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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE KIND!

Kindness is coming to Lymm High. And it's contagious – we hope!

It may be too early for tinsel and twinkly lights just now, but that's OK because the real sparkle at Lymm High School this term is coming from something even better: kindness.

Mr Hayes officially launched our 'Kindness' theme in his Hall assemblies last week, and the countdown to Christmas is now packed with ways for every student to make a difference.

From thoughtful gestures at home, shoeboxes bursting with gifts, and fundraising that reaches all the way to Kenya, there is something for everyone to get stuck into.

Read on to find out everything you need to know.

Acts of Kindness

Our Acts of Kindness challenge has become a much-loved Lymm High tradition, and we are incredibly proud of it. It runs in three simple steps.

1. **Plan it** (w/c 23rd November). Students decide on an act of kindness they can carry out for someone else. It could be in school, at home with family, for a neighbour or out in the wider community. Big or small, every idea counts.
2. **Do it** (w/c 30th November). Time to put those plans into action and spread some kindness.
3. **Show it.** Students then evidence their act of kindness using the Microsoft Form sent to them on Class Charts. It takes just a couple of minutes: name, Form, Tutor and a description of what they did.

The very best acts of kindness will be rewarded with prizes and earn pride of place on our illustrious Wall of Kindness. Who will make the wall this year?

Years 7–9: Think Outside the (Shoe)Box

Our annual shoebox appeal is back, and once again we are teaming up with Manchester Street Angels. Students in Years 7 to 9 are invited to fill a shoebox with gifts and essentials for someone who needs them this winter.

Boxes can be put together for different age groups, and our four-legged friends have not been forgotten either: pet boxes are very welcome too. Last year's total was an amazing 172 boxes, so the challenge is set. Can we beat it?





Years 10–13: From Lymm to Nakuru

Students in Years 10 to 13 are being asked to put their creative caps on and come up with fundraising ideas to support our Afritwin partnership. Over the summer, students and staff visited our partner schools in Nakuru, Kenya, and the friendships formed are already proving to be lasting ones.

We have built a particularly strong bond with Grace Kids Academy, which educates

children aged 3 to 6. Our fundraising this term will go towards new catering and sanitation facilities for the school. Mr Hayes and Issy Davidson (12WH), who were both on last summer's trip, have put together a short video showing why these improvements matter so much. You can watch it by clicking here or see it on our social media channels.

Issy has already led by example, generously donating £100 of her own money, which has bought 28 brand new textbooks for our friends at Grace Kids (pictured below). What a brilliant start!

Once fundraising activities have taken place, parents can pay in the money raised via ParentPay. General donations to Grace Kids through ParentPay are also more than welcome.



Special Delivery: Kindness Postcards

Closer to Christmas, Form time will feature our kindness postcards activity. Students can write a postcard to a fellow student or a member of staff to thank them for helping with something in particular. A few heartfelt words can make someone's whole week, so get thinking about who deserves a thank you.

Our Form Captains will also be running student voice activities focused on being kind to others, giving everyone a chance to share their ideas on how we can make Lymm High an even kinder place to be.

Kindness costs nothing, but it means everything, and we cannot wait to see the difference our students make over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for future newsletters, where we will share the highlights of the term: the shoebox total, how much we have raised for Grace Kids, and of course the newest additions to the Wall of Kindness.

Until then, go on, be kind. It's contagious!



(See also World Kindness Day on p.21)

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026



The History faculty collaborated with other departments and organisations to plan a range of activities to help Lymm High commemorate Remembrance Day.

Firstly, Lymm Heritage Centre kindly shared their display with new research on a local resident of Lymm who died serving in World War II. This year's story was an inspirational one of Sister Mary Lea who served as a nurse and died in action when the ship she was working on, the HMHS Newfoundland, was bombed.

Mrs McGahey used Mary Lea's story as the focus of our Remembrance Day assembly this year which all students watched in Form time. You can find out more about her story on page 6.

In school, Year 7 students have been selling poppies each morning and it was lovely to see so many staff and students wearing them.

Mrs Douglas also worked with a group of Scholars students to research local soldiers and to create a beautiful display in the glass cabinets in the Atrium with stories and artefacts from World War I and II.

Mrs Collins and the Art department collaborated with us to add an art installation around the cabinets after they had made lots of poppies to display (see p.5).

