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Head and Deputy
Head Sixth
Formers.

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GOOD NEWS ALL ROUND

We start the new academic year on a positive note!

With so much bad news around just now, we are pleased to be able to share Lymm High's good fortune. Over the summer holidays, our Year 11 and Year 13 students excelled in their exam results. You can read all about it on pages 2–4. Lymm High is once again the top performing school in Warrington.

Miss Taylor says our new Year 7 students have made an excellent start to the term. "Their confidence and enthusiasm for learning has been impressive, and already their attendance to our extra-curricular is amazing. I've received lots of positive praise so far and am confident this will continue through the year."

We also started the new academic year with a shiny new Eco-Award, which is proudly displayed at the front of the school. The award is in recognition of the staff and students who play a key role in driving sustainability across the school. You can read more about environmental issues at Lymm High, by [clicking here](#).



EXAM SUCCESS CONTINUES

Students, staff, parents and carers celebrated another excellent set of GCSE and A' Level exam results during the summer holiday.

After months of preparation – and the inevitable nervous wait – there were plenty of smiles and celebrations as students opened their A' Level results on Thursday 13th August. Mr Williams said how satisfying it was to see another set of really strong results for Lymm High. “Behind the celebrations are many months and years of hard work, commitment and perseverance from our students”, he said. “Post-16 qualifications are demanding and achieving

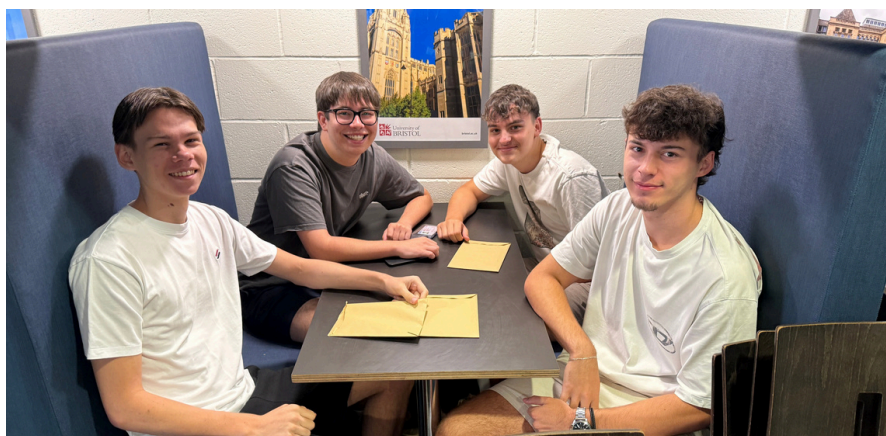
strong results requires real determination, so we are immensely proud of what students have achieved again this year.”

Particular congratulations go to Owen Williams, Sofia Naylor and Jamie Bolton for each securing A* grades in three subjects – truly sensational performances. There were also several students who managed to score two A* grades: Holly Viggars, Ava Rose Exley, Yasmine Hughes, Anna Mukherjee, George Mitchell,

Evie Madgin, William Greenwood, Elizabeth Dobson and Josh Cooke. The following students all picked up at least three A*/A grades as well: Sophia Cheung, Abigail Allsup, Edward Armstrong, Elizabeth Doherty, Lewis Elliott, Alexa Greenhalgh, Adam Hunt, Aimee Kinsey, Matilda Longton, Max Ottiwell, James Owen, Seth Wall, Joshua Calder, Holly Franklin, Akshith Gulapally, Christian Hill and Erin Shaw.

To achieve so consistently well, as these students have, is extremely difficult to do and they deserve tremendous credit. Mr Williams also congratulated and thanked the Sixth Form teaching staff. "Their expertise, encouragement and support have played such an important part in helping our students to achieve their potential. We are very fortunate to have such committed staff working alongside such talented and determined young people." Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Neesam, said: "I am particularly proud of those students who have overcome significant personal challenges along the way. To see them achieve such brilliant grades, despite everything they have had to deal with, has been genuinely inspiring." "I'm extraordinarily proud of all our students. Results Day is always a mixture of excitement and nerves, but it is wonderful to see so many students celebrating their achievements this morning. They have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of years and have shown real determination and commitment throughout. They thoroughly deserve this success."

