LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

10th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a restful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as your children embark upon the final stage of their GCSE journey and their secondary education with us at Lymm High School. I am delighted to continue working with the year group and can't quite believe they are in Year 11 already; it doesn't seem that long ago I visited most of them in primary school. Mrs Lambert is also thrilled to continue working with the year group as Pastoral Manager**.** We are looking forward to continuing to support you through what promises to be an important and exciting year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mrs Feast, Senior Deputy Head Teacher, who will work alongside us this year. As the Year 11 team, we work to ensure our students receive the very best support both academically and pastorally, helping them to make the most of their final year.

There is also a wealth of support available through Student Services and we encourage students to make use of the additional guidance or support on offer. Whether a student needs help with organisation, wellbeing, relationships, attendance, uniform or any other concern, there are people in school who are ready to listen and help. Our message to students is simple: if something is troubling you, please do speak to someone.

Our expectations for Year 11

We expect our Year 11 students to be positive role models within the school community. This means demonstrating social responsibility, treating others with respect and making choices that contribute positively to the school environment.

Students have been reminded that they should wear the correct school uniform every day. If they arrive to school without something (e.g., a tie), they must go to Student Services before Form time to resolve this. We will continue to use phone pouches this year, so students must remember to bring these into school each day too.

Excellent attendance is essential for success in Year 11. Our expectation is that students achieve at least 96% attendance, alongside excellent punctuality.

The school day starts promptly at 8.25am, and students should be in school and ready to learn by this time. Every lesson matters, and missing learning can have a significant impact on progress.

Students should:

- Make the most of opportunities to earn positive Hall points.
- Contribute positively to lessons and school life.
- Demonstrate the qualities of a Lymm Learner by giving 100% effort in everything they do.
- Be organised and take responsibility for their learning, including keeping on top of homework. (Please do read over the letter Miss Mulholland has sent out outlining expectations around homework.)

Revision

Year 11 is an important year, and the standards we expect from our students are high. We want every student to leave school proud of the person they have become and with the best possible opportunities ahead of them. As a Year 11 team, we will be supporting students to manage their increased workload effectively, to develop and hone effective revision techniques, deal with exam stress, direct them to specific subject intervention sessions and look after their emotional and mental wellbeing.

Year 11 is undoubtedly a stressful and difficult year for our students but please rest assured that we are vastly experienced in guiding them through this journey. With the majority of examinations taking place at the end of Year 11, there is a greater emphasis and demand for students to retain and recall previous knowledge. Therefore, students must continue to invest time outside of the school day into their studies. Adopting an effective revision routine at home will enable them to become more confident in their knowledge and understanding of key content in their courses.

As a general guide, students should aim to complete around 2 hours of work each evening, increasing to 2–3 hours at weekends. After October half term, in preparation for mock examinations, this should increase to 2–3 hours each evening and 4–6 hours across the weekend. Students should also aim to attend at least three revision sessions each week, either at lunchtime or after school.

Students who achieve excellent GCSE results typically establish a consistent revision routine and maintain it throughout Year 11. Faculties will support students with subject-specific resources, including Knowledge Organisers, vocabulary lists and past-paper questions. Further guidance will be provided at the Year 11 Revision Evening on **Thursday 15th October**.

What we want Year 11 to achieve

Of course, examination results are important, but as always, we want Year 11 to be about much more than grades. Our aim is for students to leave us as confident, resilient and responsible young adults who are ready for their next steps.

My personal tagline for our year group is: '**Be nice people, do good things'**.

We often remind our young people that your character is what truly matters in life and we want students to embrace opportunities, get involved in clubs and revision sessions, develop their resilience and learn to overcome challenges rather than be defeated by them. We want them to build positive relationships with their peers and staff, support one another and leave a positive legacy within the school.

Year 11 should be a year in which students challenge themselves, discover what they are capable of and take pride in their achievements.

Communication

Strong communication between school and home is incredibly important, particularly during such a significant year. If you have a concern, question or piece of information that you feel we need to know,

please get in touch with us. We would always encourage parents/carers to get in touch if they have a query sooner so we can address any issues or concerns as they arise.

Should you have any queries or questions, please see the list of key contacts below to help you identify the best person to contact:

Subject query/concern	Subject Teacher or Head of Faculty	Teaching Staff Contacts
Welfare query/concern	Mrs C Lambert – Pastoral Manager for Year 11	clambert@lymmhigh.org.uk
More serious/complex concerns	Miss N Beck – Head of Year 11	nbeck@lymmhigh.org.uk
More serious/complex concerns	Mrs E Feast – Deputy Head Teacher, SLT Link, Raising Achievement and Exams	efeast@lymmhigh.org.uk
SEND query/concern	Miss K Yates – SENDCO	kyates@lymmhigh.org.uk
Pupil Premium concerns/queries	Mrs C McGahey – Raising Standards Leader and Pupil Premium Lead for Year 11	cmcgahey@lymmhigh.org.uk

Students can also use **Tell Us**, our anonymous reporting system.

Please remember that contacting school is not just for when something has gone wrong. We are always happy to hear about successes, achievements and positive developments too.

Important dates

Please find below some key dates for the year ahead. We will continue to provide reminders and further information as each event approaches:

Date	**Event**
10th September	Year 11 Information and Guidance Evening
17th September	Post-16 Options Day
30th September	Mental Health and Wellbeing Evening
15th October	How to Help Your Child Revise
End of October	PR1 Report
12th November	Lymm High Sixth Form Open Evening

30th Nov – 11th December	Mock Exams
20th January	Mock Results Day and PR2 Report
21st January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
1–5th March	Core Mock Exams
End of March	PR3 Report
10th May – 21st June	External Exams
24th June	Year 11 Prom

Year 11 is a journey, and there will inevitably be moments that are challenging. There will be pressure, hard work and times when students may doubt themselves. Our job, both at home and in school, is to help them navigate those moments, celebrate their successes, and remind them of what they are capable of. We look forward to continuing to work with you over this coming year.

Finally, I would like to end by adding five words onto my tagline for our young people; **be nice people, do good things – and make this year count**.

Best wishes,

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Miss N Beck
Head of Year 11