Year 12 and 13 students marked Remembrance during Sixth Form assemblies. They thought about what remembrance means to them and their families. Students looked back to 11am on 11th November 1918, when the Armistice

ended the fighting of the First World War on the Western Front. They reflected on the human cost of conflict: behind every name is a life. They also heard that remembrance is for everyone. It honours service personnel from many backgrounds, as well as the civilians and emergency workers affected by war. The assembly explained the meaning of the poppy and the work of the Royal British Legion. Students were then challenged to think about what remembrance asks of us today: challenging prejudice and building a community where everyone feels safe and respected.

On Wednesday 11th November, the school marked Remembrance at 11am with a 2-minute silence and the *Last Post* being played by Mr Starkey and Year 9 Max Osborne at the flagpole and in the English Yard.

Students were very respectful as we collectively honoured and remembered those who have served, suffered and died in wars and conflict.

Students and staff found the story of Mary Lea very moving and inspirational. The DT department made a special wreath for Mary Lea to lay on her grave in St Mary's churchyard.



Mr Hayes took Head Student Daisy Nurse and Deputy Head Sam Bond to lay the wreath at the Lea family grave. Another wreath was then laid at the main War Memorial.

Ruth Lea (Baroness Lea of Lymm, CBE) has since been in touch with school to say how touched she was with us remembering her Father's Sister. "I remember she was often mentioned when I was a child", she told us.





LOST AT SEA



SISTER MARY LEA T.A,N.S.
1912–1943

"Lost At Sea" is the simple message on the memorial to Sister Mary Lea on the family grave in St Mary's churchyard Lymm.

But behind those words there is a tragic story, just as there is for everyone killed in wars.

Operation Avalanche was the codename for the Allied landings near the port of Salerno, launched on 9 September 1943 as part of the Allied invasion of Italy during World War II. Its primary objectives were to seize the port of Naples to ensure resupply, and to cut across to the east coast, trapping the German troops further south.

As part of the back up, two hospital ships, one of them the HMHS Newfoundland were in place offshore. The hospital ships were attacked twice that first day by dive bombers, Concerned by a number of near misses, it was decided to move the ships out to sea and anchor there for the night. The ships were brightly illuminated and carried the standard Red Cross markings to identify them as hospital ships which were protected from attack under the Geneva Convention.

On board the HMHS Newfoundland was a young nurse from Lymm. Mary Lea was born in 1912 into a farming family near Higher Lane. She trained at Manchester Royal Infirmary 1931-1934, and also qualified as a midwife. Mary joined the Territorial Army Nursing Service (TANS) and was granted an emergency commission as a Sister on the 30th May 1941. After a first posting to a hospital for prisoners of war in Egypt, Mary had sailed from Avonmouth aboard the HMHS Newfoundland to support the Salerno landings. But tragically she never had that opportunity. The ship was bombed in spite of its markings and its having been moved 40 miles from the shore. The six British nurses as well as all the doctors were all killed.

Mary's body was never recovered.



Over 400 British nurses lost their lives in World War Two They are remembered in this memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum.



HMHS NEWFOUNDLAND Painted and marked as a hospital ship

The Royal British Legion Roll of Honour at Lymm Heritage Centre holds the names of 139 Lymm people who died in both World Wars and other conflicts. As far as we know Mary Lea is the only woman on the list.

LEST WE FORGET



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MASTER CHEFS IN THE MAKING!



Having captured the nation's attention on BBC's *MasterChef* earlier this year, Frankie Dunn visited Lymm High on Thursday 22nd October to impart her wisdom to Year 11 students.

