



## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers

Last week saw two incredible performances of "400" at the Parr Hall, involving around three hundred students from our partner primary schools and nearly a hundred of our own students. The story was a celebration of 400 years of Shakespeare through drama, dance and music and it was fabulous to see so many students taking part with such skill and courage. Bringing together so many different schools in such a way really is a special way to celebrate as a community. Huge thanks go to Mrs Richards and the Performing Arts team for all the work that went into making it such a success, as well as to everyone at our partner primary schools for their support.



### Wear something Christmassy

As we did last year, we are inviting students to 'wear something Christmassy' on the last day of term in return for bringing in a £1 donation to Save the Children. Students may wear one item of Christmas clothing or one accessory – for example, a Christmas jumper, some tinsel in their hair or some Christmas-themed socks. Thank you in advance for your support.

### KS3 Assessments in English, Maths & Science - January 2017

Jayne O'Grady, Deputy Headteacher, will be writing to you shortly with further details of our Key Stage 3 core mid-year exams. As you know, students in these year groups will be sitting papers in English, Maths and Science. Some of these papers will be taken in the school's exam hall to give students a real experience of sitting exams formally and to build up their confidence well ahead of their formal GCSE exams. In the meanwhile, students should be preparing by revising content studied in English, Maths and Science. We are currently updating the school website and parents will be able to find detailed information on the areas their sons and daughters should focus on as well as best ways to help them revise.

### E-SAFETY CONFERENCE

We would like to invite parents/carers to an E-Safety Conference being held at Lymm High School on Tuesday 6th December from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. PC Kelly Meredith, Youth Engagement Officer at Cheshire Police, is presenting information that is specifically designed for parents/guardians/carers, providing up to date advice and guidance on keeping young people and families safe online, giving practical strategies and tips to protect your children. Please click here for more information.

### Y9 Mental Health Ambassadors

Over the next two weeks, ten Year 9 pupils will be selected to become Youth Health Champions within the school. The group of pupils who are selected will receive training from the Royal Society of Public Health and through this will become ambassadors for health and wellbeing in the school. This is an exciting opportunity for all those involved and will help encourage the year group to raise awareness for positive mental health and the local services available to help support our young people. The pupils selected will receive their training in the new year and will start to work actively on health campaigns and peer mentoring within the school community. We are looking forward to seeing how these young people can develop as ambassadors over the coming months.

### Warrington Sports Multi Ability Day

This event is to give young people with a special educational need from mainstream and special schools in the Warrington area the opportunity to take part in appropriate physical activities that could lead them to take part in competitive opportunities on the day and at future School Games events. Our students had a great time and thoroughly excelled in the activities they took part in. Particular mention goes to Lydia Brabin, who accepted help to differentiate the archery and became hugely competitive against students from others schools who she deemed more able. Jack Webb questioned his initial performances and made fellow students aware he would do better next time for his team; then, despite being known for his peaceful nature, became very pumped to win a game of Boccia for his team! Eva Cope became a star of the day and was first in line to take part in every event. She had a great attitude and was constantly being told to stop pushing in when trying to have more turns! All the students that completed the event had an amazing day and did themselves and their school proud.

Mr Powell



Special mention for Jess Poller and Eloise Smith who raised £125.65 for Children in Need on their own! They prepared their own batch of cakes and sold them to raise this incredible amount.

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 6th December**  
Parent/Carer E-Safety Conference 6.30pm

**Wednesday 7th December**  
Y9 Parents Evening

**Monday 12th December**  
Carol Concert - St Peter's Church 7pm

**Tuesday 13th December**  
Key Stage 3 Art Exhibition 5-7pm

**Thursday 15th December**  
Rewards Trip - Ice Skating

**Friday 16th December**  
EARLY FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS 12.15pm

**SPRING TERM BEGINS 4th January 2017**

### Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Questionnaire

We would be very grateful if those of you with children in Y7 would complete a quick questionnaire regarding the transition process. Links can be found here: <http://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/2016/11/24/year-6-to-year-7-transition-process/> Any feedback will be gratefully received and will help us to improve things for next year's cohort. Thank you in advance.

### Christmas Tree Festival - St Mary's Church, Lymm

Thank you to those students from years 7, 8 & 9 who made decorations from clay and painted them for our annual contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church, Lymm. The tree looked lovely!



The Technology Faculty have a new Twitter account that has been created to share student achievements in Design Technology:  
Please follow @Lymm\_High\_DT

## PE and Sport Update

It has been an incredibly busy period for the PE and Sport Faculty. We have had an unprecedented number of fixtures across a range of sports for both girls and boys.