Almost all the students have already secured a place at a destination of their choice, whether this is a University, Degree Apprenticeship or starting their career. We can't wait to see what they go on to achieve!



GCSE results

The next week was the turn of Year 11 to open their envelopes containing their GCSE results on Thursday 20th August, and they also did brilliantly!

We were thrilled to have maintained the remarkable level of consistency we have seen over the past few years; virtually all subjects, and certainly all the bigger ones, performed exceptionally well once again. The headline measures showed that 71% of students gained grades 9–5 in both English and Maths, and over 36% of all grades were 7 or above.

Mr Williams said: "We have performed so well in recent years that there is always a fear that this year might be the one where we slip up a little. In the event, we didn't need to worry, and we are delighted again with the profile of results."

SCHOOL NEWS

In fact, our results prove that we are the top performing school in Warrington again. It's also likely that we'll be one of the very best in the North West when government data is released later in the year. "We have always said that we will never apologise for working to ensure students achieve the best academic outcomes they possibly can, and these results will open many doors for so many of them", said Mr Williams.

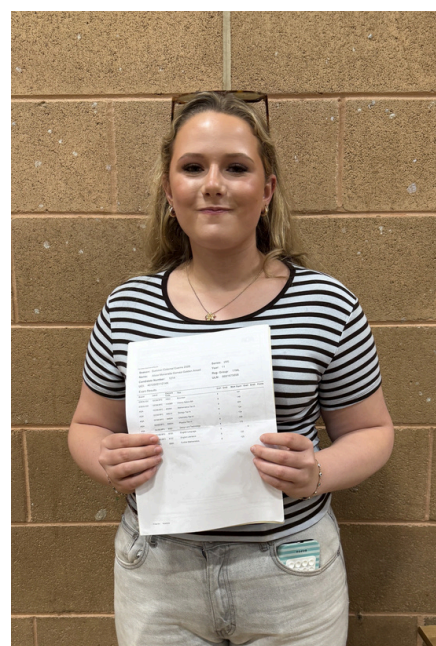
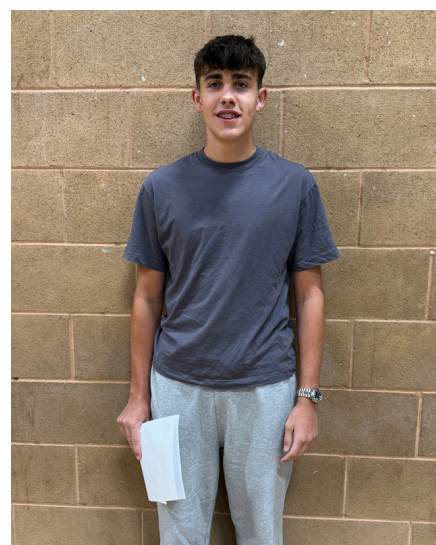
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"But, at the same time, we are exceptionally proud of them as people; they really have been a pleasure to work with over the past 5 years and I have no doubt they are going to go on and make a positive impact on the world, whatever they all choose to do." Special mention goes to Oliver Anderson and Noah Richardson, both of whom scored the top grade 9 in a scarcely-believable nine different subjects.



The following students managed to score grades 8 or 9 (i.e., the old A* grades) in no fewer than eight different subjects: Isabelle Barnes, Olivia Brown, Alexander Davies, Evie Kelly, Finlay Tucker, Libby Wilks, Cheuk Ying Chow, Alicia Gomez-Galdon Ansell, Will Jackson, Ellie Mead, Isabelle Sharp, Henry Shepherd, Madeleine Stewart, Lily Haase, Hugh Pridding, Emily Rimmer, Emily Burnett, Ruby Harrison, Joe McDonald, Joseph Riley, Evie Strangeways and Joseph Worsley.

