



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

The last week of this half-term is upon us already and the summer holidays already seem far away. School seems as busy as ever!

Year 11 students have been sitting their 'pre-mocks' to help get them used to the new GCSE courses in English and Maths. Unsurprisingly, they found the exams difficult but we have been really impressed with their attitude and know that, if they keep working hard, they will get there.

A number of Sixth Form students have been busy completing their early entry UCAS applications to study Medicine or at Oxbridge. Congratulations go to Kyra Baird for being the first person to receive a university offer this year (within 24 hours of submitting her application!) - to study Psychology at York University. We wish all of them all the best in securing offers.

We welcomed exchange visitors from Germany last week and our own students are currently in Spain for the Spanish exchange. So far, all seems to be going well and I'd like to thank all the families involved for taking part.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING & CAREERS FAIR

We would like to invite all of our Year 11 students to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 10th November 2016, from 6-8pm. Students and parents can meet our sixth form team, as well as speak with subject tutors about the courses on offer for September 2017. Whilst spaces within our sixth form are limited, we do also welcome external applicants, so please do share this with your family and friends.

Also on this evening, we will be holding our annual Careers Fair, from 5-7:30pm in our Sports Hall. If you would be willing to have a stall in our marketplace and share information about your career with our students, then we would be extremely grateful for your support. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Ramsbottom: cramsbottom@lymmhigh.org.uk



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have two vacancies for elected parent governors on the governing body. We have undertaken a skills audit of the governing body and have identified two particular areas of expertise that we need to strengthen, so we would particularly welcome interest from parents with these skills:

- Qualified accountant or finance professional – a parent who has a professional background in finance/accounting, ideally with some experience of public sector or education/local authority finance
- Data analysis and interpretation – a parent with experience and skills in using quantitative data, ideally with some experience of schools performance data and its use in school improvement

If you would like more information about the vacancies, please [click here](#) to read a letter from the chair of governors.

RISKY BEHAVIOURS PROGRAMME

During the first week back after half term the year 7's are taking part in the Warrington 'Risky Behaviours Programme', a safeguarding initiative delivered by the Families and Wellbeing Early Help division, to educate young people and equip them with the skills to stay safe from harm as they grow older. The programme will run all week and will take place during periods 1 and 2, with each form taking a turn.

YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday this week, we have our annual Young Musician of the Year competition. We have 12 students performing in the final this year and the evening will begin promptly at 7pm. I wish all of the students the very best of luck and huge congratulations must go to them all for making it this far.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 14th – Friday 21st October
Spanish Exchange Trip

Tuesday 18th October
Young Musician of the Year

Thursday 20th – Friday 21st October
London History Trip

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
Half Term

Thursday 3rd November
Year 13 Parents Evening

Thursday 10th November
Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 24th November
Year 7 Parents Evening

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We've had a number of successful Duke of Edinburgh expeditions take place this term. Our Bronze students all completed their 2-day qualifying expedition in Tarporley and Malpas at the end of September, and this weekend our Silver students were successful in their qualifying expedition over a gruelling 3 days in Llangollen. Huge congratulations to all involved and thanks to all the staff who accompanied the trips.



HALL POINTS REWARDS

The hall points rewards scheme has had a brilliant start this year and lots of students have already cashed in some of our fantastic prizes. Congratulations to the winners of last week's hall points draw. Elena Cottrell and Noah Geary both won a £20 Odeon Cinema Voucher. This week the prize goes to one form in each year group, who collected the most hall points. The following forms will have bacon butties hand delivered to them this week: 7TL, 8TH, 9WH, 10MH, 11AH

Schoolgateway

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

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

EASY FUNDRAISING

Just a quick update on easyfundraising from the PTA... we now have 80 supporters (THANK YOU!) and we have raised over £1000 so thank you to all those concerned. If you haven't signed up yet make sure you do before Christmas. It is very simple; you shop via the easyfundraising website or the app and the Lymm High PTA get donations - why wouldn't you? Just click on this link: <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/4BU9N2/>