

WHOLE SCHOOL

Year group photos

On **Wednesday 26th February**, Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form students will be taking part in whole year photoshoots. This will take place outside (weather dependent), and disruption to classes will be kept to a minimum. Please can you ensure students arrive to school in full, smart uniform and are aware of the photos being taken. Should the weather be inclement, we will look to either move the photoshoot to the Sports Hall or reschedule. Students, parents and carers will have the opportunity to buy a copy of the print in due course.

National Apprenticeship Week

This week, students in all Year groups have been getting information about Apprenticeships and post-16 choices. Please [click here](#) to read the guide we have prepared for further information on Apprenticeships.

Nirvana Day

Students this week have been learning about Nirvana Day on **Saturday 15th February**. This is an annual Buddhist festival that remembers the death of the Buddha when he reached Nirvana at the age of 80. Nirvana is believed to be the end of the cycle of death and rebirth (Samsara). Buddhism teaches that Nirvana is reached when all want and suffering is gone, when we have achieved enlightenment. For more information on Nirvana Day, [click here](#).

Governor vacancy

Thelwall Junior School has a couple of co-opted vacancies on its Governing Board and is looking for anyone interested to get in touch. It is specifically looking for someone with some financial experience to join its board, but this is not limiting to any other interests and expertise. Interested parties are invited to contact the school office: Thelwall_junior_office@sch.warrington.gov.uk, FAO Chair of Governors Hannah Roberts-Lord to register their interest.

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, Mr Hibbert, who won £79.20! 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 residential at Ty'n-y-Felin

We pride ourselves on giving all Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a residential programme that is designed as an integral part of the Year 7 curriculum. This opportunity allows all students to continue their learning whilst staying at our wonderful outdoor education centre, Ty'n-y-Felin, on Anglesey. Please [click here](#) to read the full letter sent home.

Krakow and Auschwitz trip 2026

Please [click here](#) to read about a proposed Year 8 History and RPE trip to Krakow and Auschwitz on **12–14th March 2026**.

GCSE History trip to London

Please [click here](#) to read a letter about two proposed GCSE History trips to London for current Year 9 students. The purpose of the trips is to support student's learning about Crime and Punishment in Whitechapel and Elizabeth I. Please note that this trip is only available to students who are picking History as one of their GCSE choices.

Design and Food Technology lessons

All Key Stage 3 students in DT and Food Technology will be rotating after half term. Further information about the changes of room/teacher have been posted as an announcement on Class Charts. If anyone is unsure of where they are moving to, please speak to your current teacher or Mr Beardsall/Mrs Thompson. Please note that no practicals will take place in the first Food Technology lesson, students will be informed and provided with ingredients lists.

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 5th March**. Key Stage 3 students will study the following topics:

- **Year 7: Self-esteem and the media.** This session looks at some of the challenges of 'appearance ideals' for young people and how that can impact self-esteem. We consider how we can adopt a positive attitude towards ourselves and our image.
- **Year 8: Caffeine and the effects of excessive consumption.** Students will explore how excessive intake can impact physical health, mental wellbeing and daily life. This session aims to raise awareness about the risks associated with high caffeine consumption and encourage students to make informed choices.
- **Year 9: Vaping.** In this lesson, students will delve deeper into the consequences of vaping, exploring its effects on health, the environment and other impacts. This session is designed to equip students with the knowledge needed to critically assess vaping and its potential risks.

Year 11 Mock Exams

With only 43 school days remaining until the official GCSE exam season begins, please [click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs Feast about revision strategies, support available, and a suggested schedule to keep students on track with effective revision habits and routines.

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 26th June

Walton Hall (Riding School) has been chosen as the venue for Year 11's Prom on **Thursday 26th June**. This event holds significant importance for our students, marking not only the celebration of their achievements, but also serving as a memorable culmination of their five-year High School journey. Please [click here](#) to read the full details.

Sixth Form Admissions

Over the past 2 weeks, we have been conducting interviews with Year 11 students who have submitted applications to join us in September. Not all interviews have been carried out yet and they will continue after the half-term break. To read the full update that was sent to students, please [click here](#).

Life Programme

Our next extended Life Programme is on **Wednesday 5th March**. Key Stage 4 students will study the following topics:

- **Year 10:** Students will be looking at decision making in relation to drugs and alcohol, exit strategies for dangerous situations, our impact on our community, and how to seek support for ourselves and others
- **Year 11:** The next session will look at emergency vs. non-emergency situations, CPR skills and looking after your own medical health.