MasterChef

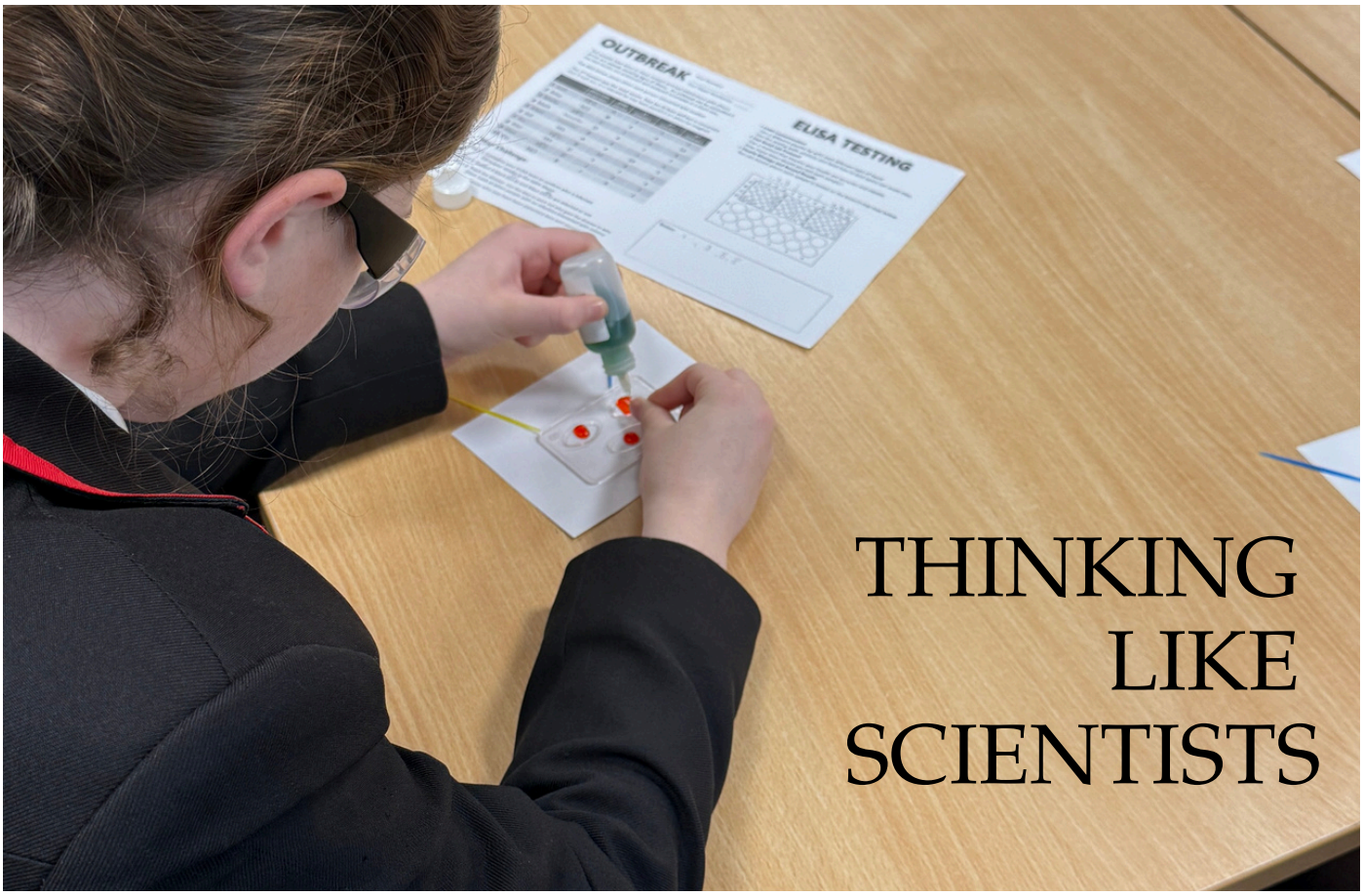


As a former Chemistry teacher, Frankie Dunn is no stranger to the school environment and spoke at length to the Year 11 Hospitality and Catering class who are working towards planning a final menu as part of their GCSE course. Frankie admits she's a huge fan of dinner parties and is happiest when she's got a table full of family and friends who are chatting away over plates of great food. For the Lymm High menu, she demonstrated salmon and spiced mango filo horns, and a 'Halloween special' of goats' cheese skulls with pickled blackberries on salt-baked beetroot. The focus was on using different flavours, textures, portion control, and how best to present dishes.

Frankie also explained the process of entering the *MasterChef* competition and how they planned their recipes. She was selected from a staggering 12,000 applicants and consistently impressed the judges with her use of international flavours, determination and flair. From the 48 home cooks chosen, she made it to the last six competitors and successfully reached the semi-finals.

Since leaving *MasterChef*, Frankie has set up her own private food catering company (Feasting with Frankie) where she caters for small and large events and does pop-up nights at restaurants as a guest chef.


TELL US!
Be socially responsible and TELL US if you witness anyone being unkind
TRUST US, DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF – TELL US!
BOOM!