To maintain such a high level of performance across such a wide range of subjects is really quite something, and a testament to the sustained hard work and commitment these young people have shown over the past few years.



Congratulations to all involved!
We are proud of you all.



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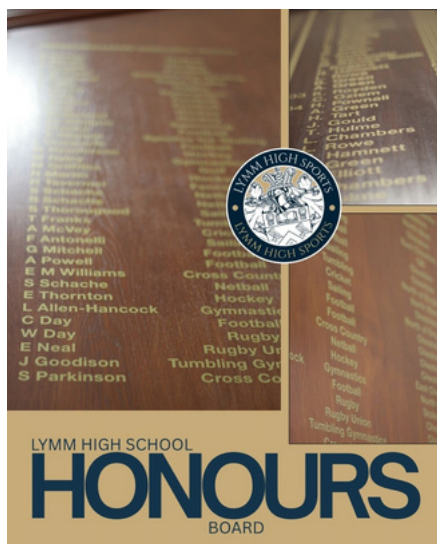
HONOURS BOARDS

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.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Spread Eagle pub in Lymm held a Battle of the Bands competition at the start of the summer holiday.



Lymm High bands that took part in 'Eaglefest' were:

- Year 7: '**Contagious**' – Ethan Roberts, Jake Cullen and Oswald Man.
- Year 8: '**Shush**' – George White, Freddie Fox and Tom (friend from Thomas Botler).
- Year 11: '**Haze**' – Ethan Deakin-Roach, Bobby Higginson, Georgina Osborne and Millie Legge.

Other bands and singers competed, and the ticket money went to [The Osborne Trust](#), a charity that supports children whose parents have cancer.

"It was a fantastic evening and hopefully will become an annual event", said Mr Starkey.

Haze won, and their prize is a day in a recording studio in Manchester to record an album. They have subsequently been booked by The Spread Eagle for more gigs, and may take up a regular monthly spot there. "I am very proud of them", said Mr Starkey.



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could your child now be eligible?

The rules about Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility have just changed. If you receive Universal Credit, you are now eligible for FSMs, regardless of your annual income (which was not the case last year). You can use the eligibility checker (see box) to check if your child is eligible. For further information and to apply, please see the links below.

- [Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?](#)
- [FSM Application Form](#)

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, please use the FSM eligibility checker and email your child's HOY/Pastoral Manager if the checker shows that your child is now eligible for FSM.

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).



ELIGIBILITY CHECKER

You can [click here](#) to access a checker to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). 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.

Free School Meals

Important Update

From September 2026

National eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) is expanding.

New rules

All households receiving Universal Credit will now qualify.

Current £7,400 income threshold removed.

How This Helps You

Families could **save up to £495 per child**, per year on school meal costs*.

What You Need To Do

If you receive Universal Credit, you should **apply for Free School Meals before 30 September 2026**.

Complete your application form

www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

*According to the Department for Education





INTER-HALL

Walton Hall has got off to a flying start with our first Inter-Hall event of the year.

Here is our first Inter-Hall winner:
Walton Hall's Ruby Fitton who came first
in the Fork Challenge!
Students had to roll a coin across the table,

aiming to get it to slide perfectly
into the gaps between the fork
prongs and stay standing up.
Well done Ruby!
Next up is Inter-Hall Darts!



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SNOW MUCH TALENT!

Lauren wins Winter Wonderland!

We are extremely proud of our Year 10 student, Lauren, who was announced as the overall winner of the 2025–26 Winter Wonderland Poetry Competition.

Lauren's poem, which reimagined *The Night Before Christmas* for a Gen Z audience (see below), was chosen from over 2000 entries nationally. Its originality and humour impressed the judges and earned her an amazing prize of £50 and a special trophy.

Congratulations Lauren on this fantastic achievement!

With only 13 weeks until Christmas, we hope you'll be reading it for us again soon.



