



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer.

It has been lovely to see all the students again and to feel the sense of excitement about what lies ahead this year. It has been especially nice to be able to welcome new Year 7 students and we wish them all the very best for the year ahead. As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

I gave a series of assemblies to all students on Monday and my central message was again about challenge and expectations. I have asked teachers to expect even more of our incredible young people and encouraged the students to push themselves out of their comfort zone more consistently. Last year, we worked hard to significantly raise expectations around things like behaviour, homework and work-rate in lessons and the students rose magnificently to that challenge. I am convinced that we still have even more potential to realise and, with continued partnership between teachers, parents and students, will continue to make great strides.

EXAM SUCCESS

We start the year in a very positive frame of mind. Lots of progress was made in many areas last year and it felt as if the school was moving forwards rapidly but, of course, we were looking for a strong set of exam results in the summer to underline that progress. We certainly achieved that and are extremely pleased with the outcomes. More details about our GCSE results can be read by [clicking here](#) and to read about our A' level results [click here](#). Once again, I'd like to congratulate the students on their excellent performances and thank teachers and parents for their hard work and support.



UNIFORM

You will recall that I wrote to all parents and carers last term about uniform and, in particular, the length of girls' skirts. We have been reminding girls this week that, where skirts are too short (perhaps because girls have grown over the summer), new ones will need to be bought. From the week after next, we will start enforcing the rules using the sanctions set out in the school behaviour policy. In the meantime, there remains no excuse for girls rolling their skirts up.

As ever, the intention is merely to help everyone focus on our core business of teaching and learning by ensuring clarity and consistency as regards uniform. We also hope that it helps you as parents to know that you are not alone in holding the line when faced with a teenage daughter trying to tell you that 'everybody else wears short skirts'! Thank you in anticipation of your support.



FOUNDERS DAY

Towards the end of last term, we celebrated our Founder's Day with a sponsored walk, carnival and many activities whereby students went out into the community to help local people and organisations. We are delighted to report that we raised a total of £6,618.27, which has been donated to Afritwin and Claire House Children's Hospice. Afritwin received a total of £1330.00 and a fantastic £5325.97 was sent to Claire House Children's Hospice.



CATERING

A reminder that our catering system is entirely cashless and students should not bring cash into school. Accounts can be topped up online via Parentpay. If you need your log on details or any other assistance with ParentPay, please contact Ms Annabel Ralph. Email: aralph@lymmhigh.org.uk. For those students in receipt of free school meals, please note that your account will be credited for lunchtime only each day.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6th September 2016
Sixth Form IAG Evening

Monday 12th - Friday 16th September 2016
Year 7 CAT Tests

Thursday 15th September 2016
Year 7 IAG Evening

Thursday 22nd September 2016
Year 10 IAG Evening

SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

Following trials last term, we are delighted to announce the launch of our 'School Gateway App'. Once downloaded, this will allow parents to view important information, including information on rewards and sanctions, timetables and reports. It may also make it easier for you to access messages from school. As you know, we are trying hard to improve communication with parents and we hope the launch of this app helps.

For details of how to download and use the app, please [click here](#).

If you have any feedback (positive or negative) please do let us know via info@lymmhigh.org.uk

If you have any technical problems, please contact our ICT support team support@lymmhigh.org.uk



SCHOOL WEBSITE

This week, we are also launching an updated version of our school website. The most significant change is that it ought to be a lot easier to read on smartphones and tablet devices, but we also think it is a little easier to navigate and has a nicer all-round feel. Again, please let us have any comments via info@lymmhigh.org.uk