THINKING LIKE SCIENTISTS

On the 5th and 6th November, we hosted the 'Thinkers in Education' STEM workshops for Scholars (and extra guests) from Years 8 through to 11.

Current research suggests that 75% of the fastest growing occupations require skills best developed through STEM subjects, yet there is a recognised global skills deficit. These workshops gave the students the opportunity to develop their creative and critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills while exploring new equipment, concepts and techniques that extend their learning beyond the curriculum.

Our Year 8–10 students participated in a Medical Science workshop called 'The Pandemic'. This enabled students to demystify real pandemic procedures by focusing on an 'Ebola Outbreak'. In these workshops students carried out antibody and blood tests, used analysis to track and trace the origin of the infection, and developed a convalescent blood treatment. During the workshops, students worked in teams to compete with each other to work accurately, quickly and carefully to gain points.

"In our Year 9 session, students placed 2nd across the country for their critical thinking, scientific technique and accuracy, and 3rd in the world!", said Mrs Douglas, our Scholars' Programme Coordinator.

As seasoned professionals, our Year 11 students completed a KS5 style workshop called 'CSI: Blood Pool'. The premise is that a dead person is found with a blood pool. The students act as Forensic Scientists and analyse blood types and DNA to identify their prime suspect. The evidence is then used by the 'prosecution' to secure a conviction. Our Year

11 students were commended for their exceptional performance.

"This session is normally given to Sixth Form students, but the academic ability of our students meant that they completed this workshop", said Mrs Douglas. "They were competing against independent schools' scores and came out on top by a mile! The top team beat a previous Sixth Form group by 9000 points."

"All workshops had a fantastic buzz about them and had a palpable competitive edge. Our students excelled in showing their academic talent. Both days were such a pleasure to observe."



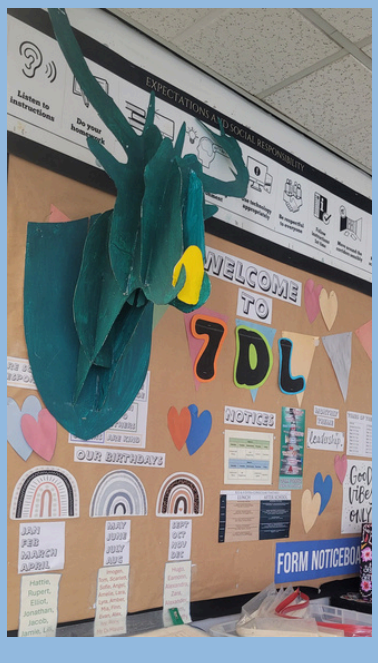
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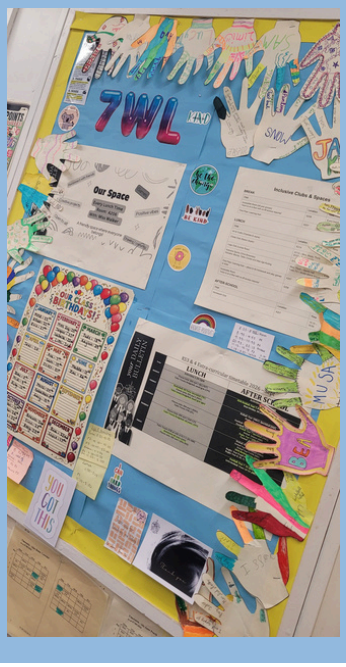
Very well done to 7DH who were the winners of the Year 7 Form board competition. Students were asked to create a Form noticeboard which represented them as a group. The instruction was to get creative and ensure the board reflected all members of their new Form. As you can see from the photos, there were some very impressive entries. "Well done 7DH", said Miss Taylor. "There was strong competition, and some excellent efforts!"

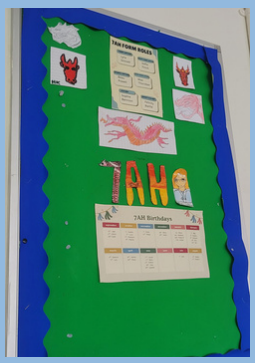














KICKING OFF THE CONVERSATION



Communication and football met at the Articulation Discovery Day.

On Tuesday 13th October, 11 Sixth Form students had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Articulation Discovery Day at the National Football Museum, organised by the National Gallery, London.