The U14 girls football team remain unbeaten and have progressed in to the quarter finals of the Cheshire Cup with a fine 5-1 win over Congleton High School. More recently they beat Alsager High School 3-2 in an extremely close encounter in the National Cup 4th round. This means they are likely to play Thomas Telford at home, with a 1.30pm kick off pencilled in for the 13th December.



Pleasingly, the U16's and first XV have both reached their respective Cheshire Cup finals. The under 16's secured their passage into the final with an excellent win over Bridgewater, whilst the first XV narrowly beat a very good Wilmslow team 11-8. The U16's will be playing in the final against Wirral Grammar with game being held at Chester Rugby club after Christmas. The first XV will play Stockport Grammar in a game that will kick off at 2.30pm at the A J Bell stadium on Sunday 18th December as a curtain raiser to the Sale Shark versus Saracens Aviva Premiership fixture.

On the 11th January, the first XV will again be in action, hosting Coopers Company, Coborn in the NatWest Plate quarter final. The game will be starting at 2.15pm at Lymm High School.

The U14 boys hockey team consisting of pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 performed extremely well against King's Macclesfield. Despite going down to an early goal, they played some fantastic hockey and deservedly got back into the game with a great goal on the counter attack scored by Alex Jackson. Unfortunately, we conceded a late goal to lose the game 2-1; however, there were many positive signs for the future.

It has also been a busy few weeks for the girls hockey teams, with both indoor and outdoor games. The U19, U16 and U14 girls played in the county indoor hockey tournaments over the last two weeks. Having drawn 1-1 with Loreto outdoors, the U14s enjoyed their first tournament adapting to the change in skill required to gain a win, a draw and two losses. The U16s narrowly lost their first game 1-0 and again lost the second by the same score to a late goal in the last 30 seconds of the match. The girls bounced back and went on to win the next two games, narrowly missing out on progressing to the finals. For the U19 girls the indoor marked the end to a busy first term and despite having all the pressure the girls were defeated in both games through break away goals. Luckily the team have had a fantastic outdoor season to date and look forward to continuing this after the Christmas break where they will play in the Cheshire finals.

Finally for this week, ten students represented the school on Saturday 26th November in the final schools cross-country races at Walton Gardens. Whilst their parents shivered in the frosty conditions, the students ran 2 or 2.8 km. Results were as follows:

Minor Girls year 7: Eva Ferris 2nd, Olivia Molden 3rd, Lydia Kelley 6th

Minor Boys year 7: Reece Connell 2nd, Findlay Smith 9th, Joseph Chadwick 16th. Unfortunately, Charlie Pemberton was unable to finish the race.

Junior Girls year 8: Katie Swann 14th

Intermediate Girls year 9: Amy Nuttall WINNER, Twiggy Falloon 15th.

Congratulations to all involved.



## LAST DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that school shuts at 12.15pm on the last day of term, Friday 16th December. Buses have been informed.

## Bank of England Target 2.0 Challenge

On the 22nd November our team, Josh Donley, Joe Dowdeswell, Dan Hodgson, Matteo Johnson, Sam Furness, Olly Oakes, and Charlie Litherland, went to the Chancellors Hotel in Manchester for the Bank of England's economics competition. In front of Bank of England officials, we presented our monetary policy decision on how to meet the government's 2% inflation target. For over a month beforehand, we prepared our presentation using economic data from numerous sources and came to the conclusion that the base rate should remain at 0.25%. Having presented our ideas to the headteacher, Mr Johnson and Mrs Hill previously, we were excited for the opportunity to present in front of established economists and Bank of England members. On the day we felt a large amount of pressure; however we were extremely pleased with how the presentation went and especially with how we reacted and responded to questions from the judges. Unfortunately we didn't finish in the top two to qualify for the next round, although a teacher from another school complimented us on our presentation and was surprised that we didn't progress. We took great pride from her comments. Overall, the Target 2.0 completion was an invaluable experience that we have benefitted greatly from, most importantly in terms of gaining greater economic knowledge on the topics we covered, but also skills that we can transfer into everyday life such as presentation techniques. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gives thanks to Mrs Hill and Mr Hayes for their help in making the trip happen.

by Joshua Donley, 13AH



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If you have any technical problems, please contact our ICT support team

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# KS3 Art Exhibition

**Tuesday 13th December 2016, 5-7pm**  
**Lymm High School, Oughtrington Lane**  
**Lymm, WA13 0RB**