*'Twas the night before Xmas, all through America, bro,
Not a single state was stirring, not even Ohio,
And that very night, all started to slap,
Gen Z waits for the prezzies, yeah for real, no cap.
They're all popping with pure excitement,
Hopeful Saint Nick understood the assignment.
He's over his brat summer and is ready to deliver,
His red coat the GOAT; the preppiest giver.
Ngl, his drip is giving, the beard what a flex,
It really hits different when he's writing those checks,
He got some real good bops all about him,
They live in my head rent-free, as well as his films.
And bro has mad rizz, pulled all 8 reindeer,
Then he comes back and does it all again next year.
He has lowkey epic hauls, he be bussing in Sephora,
What a skibidi, plus 1000 aura,*

*But Santa breaks in through chimneys, that's kinda tight,
But we let it slide coz he's just a chill guy.
But his fam back home, getting ghosted, no jokes,
They're getting sick of him being famous;
he's on all the cans of Coke.
I mean everyone around the globe knows his name, holy glaze,
Taylor Swift is cooked, this demure queen is stealing her fame.
And Nicholas is proper hungry, he be scrannin' all night,
The mince pies, milk, whiskey, that ain't no lie.
Also, his reindeer gotta be fed after cooking all night, up in the heavens,
So he be collecting those carrots; he needs six or seven.
And bro can be sus, up in the sky, what's his business?
But what can we do, 'twas the night before Christmas!*

MEET THE NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



There are many opportunities available for Sixth Form students to develop their leadership skills. These include peer mentoring lower school students, maths 'buddying', acting as prefects, or joining our Student Leadership Team who are involved in making decisions that involve the whole school.

Head of Student Leadership

Daisy Nurse



"I am very grateful to have been appointed Head Student and to have the opportunity to make positive contributions to the school community. I am excited to work as part of a team in developing areas of the school such as fundraising events and giving a voice to the students. In particular, I would like to provide more public speaking opportunities for students in lower year groups. I experienced the benefits of this type of activity when delivering a TEDx talk last year and I see how this could positively influence so many younger students. My interests include dance, singing and acting; therefore, I would love to encourage other students to pursue hobbies they have outside of their studies to help develop themselves as people and support their mental wellbeing."

Head of Student Leadership

Ryan Chakavarika



"Being chosen as Head Student is something I'm incredibly proud of, and I'm determined to make the most of the opportunity. My goal is simple: to make Lymm High Sixth Form feel like a family. A place where everyone pushes each other to be their best, no one gets left behind, and we build something genuinely special together.

I want to grow our Sixth Form into one of the most culture inclusive and connected communities around. Whether that's through new events, developing support between year groups, or just making sure every student feels they belong here - that's what I'm working towards."

Deputy Head Student

Sam Bond

"I am extremely grateful and proud to be part of the Student Leadership Team, and I'm excited to work alongside everyone else to make positive contributions to the Lymm High community. I am keen to help create a Sixth Form environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and engaging for all students. One of my main aims is to increase participation in enrichment opportunities, clubs, and wider school activities by encouraging students to get involved and try new experiences alongside their academic studies. I believe that this will play an important role in building confidence, teamwork and friendships, while also helping students develop valuable transferable skills for the future. I look forward to representing the student body, supporting students across the school, and helping to create a Sixth Form community where everyone feels encouraged to get involved, challenge themselves, and make the most of their time at Lymm High."



Deputy Head Student

Lily Norton

"I am very grateful and proud to have been given a role on the Student Leadership Team because it is an honour to represent this school and continue its growth. I hope to help Lymm High School in any way I can to better the already welcoming and inclusive environment. This position enables us as a team to support our peers and bring students together, encouraging teamwork, participation and positivity. I would love to make a difference by encouraging female participation in STEM subjects and extracurricular to ensure all girls know their potential in these areas from early in their academic career. I will work to strengthen the awareness of opportunities for girls and build programmes which specifically tailor to girls to build a stronger body of girls excited to participate in STEM."