The day began with a guided tour of the museum, exploring three key artworks alongside other fascinating pieces. Students were then challenged to work in groups to select and analyse one artwork, developing a 5-minute presentation to share their ideas and interpretations. Working collaboratively throughout the morning and after lunch, they discussed their chosen piece, developed their analysis and carefully planned their delivery.

"Our students truly impressed us!", said Mrs Collins. "They rose to the challenge with confidence, delivering professional, engaging

and insightful presentations that demonstrated their ability to think critically, communicate effectively and work as a team." The students received some fantastic feedback and should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.

"We were so proud to see them embrace this challenging experience, grow in confidence and thrive throughout the process. We look forward to seeing some of our students progress to the next stage of Articulation!"



WEAR IT PINK

The Sixth Form turned pink on Thursday 22nd October for Wear it Pink, raising money for breast cancer research and support. The day was organised entirely by our Sixth Form Charities team, who did a brilliant job. Students donated £1 to wear pink, and the doughnut sale was a huge hit. Together they raised almost £600.



A huge thank you to everyone who took part, and to parents and carers for their donations on ParentPay.

Well done to the Charities team!

EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS



On Tuesday 20th October, 60 Year 11 Photography students headed to Liverpool for an exciting day of city photography and primary research.

Despite the relentless rain, students showed great determination, carefully considering their surroundings and searching for the perfect compositions to support their current Architecture project. Walking from Jamaica Street towards the historic Docks, they captured a wealth of primary research, exploring the city's architecture, textures and details. Students also visited Tate Liverpool's temporary gallery space to explore an engaging exhibition on architecture and social culture, before heading to Open Eye Gallery to experience an eclectic and inspiring collection of photographic work.

Overall, the trip was a great success, with students embracing the opportunity to develop their photographic skills and gather valuable research, whatever the weather! We just hope everyone has managed to warm up and dry out after being exposed to the wonderful British weather!



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HISTORIC 180 LEADS TO

Darts glory

Tatton's Alex Nash wrote his name into school history this month, throwing the first maximum ever seen in the Key Stage 3 Inter-Hall Darts Competition on his way to lifting the trophy in front of a roaring, jam-packed Main Hall.

Now a firm favourite in the Inter-Hall calendar, this year's tournament was as popular as ever. With numbers capped at 64, there was a scramble among Years 7 to 9 to secure a place, and the competition delivered drama from start to finish.

Early rounds

The opening rounds were played in the Studio, where the standard has risen yet again. The favourites made safe progress and there were no major upsets, but round 2 was a different story. Strong players such as Sophie Bennett departed, along with competition stalwarts such as Finn Hill. Darts Ambassador Tyler Cotterill also fell at this stage despite a gallant effort. His younger brother Jacob, a Year 7, cruised through to the last 16, where he edged a close-fought battle with Walton's Will Sutton.

Main Hall

The quarter-finals brought a change of scene, with the action relocating to the Main Hall and students earning their own walk-on music. Jacob's run ended here, undone by an efficient display from Dunham's Ralphie Marshall. Ralph De Glopper (Moreton), Ben Grasby (Dunham) and Alex Nash (Tatton) also won through to complete the semi-final line-up. With the crowds growing in number and volume, Grasby and Nash held their nerve and produced impressive checkouts to book their places in the final.

The final

The audiovisual set-up, masterminded by Mr Johnston, Mr Gornall and Mr Skidmore, reached 'Ally Pally' levels of sophistication, and the atmosphere was crackling. Nash took the starting honours with a precise dart in the bull-off, then led the walk-ons, his followers belting out every word as *Mr Brightside* echoed round the Hall. Grasby followed, the Hall bouncing to Silva Bumpa.

The final began at breakneck pace, with high scoring from both players and a 140 from Nash. Despite Grasby's best efforts, Nash took the first leg. Grasby hit back in the second with a 140 of his own, and the tension became almost unbearable.

Then came the moment that will be talked about for years. To the sheer astonishment of the crowd, Nash fired in a 180, and took the roof. It was the first maximum in the competition's history, and a remarkable feat given the short format of the games.





Grasby refused to fold, showing tremendous resilience as he pushed Nash all the way. But it was Nash who got down to his double first, and he took out tops with his second arrow to etch a new name on the Key Stage 3 trophy. Tickertape rained down as former back-to-back champion Oliver 'The Bullet' Edwards presented the trophy to a jubilant Nash.

