WHOLE SCHOOL

Early finish and INSET Day

A reminder that school finishes at 12.15pm on **Thursday 8th October** due to Open Evening. Please be aware that there will be no school buses so please make alternative arrangements for your child to get home. In addition, **Friday 9th October** is an INSET Day.

Attendance and punctuality

The start of the academic year is an important opportunity to remind everyone of our expectations around attendance and punctuality. Please click here to read the letter sent home earlier this week.

Ready to Learn

Positive habits – such as getting enough sleep, a healthy diet and screen-free time – can support young people's success in school as well as their long-term wellbeing. Please click here to view a 'Ready to learn' leaflet we have prepared for our parents and carers. This includes a link and QR code to the Qustodio app, which has been mentioned, or will be mentioned, in all of the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) sessions.

Flu vaccination

A reminder that Intrahealth are due to attend Lymm High School on **Wednesday 30th September** to give the remaining students their annual flu vaccination. Please remember to complete the consent form.

Free School Meal entitlement – could your child now be eligible?

The rules about Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility have recently changed and a number of previously ineligible parents are finding that their child is now eligible. If you receive Universal Credit, you are now eligible for FSM, regardless of your annual income (which was not the case last year). You can use this useful eligibility checker to see if your child is eligible. Choose Warrington in the first box, and Lymm High School in the second box. Then it will ask you for just three pieces of information: your name, National Insurance number and date of birth. Finally, it will ask for your child's name and date of birth. It takes just a few seconds to return an answer. If you add your email address when prompted, it will automatically email you the outcome too. If it comes back as Eligible Targeted or Eligible Expanded, please let us know. You then need to submit a FSM application form to Warrington Borough Council who will process and then initiate funding to school to provide the canteen credit for your child (they will be unaware of this – it will simply look like you've topped up their account). We appreciate that it looks like duplication but the checker is simply a quick and easy way to check your child's eligibility in a few seconds; the FSM application form is just a formality if the checker has said you are eligible.

For further information and to apply, please see the links below.

- Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?
- FSM Application Form
- FSM Updates

On a different note, if your child was eligible for FSM last year and is now (after re-checks) either not eligible for FSM or has not been checked because of missing details, please reapply for FSM using the FSM application form. You may also want to use the above checker to see if still eligible. Any queries, please contact Mrs Mogey in Student Services (amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Honours Boards

Lymm High School has Honours Boards that display the names of all students who have, over the years, represented their county or country at sport. Recognition is also given to those students who are placed (top 3) in national competitions. We update the Boards every 2 years; therefore, any student from Years 8–13 who has achieved county honours in the period of time from September 2024 to the present day should be recognised on these boards. Please click here to access the application form. We will then contact applicants before the end of the deadline of October half-term.

Wellbeing support

Our Wellbeing Information Evening is on **Wednesday 30th September** for parents and carers of Year 7–13 students. Join us in the Main Hall (5.30–6.30pm) for tips, advice and guidance to support our students' wellbeing. The session will include information around managing anxiety and self-esteem alongside information about our school nurse service.

We hope you will find the interactive session helpful and informative and a useful tool to help prioritise mental health for us all. Please click here to sign up.

DofE Information Evening

We are hosting a Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Awards Information Evening on **Tuesday 13th October** in the Main Hall (5.30–6.30pm) for Year 9, 10 and 12 parents. This will be especially useful to parents and students new to the DofE Award scheme. Application Letters will be sent out before October half-term with further information and a reply slip for students to sign-up.

PTA AGM

The first PTA meeting of the new school year is on **Monday 28th September**. Meet in Main Reception at 6.30pm. All are welcome! Come and find out what the PTA is all about and meet the Headteacher. Refreshments provided.

Amplify!

Amplify! is a unique mother/daughter experience lead by well-respected female champion Jane Kenyon MBE. Jane has spent the past 3 decades working with women and teenage girls, inspiring them to max out their potential and live an authentic life. As well as running a coaching practice for women she is also the Founder/CEO of Girls Out Loud, a not-for-profit facilitating programme for teen girls, which is currently working with Lymm High School. Amplify! on **Saturday 3rd October**, 9–5pm at Knutsford Methodist Church, presents mid-life Mums with the space to recharge, reset and refocus, alongside offering teenage girls a fun festival vibe event in the same venue. Mums and daughters will then reconnect in the afternoon and realise they are both navigating the same stormy waters – this is where the magic and realisation of togetherness happens! Tickets are £45 for a single and £60 for a Mum and daughter bundle. This could be the reconnection Mums and daughters need to move into the next stage of their relationship and create some calm at home. For further information, click here.