AMERICA AT 250

Sixth Formers enjoyed a special History Study Day at the British Library.



On Wednesday 16th September, a lucky group of Sixth Formers were invited down to the British Library in London to participate in an A' Level History Study Day, writes Mrs Douglas. This was due to seven of our students entering the London School of Economics (LSE) essay competition reflecting on whether, 250 years on from its creation, the American Constitution had fulfilled its promise of 'Equality for all'.

The deadline for the competition was May this year and Year 13 Sophia Gorman was selected as a runner up for her essay investigating Disability in America, which assessed whether equality had been reached for this demographic. We are so proud of all our entrants but Sophia's entry, in particular, showed excellent research skills and a well-thought through and balanced argument.



In addition, we were informed by the University that out of all the schools across the UK, Lymm High had submitted the most entries. It is for this reason we were invited to London.

The aims of the day were two-fold:

- To engage with a range of archival material on the American Revolution from the British Library's collection.
- To explore different historical perspectives on the revolutionary era and its continuing significance.

Our first activity was a workshop looking at the role of a curator and investigating different primary source materials linked to the American Revolution to explore the approaches a curator might take to create an exhibition. This included a global focus looking at the links between the wider British Empire (such as India) and the Revolution, female perspective and voices of the Revolution, the traditional founders' perspective, and the modern interpretation of the Revolution.

Students then toured the Treasures Gallery to explore the exhibition that had been curated by the Library to understand

the approach they took, which was to showcase the many different voices of the Revolution from the British perspective, African slaves, Americans and women. This was incredibly interesting as Alex Locke the Head Curator explained his choices of source material on display and the reasoning behind it.

In the afternoon, we had a guest lecturer from the University of Cardiff who delivered a talk on the 'Politics of Representation'. She used the musical *Hamilton* as her foundation and discussed the historical accuracies and inaccuracies of the musical including the missed representation of Indigenous Americans. "We had a fantastic day, and our students (as always) were an absolute credit to our department and the school more widely", said Mrs Douglas. "I had an email after the event from the lead who said 'Your students were just brilliant and it was obvious that all the adults in the room were just so impressed with their intelligence and engagement.'"



We now look forward to next year's competition and the opportunities it will bring!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



A huge well done to our Year 13 Charities Team, led by Emillee Warburton, who organised a hugely successful breaktime cake and treats sale in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Lower Hex was absolutely packed at breaktime as students queued up to buy the delicious goodies on offer.

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped make the event such a success. The total raised was a fantastic £534.31!

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to this successful first charities event.



Our annual Sports Day took place on Tuesday 14th July at the end of last term.

As always, it was a great event with nearly all students taking part and competing well for their Halls.

The day featured a mixture of track and field events, with students showing great effort across all competitions. The scoring was incredibly close throughout the day.

In the end, Arley Hall became the overall winners, narrowly beating Tatton Hall to first place.

“Well done to Arley Hall”, said Mr Scott, “and to everyone who took part and supported the event”.



With thanks to Mr Powell for these excellent images from a hot and sunny Sports Day 2026! If you'd like to see more photos of sporting achievements, line ups and fixtures, please follow the official Lymm High Sports instagram account: [lymmhighsports](#)



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PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Year 9 Sadie Picton has won the Warrington Sport for All Netball Player of the Season for Year 7/8, Division 3. There are 15 teams in the division, and to win the award Sadie was voted 'Opposition Player of the Match' the most out of all the players on those teams. Having only started playing netball for a club about 18 months ago, this is quite an achievement. Very well done, Sadie. We look forward to hearing about your future successes!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1st October

Year 9 IAG evening

Thursday 8th October

Open Evening (see p.5)
(Early finish at 12.15pm)

Friday 9th October

INSET Day

Thursday 15th October

Year 11 'How to revise'
evening for parents,
6pm, Main Hall

Friday 23rd October to

2nd November

Half-term break

Tuesday 3rd November

School reopens

Thursday 12th November

Sixth Form

Open Evening

(see p.5)

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