A competition with the right spirit

Once again, the tournament was a wonderful example of the competitive rivalry at the heart of the Inter-Hall competition, with participation at the forefront. Social Responsibility was on show throughout, with students helping with the set-up and clear-up of the equipment. Oliver Edwards also made a wonderful debut as the in-house referee and scorer.

Congratulations to Alex Nash, to runner-up Ben Grasby, and to every student who took part. We look forward to seeing who steps up to the oche next year!

(Darts fever continues on page 31).



While most of Lymm was settling in for a quiet October half term of drizzle and Netflix, a brave contingent of 40 Lymm High students decided to swap the Cheshire rain for something a bit more dramatic.

From 20–23rd October, Lymm High officially took over the historic island of Sicily, and it's safe to say the island will never be the same again, writes Mrs Rigby who led the trip with three other members of staff.

Our itinerary was packed tighter than a suitcase on a budget airline. We kicked things off with a stunning visit to the breathtaking Alcantara Gorge, followed by the ultimate geography field trip: trekking up Mount Etna. Standing on an active volcano certainly beats sitting in a classroom, even if a few of us were secretly checking the ground for sudden signs of lava!

In Taormina, the group fully embraced the Italian lifestyle. We didn't just eat the local cuisine; we mastered it. Students turned master chefs during a pizza-making masterclass for lunch, which was naturally followed by a highly scientific testing of the local gelateria. We also expanded our cultural horizons by trying arancini – Sicily's famous deep-fried risotto balls – which officially get a five-star rating from Lymm High.

To round off the sightseeing, we hopped aboard the tourist train for a whirlwind tour around the historic city of Catania, followed by some well-deserved shopping time to hunt for souvenirs (mostly consisting of lemon-themed everything).
However, a Lymm High expedition wouldn't be complete without a bit of adventure. Sicily decided to give us the full 'experiential learning' package by throwing a literal tropical thunderstorm at us. This included a dramatic hotel power cut that turned the corridors into a real-life game of hide-and-seek, and stormy seas so wild they sadly cancelled our ferry to Vulcano and Lipari.
But did a bit of extreme weather dampen our spirits? Absolutely not. We simply pivoted, hit the beach for some swimming whenever the sun peeked out, and kept smiling.







It was an unforgettable, action-packed trip, and a genuinely fun time was had by all!
A massive thank you to the staff for keeping everyone safe, fed and entertained.



WORLD KINDNESS DAY





"If we're kind and polite,
the world will be right".

This iconic reminder from Paddington Bear helped influence our recent celebration of World Kindness Day on Friday 13th November. To mark the occasion, our incredible Wellbeing Champions hosted a dedicated kindness stall, inviting everyone to slow down, reflect, and share a bit of positivity.

The stall was centred around a simple but powerful activity: filling out kindness slips. Students had the opportunity to nominate someone for being kind. These are then given out during Form time to help spread positivity.

Two lucky winners were also picked out randomly to win a prize. Well done to Lauren Caton and Adam Pridding.

A huge thank you to our Wellbeing Champions for organising the stall, and to everyone who stopped by to fill out a slip. Let's keep it going as a little kindness goes a long way!



POWER SHOOTING

Congratulations to Benji Bradley and Aria Naylor who won our Inter-Hall Power Shooting competition on Friday 6th November. The students were representing Walton and Dunham Halls. It was a successful competition and around 40 students took part. Very well done Benji and Aria! And thank you to our Sixth Form supporters, Ryan and Ephraim.

LANGUAGES UNITE!





To celebrate the European Day of Languages, all KS3 students took part in a specially designed lesson exploring the importance of language learning, and celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity.

Students learned about different language families, explored inspirational role models (such as Jude Bellingham and his commitment to learning Spanish) and challenged themselves to recognise key vocabulary in languages they had never studied before, including Swedish and Polish and more.

They also considered how learning a foreign language can enhance their experiences when travelling abroad, identifying useful phrases and discussing the benefits of being able to communicate independently rather than relying on AI and translation tools. To build on their learning, students were challenged to independently research five useful phrases in a foreign language of their choice as part of their homework.

KS3 Class Quiz Champions

Following the lesson, each Key Stage 3 (KS3) class put their new found knowledge to the test in our European Day of Languages quiz. Competition was fierce, with scores so close that a tie-breaker question was needed to determine the winning class.

A huge congratulations to 9L1B, who will proudly keep our European Day of Languages trophy for the remainder of this academic year.

