and alcohol, Year 7 will look at mental health and selfesteem.
- Year 8: After the last session recapping mental health as a wider topic, Year 8 will look at society's attitude to mental health and how it has begun to change. It will also look to challenge students to be more empathetic towards their peers and understand that often we do not know what people may be going through.
- Year 9: The first session for Year 9, after a focus on their options, will be looking at vaping and what some of the modern research into vaping is beginning to show us.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 11 Core Mocks

Students should now have a clear picture of those subjects to prioritise in the coming weeks and months as we complete subject courses and focus on revision. Please <u>click here</u> to read about the support in place as we approach the Core Mocks.

Sixth Form applications

Year 11 students applying to Lymm High Sixth Form should have received an email with their interview times and dates. Please encourage them to check their school email for this information.

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 12th February**. Key Stage 4 students will be continuing with the Health and Wellbeing unit looking at the following topics:

- Year 10: Having looked last time at mental health in periods of transition on our lives, Year 10 will now look at coping strategies when dealing with mental health. This will help arm themselves for coping with mentally challenging times and to be able to support their peers as well.
- Year 11: The next Year 11 session will focus on Exam and online stress in the modern world. We will look at possible impacts that these two key topics have on our mental health and offer strategies to help cope with them.

Personal Development V/pdate

As we continue with our social responsibility theme of '**empathy**' this half term, we have been raising awareness amongst students of the importance of being a tolerant and respectful school community.

Students have had assemblies on the importance of challenging homophobic behaviour, as well as how they can proactively support our school community in continuing to be an inclusive and safe place, where diversity is welcomed and celebrated. As we move into the month of February, we will spend Form time sessions looking at LGBTQ History month, educating students on some of the lived experiences of members from the LGBTQ community, and how it is important to show empathy, kindness and compassion.

We would also like to thank all students and staff who got involved in the KS4 Darts tournament which has taken place at lunchtime over the last 4 weeks. Congratulations to our winner Year 11 Will Chandler! We are really grateful to Mr Hayes and Mr Gornall for organising such a fun and entertaining Inter-Hall event!

In addition to our regular <u>extra-curricular activities</u>, here are other events which students can enjoy over the next fortnight. What will your child get involved in?

WEEK B: 3–7th February Assembly theme: Children's Mental Health Week (Wellbeing Champions)	WEEK A: 10–14th February Assembly theme: <i>Apprenticeships</i>
Monday	Thursday
 DofE Bronze pre-expedition training Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 	 Afritwin Day Visual Arts & Technology trip to Florence Year 11 History trip to Berlin
Tuesday	Friday
 Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 	 Year 11 Exam prep Breakfast Club, 8.15–8.45am, N206 Year 11 Dance Club
Wednesday	 1.30–2pm Freddo Friday: The top six 'Star Students' in
 VEX Robotics STEM Competition Alderley Edge School for Girls Science Live Scholars Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 Year 10 Drama & Dance Performance 3–8.30pm, Main Hall 	 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!
Thursday	
 Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 Paper Folding Workshop 3.30–4.30pm, E206 (See Miss Simms or Mrs Tasker for a letter) GCSE Dance Taster session 3.30–4.30pm, Dance Studio Year 10 Fashion trip to the V&A Museum Year 10 Drama & Dance Performance 3–8.30pm, Main Hall 	

Friday	
 Year 11 Exam prep Breakfast Club, 8.15–8.45am, N206 Chinese New Year preparations 1.30pm, E207 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! 	
 <u>Click here</u> for the latest sports timetable. <u>Click here</u> for the extra-curricular clubs timetable. 	e.

