



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have, for me, summed up everything that is great about Lymm High School. On the academic side, we have seen Year 11 students tackling their mock exams with real maturity and focus; this is especially the case in English and Maths, where they are faced with new, tougher examinations but in which they are rising to the challenge. Equally, despite everyone starting to get a little tired as the end of term approaches, students are still working hard in lessons and meeting the higher expectations we have put in place this year.

On the extra-curricular side, we have had some tremendous individual and collective successes in sport (the Cheshire Cup final being played at Sale Sharks' ground on Sunday will be another highlight) in all age groups and for both girls and boys. The Key Stage 3 Art exhibition this week was fabulous and the Performing Arts faculty have been almost unbelievably busy. Our musicians have been

performing all over the place to rave reviews and the incredible performances of our actors, dancers, singers and musicians in the "400" production at the Parr Hall are still fresh in the memory.

Finally, there has been so much to celebrate in terms of the wider ethos of the school: more money has been raised for charities, OAPs have been invited into school for mince pies and mulled wine, huge amounts of food were collected for the Trussell Trust and many rewards and awards have been issued to those who have excelled in terms of behaviour, participation, attendance and for generally displaying the attributes of socially responsible young people. I remain extremely proud to be at such a school and lucky to be able to work with such fabulous young people and in such a supportive community.

I wish you all the very best for a lovely festive season.

Kind regards,

Gwyn Williams

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 15th December
Rewards Trip—Ice Skating

Friday 16th December
EARLY FINISH FOR
CHRISTMAS 12.15PM

SPRING TERM BEGINS
4th January 2017

POPPY APPEAL



Many thanks to all those who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal; together we raised over £210 which is a great achievement.

Congratulations go to Dunham Hall students who raised the highest amount this year with a grand total of £45.28!

CHRISTMAS BINGO

On Monday 12th December, our sixth form students invited residents from local care homes and other elderly members of the Lymm community to join us for an afternoon of Christmas Activities. Our visitors were delighted to listen to and join in with some well-known Christmas carols and songs performed by the school choir whilst also enjoying tea, coffee and some homemade mince pies. We then had a professional game of Bingo with our very own Head Boy, Matt Davies as the 'call master'. Needless to say it was a fun filled afternoon, enjoyed by all our guests and students. A great way to celebrate Christmas within the community and spread some festive cheer.

By Rachael Roberts, Deputy Head Girl



KS3 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

The KS3 Assessment Timetable for January 2017 is now on the website. Please "[click here](#)" for further information.

MOLLY FOR ENGLAND

Congratulations to year 13 student Molly Clark on her inclusion in the England U18 Handball team for their upcoming fixtures. The team are scheduled to play fixtures against Scotland, Ireland and Australia in Liverpool in early January. Well done and good luck!



THE A TEAM!

Well done to all the girls football teams that have been competing in the Warrington 7 aside league over the last three weeks.

Over sixty girls from Lymm participated in the competition. The year 7's fielded two teams with the A team finishing in second place and qualifying for the next round. The year 9 team won the U14 league, continuing their fantastic season. Both of the teams will represent Warrington in the County competition held next year.

BEHAVIOUR ON BUSES

We always try our best to be pro-active in dealing with any instances of poor behaviour on school buses and we would be grateful if you could support us by reiterating the message to students that the school cannot do anything if we are not made aware of incidents that occur. One or two such incidents have been reported to us recently, which we investigated further and which led to students being appropriately sanctioned and their parents being informed – but this was only possible because people came forward to let us know in the first place.

One of our central messages to students is the importance of being social responsible citizens at all times and this certainly applies when they are travelling to and from school. Any information will always be treated sensitively, so please do let us know if you have any concerns.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS!

The year 7 basketball team competed in the Warrington Championships on December 7th entering two teams into the 6 team tournament. The A team won the overall competition unbeaten with 4 wins and 1 draw and were led exceptional by captain and top points scorer Matt Beattie. The B team finished in 5th position which was a great achievement considering many players had not played basketball before. A special mention for Leon Colwell who led them B team as captain and top points scorer Hamish Scott- Heron who despite never playing the game before took 3 baskets.

Squad Players: Jake Henshaw, Matt Beattie, Ewan Hacker, Toby Ward, Harley Priest, Jack Clarke, Leon Colwell, Blaze Gibbons, Alfie Grant, Jack Speakman, Taylor Cooke, Rachel Beattie, Tom Nolan, Hamish Scott-Herron, Patrick Boyle



SHOEBOXES FOR STREET ANGELS

As part of our drive to support the wider community, this half term students have been supporting Manchester Street Angels who support the homeless people in the Manchester and Warrington area. Students were asked to support the shoebox collection by bringing in items such as warm hats and gloves, high energy food such as biscuits and chocolate and toiletries such as toothpaste, tooth brushes and soap.

Again the support for this was superb, we had over 100 boxes donated and many loose items as well. The students will have made a real difference and gone a long way to spreading a bit of festive cheer!

TASSOMAI SCIENCE

Last chance for Y11s to subscribe to the Tassomai Science online revision programme. If interested, please pay via Parent Pay £20 for Core/Additional Science or £30 for Separates by the deadline of Fri 6th Jan (reduced rate due to less time left before the exams).

LAST DAY

ARRANGEMENTS

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

For details of how to download and use the app, please see:

[http://
www.lymmhigh.org.uk/
parents/parent-portal.](http://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/parents/parent-portal)

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

Schoolgateway

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Year 7 Parents, if you haven't already, we would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing a quick questionnaire about your child's transition to Lymm High School. Your feedback is really important to us. Please click [HERE](#)