European Day of Languages Competition Winners

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) team were absolutely bowled over by the response to this year's competition, receiving over 100 fantastic entries. The creativity, effort and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students made choosing the winners particularly difficult.



Following some tough deliberation, a select group of students were awarded our Faculty Favourite prize, with Holly Aspinall in Year 7 crowned our overall competition winner! Our winners received a certificate, an MFL badge to wear proudly on their blazers, an MFL bookmark and a well-deserved sweet treat. There are also plenty of runner-up certificates and prizes to be presented by class teachers in recognition of the many impressive entries we received.



"A huge well done to everyone who took part and embraced this year's theme, Languages Unite. It has been wonderful to see so many students celebrating languages beyond the classroom and recognising the opportunities that learning a foreign language can bring", said Miss Freebairn.





SHUSH MAKE SOME NOISE



The band 'Shush', made up of Year 9 students Freddie Fox, George White, Ben Frith and their friend Thomas from Sir Thomas Boteler, performed a gig to raise money for charity on Friday 13th November at Peggy McCools in Warrington. They raised just under £500 for 'Make 2nds Count' supported by their friends from school and families.

The charity gives hope to those affected by secondary breast cancer. "Fantastic school talent on show and a real credit to Lymm High and Sir Thomas Boteler school", said Freddie's mum, Linda. "With thanks to Mr Starkey for all his support and encouragement."

"This is brilliant", said Head of Year Mr Barnett. "They are a fantastic set of musicians and to raise money for such a brilliant cause is commendable."

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW - PERHAPS?

Lymm Runners are recruiting runners for their upcoming Santa Dash on Saturday 12th December. The annual event forms part of Lymm Dickensian Day.

- It's a Fun Run – not a race! So enjoy the atmosphere and take your time.
- All entrants receive a Santa Dash suit to wear.
- Every finisher receives a special souvenir medal.
- Open to all runners aged 8+, capable of completing the 5km course.
- There is also a Santa Stride, shorter route for walkers.
- Then stroll back to the village to enjoy the rest of the Dickensian Day festivities!

For more information, please click here or scan the QR code.



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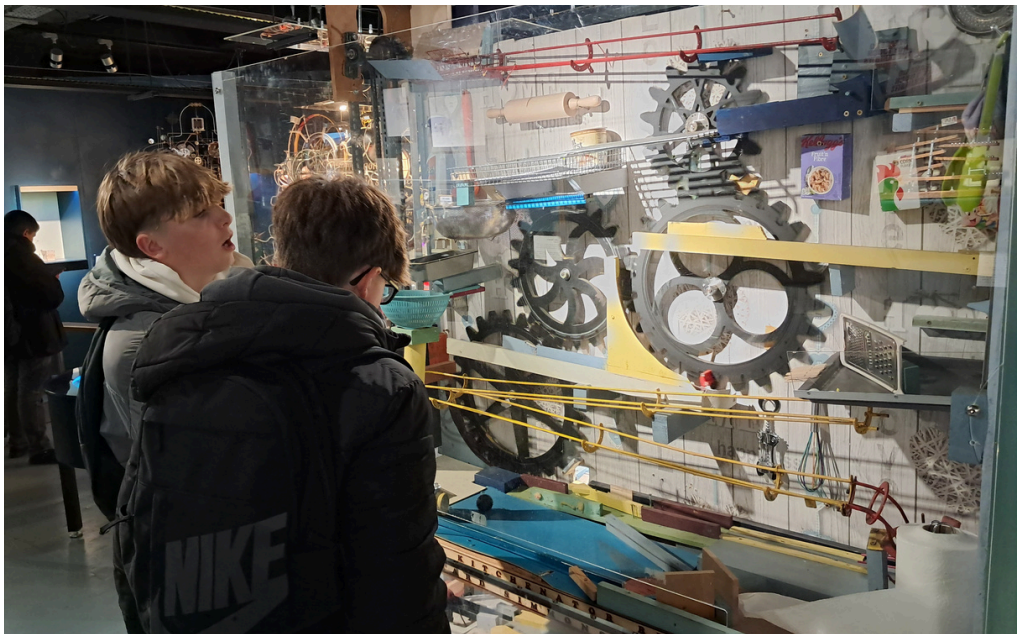
FROM QUILLS TO CODE-BREAKING

At the end of October, our Year 9 Scholars took part in a 1-night residential to Stratford-upon-Avon.