Cashless catering

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via ParentPay 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 click here and select Lymm High School as your cause, and school will then receive a percentage donation. As always, thank you for your support.

LHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's school lottery winner, Mx Campbell, who won £61.75! 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 – Keeping your child's school account safe

We are adding an extra layer of security to students' school Microsoft accounts. Please click here to read the letter sent home explaining what is changing and what you need to do.

Year 9 IAG

A reminder that the Year 9 Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening will take place on **Thursday 1st October**. This will be an online event and a link to join this meeting will be sent out nearer the date.

Life Programme

During Form time on **Thursday 8th October**, Key Stage 3 (KS3) students will be exploring the following topics as part of our Life Programme:

- **Year 7** – Puberty and Emotional Changes: Understanding the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, recognising that everyone develops at different rates and exploring ways to manage changing emotions.
- **Year 8** – Prejudice, Ableism and Transphobia: Exploring different forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those relating to disability and gender identity. Students will consider the importance of respect, equality and challenging stereotypes.
- **Year 9** – Respectful Relationships and Breakups: Recognising the characteristics of healthy relationships, understanding how to manage disagreements and exploring respectful ways to navigate relationship breakups.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these important conversations at home, giving students the opportunity to discuss what they have learnt, ask questions and develop their understanding in a supportive environment.

UPPER SCHOOL

Year 10 IAG

A reminder that the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening for Year 10 parents and carers is this evening at 6pm. This is an online event and the link to join the meeting has been sent out on Class Charts.

Life Programme

During Form time on **Thursday 8th October**, Key Stage 4 (KS4) students will be exploring the following topics as part of our Life Programme:

- **Year 10** – Consent and the Law: Developing an understanding of consent, including the importance of freely given agreement, personal boundaries and the legal responsibilities surrounding sexual relationships.
- **Year 11** – Long-term Commitments: Exploring different types of long-term relationships and commitments, including marriage and civil partnerships, and considering the qualities needed to maintain healthy, supportive relationships.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these important conversations at home, giving students the opportunity to discuss what they have learnt, ask questions and develop their understanding in a supportive environment.

Post-16 options

Year 11 students have had an assembly and a number of workshops about post-16 options in order to help them make informed choices for their future pathways. Please click here for the information from the assembly and please support your child in making sure they've made two applications to a post-16 training provider before Christmas 2026. Every year, students miss out on their chosen courses because they've applied too late. We usually start receiving information in January that some courses are now full so students can no longer apply. Please ensure they get in early, so they aren't disappointed.

SIXTH FORM

The Sixth bulletin

Click here to access all issues of *The Sixth* bulletin, which include all the news and updates for Year 12 and 13 students, parents and carers.

Personal Development Update

As we embark upon a new academic year, we start with a personal development focus on **participation**. At Lymm High School we are very fortunate to have a wealth of opportunities available to our students both during the school day and after school. Actively participating in the school community through clubs, teams and events is an important part of your child's school experience with us, supporting them in developing key

skills of teamwork, resilience and confidence. Ultimately, these important skills shape the character of our students, equipping them to enjoy success both in and out of school. Our full list of extra-curricular clubs and activities can be seen on our website here, and is printed below. In addition, please click here for the latest sports clubs timetable.

Our assembly themes for the next 2 weeks are:

WEEK A: 28th September–2nd October
Assembly theme: *Enrichment/participation*

WEEK B: 5–9th October
Assembly theme: *World Mental Health Day*

CLUB	NOTES	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF	YEAR GROUP						
MONDAY CLUBS											
Club name	**Any additional info**	**Room**	**Time**	**Teacher**	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Arts and Crafts Club		E214	1.15–2pm		Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Chess Club		A120	1.15–1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Lego Club		S101	1.30–2pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Junior Strings Ensemble		D109	1.25–2pm	Mrs Leighton–Jones	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Composition Clinic		D203	1.30pm	Mr Starkey				Y10			
Pride Club		A210	Lunch	Miss Tunstall					Y11	Y12	Y13
Inclusive Sports (Boccia, Table Cricket, New Age Curling)		Sports Hall	1.30pm	Mr Brownlow	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Our Space		A206	1.30–2pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
VEX IQ Robotics	Sign up in September. Information in the bulletin	E306	1.30–2.05pm	Mrs Spellman	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10			
STEM club	Not on every week. Information will be in the bulletin and on Class Charts	E306	1.30–2.05pm	Mrs Spellman	Y7	Y8	Y9				
TUESDAY CLUBS											
Arts and Crafts Club		E214	1.15–2pm		Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Coding Club		B205	1.30–2pm	Miss Peacock	Y7	Y8	Y9				
Chat n' Chill	Come after your lunch.	A120	1.15–2pm	Mrs Lofthouse	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Chess Club		A120	1.15–1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Lego Club		S101	1.30–2pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Year 7 Quiet Room		Downstairs hub	1.30–2pm		Y7						
Production Rehearsal (Dance)		Hall	3.15–4.30pm	Miss Finigan			Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Book Club	Once every half term	A114	Lunch	Mrs Culver and Ms Hill						Y12	Y13
Our Space		A206	1.30–2pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Rock School		D203	3.15–4.15pm	Mr Gornall	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Brass Band		D109	1.15–2pm	Mr Wyss	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
History Film Club		A202	1.30–2.05pm	Miss Howard	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Inclusive Sports (Boccia, Table Cricket, New Age Curling)		Studio (TBC)	1.30pm	Mr Brownlow	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Duke of Edinburgh Drop in		Library	3.15–4.15pm	Mr Greenwood			Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	
Homework Club		A207/First Floor Hub	3.15–4pm	Mrs Lofthouse /Miss Mealor	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
WEDNESDAY CLUBS											
Arts and Crafts Club		E214	1.15–2pm		Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Woodwind Ensemble		D109	1.15–2pm	Ms Lyons	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Chess Club		A120	1.15–1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Lego Club		S101	1.30–2pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Year 7 Quiet Room		Downstairs hub	1.30–2pm		Y7						
Politics Club		A201	1.30–2pm	Mr Wilde						Y12	Y13
Production Rehearsal (Singing)		Hall	3.15–4.30pm	Miss Swift			Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Set Design Club		E208–9	1.40–2.10pm	Ms Waheed, Miss Massey	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Cheshire Book Quiz / Cheshire Book Awards		ILC	Breaktime–Week B	Ms Timson	Y7	Y8	Y9				
Our Space		A206	1.30–2pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Homework Club		A207/First Floor Hub	3.15–4pm	Mrs Lofthouse/Miss Mealor	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13

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THURSDAY CLUBS											
Arts and Crafts Club		E214	1.15–2pm		Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Our Space		A206	1.30–2pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Chess Club		A120	1.15–1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Lego Club		S101	1.30–2pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Year 7 Quiet Room		Downstairs hub	1.30–2pm		Y7						
VEX Robotics Team		E306	1.30–2pm	Mrs Spellman	Y7	Y8					
Production Rehearsals (Blocking)		Hall	3.15–4.30pm	Ms Richards/Miss Packman			Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Mahjong Club	Bring your lunch	S202	1.30pm	Mrs Tasker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Senior Strings Ensemble		D109	1.15–2pm	Mrs Leighton-Jones	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Darts Club	Starts in December	Studio	Breaktime	Mr Gornall	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Dungeons and Dragons	Veterans Club – Beginners Club tbc	A211	Lunch	Mr Dobson & Mr Barratt			Y9	Y10			
Computer Science intervention/revision	For GCSE students only (Y11)	B205	1.30–2pm	Miss Peacock (Component 2)					Y11		
Inclusive Sports (Boccia, Table Cricket, New Age Curling)		Sports Hall	1.30pm	Mr Brownlow	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Duke of Edinburgh Drop in		Library	3.15–4.15pm	Mr Greenwood			Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	
Homework Club		A207/First Floor Hub	3.15–4pm	Mrs Lofthouse /Miss Mealor	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
FRIDAY CLUBS											
Arts and Crafts Club		E214	1.15–2pm				Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Chess Club		A120	1.15–1.45pm	Mr Soykir	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Lego Club		S101	1.30–2pm	Mrs Rose	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11		
Year 7 Quiet Room		Downstairs hub	1.30–2pm		Y7						
Sit and knit	Beginners welcome	S106	Lunch	Ms Hill						Y12	Y13
Our Space		A206	1.30–2pm	Miss Walker	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Brass Band		D109	1.15–2pm	Mr Wyss	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Inclusive Sports (Boccia, Table Cricket, New Age Curling)		Sports Hall	1.30pm	Mr Brownlow	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
UKROC Rocket Club	Rooming will change depending on the phase of the project. Regular Class Charts updates will be given at the time.		1.30–2pm	Mr Barratt				Y10		Y12	
OTHER CLUBS											
Eco Club	Various Rooms and Days	TBC		Mr Hayes, Mr Williams (Wright Landscapes), Ms Sheldon	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Youth Speaks	Various Days	S107		Mr Hayes	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Accessible Room		S206	Breaktime	Learning Support Staff	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Homework Club		A207	3.15–4pm	Learning Support Staff	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
First Floor Learning Hub		A207	Breaktime	Learning Support Staff	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13