The visit had a packed itinerary covering a range of Shakespeare-related sites. At Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Shakespeare's Birthplace, students gained an insight into the Shakespeare family. In Shakespeare's Schoolroom, where the young playwright was first exposed to the travelling players and productions that inspired ideas for his future plays, students experienced a 'Tudor education', including writing with a quill and ink.

Students also visited the Butterfly Farm, the UK's largest tropical butterfly paradise. They enjoyed a guided tour of the flight area, home to 200 species of tropical butterflies from around the world, including Belize, Costa Rica, Malaysia, Kenya and the Philippines. Next, they explored the MAD Museum, the UK's only permanent exhibition of mechanical art. In the evening, the group were lucky enough to have fabulous seats for the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *As You Like It*, the romantic comedy following Rosalind and Orlando as they each flee to the Forest of Arden in search of a new life.









On the second day, the group visited Bletchley Park, which played an instrumental role in Britain's victory in the Second World War. Students took part in a code-breaking and cipher workshop, mastering the techniques used to decipher messages encrypted by the German Enigma machine before the Bombe was invented.

"The trip was designed to stretch and challenge our students beyond the curriculum, and they rose to the challenge", said Mrs Douglas. "It was an action-packed trip, with activities linked to English, History, Design and Technology, and Computing."

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

As part of our focus on World Mental Health Day (Saturday 10th October), our Wellbeing Champions hosted a pop-up stall in partner-ship with Kooth.



Students had the chance to chat with the Wellbeing Champions, pick up mindfulness resources, and collect some fantastic positive-reminder badges like 'It's OK to be you!'.

Kooth demonstrated its new mental health and wellbeing platform designed specifically for young people. Called Soluna, the free, safe, and entirely anonymous platform, offers digital counselling, peer support forums, and helpful mood-tracking tools to ensure students have access to support when they need it. This NHS funded wellbeing service provides opportunities for young people to speak one-to-one with qualified mental health professionals anonymously at a time that suits them. It also provides text-based counselling and self-guided tools to help users manage stress, anxiety, relationships and much more.

For further information about Soluna, click here.



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COUNTY CALL-UP



Following trials, KS3 students Sophie Bennett, Ben Grasby and Alex Nash have been chosen to play for the newly reformed Merseyside Youth County darts squad.

The Year 8 and 9 students play in the Western Division of the Northern Youth Darts Organisation and have had two fixtures so far. They have all represented the team in one or both fixtures against Clwyd and Lancashire. Sadly, despite very close games they lost both 10–5 overall.

Alex Nash was the KS3 winner of our Inter-Hall Darts tournament (see p.16).

SEB'S WORLD CUP SELECTION!

Year 8 Seb Jones travelled to South Africa at the end of September to play for England's Indoor Cricket Squad.

Seb joined the U13 team, and ex-student Reuben Roberts joined the U17 team, to compete in the Junior World Series Indoor Cricket Competition.

England U13 had their best ever tournament beating New Zealand twice and South Africa once. Seb also got a hat trick: three wickets in a row on his debut against New Zealand.

"A huge well done to Seb on this amazing achievement!", said Head of Year Mrs Wagstaff. "We are all incredibly proud of him in Year 8 and we wish him every success in the future!"







FIGHTING FIT FOR ENGLAND

At the end of October, siblings Aymeric and Amalys De Bezenac Messer represented England at the WUKF European Karate Championships 2026, held in Sheffield.

As members of the SEKA England squad, they competed in the individual kata events. This was their first major international competition, and being selected for the national squad was a great achievement in itself. Both showcased excellent skill and strength, delivering impressive performances in very competitive categories. Although they did not come home with medals this time, they came remarkably close: Amalys finished in fourth place, missing out on the podium by just 0.1 points.
Year 8 Aymeric and Year 7 Amalys described it as a wonderful and exciting experience, and they are now continuing their training with their eyes set on the next big international event in a few months' time.



Congratulations to them both on such a fantastic achievement!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 19th November
Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th November
School production *Fame*
(see p.7)

Monday 30th November
Year 11 mocks begin

Wednesday 2nd December
KS3 Celebration Evening

Thursday 10th December
Year 13 Parents' Evening

Friday 11th December
Christmas concert
(see p.25)

Monday 14th December
Carol Service
(*St. Peters Church, 6pm*)

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