



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to those parents who have been supporting us by buying new skirts for girls who have outgrown their old ones. We are continuing to raise expectations as far as uniform is concerned and I would be grateful if those of you who have received letters recently could get the new skirts as soon as possible. Please do contact Mrs Ryles-Dean if you might have difficulty buying a new one at this time.

I hope parents of Year 7 students have a positive experience at parents' evening this week. We are absolutely delighted with the way that Year 7 have settled into life at Lymm High School; it is a real pleasure to be around them. Please note that it is inevitable that some teachers will not have time on the evening to see parents of all the students they teach so, if there is a teacher you were especially keen to meet and are unable to, make sure you contact them to arrange a conversation.

KS3 Progress Reports

Parents of KS3 students will be receiving a new version of progress reports during the next few days. As you may know, the government has abandoned the old National Curriculum levels and schools are devising their own assessment systems to replace them. This means that, especially for those of you with children in years 8 and 9, this set of progress reports will look very different to previous ones. There will be lots of information available and, as ever, I urge you to get in touch if anything is not clear.

Kind regards
Mr Williams



CHILDREN IN NEED

The Sixth Form took part in their annual fancy dress day for Children in Need on Friday. As always this was a fantastic event, students went above and beyond our expectations with some fabulous costumes and much fun was had. More importantly, £1402.33 was raised for the cause.

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

We invited interest in vacancies for two parent governors on the Lymm High School governing body before half term, and noted that following a skills audit we hoped to strengthen professional financial expertise and skills in understanding and using school performance data on the governing body.

We received two nominations and so those candidates will now assume positions as governors. Emma Hutchison has a child in year 8 at Lymm High School and another still at primary school. She is a chartered accountant by profession, and is currently head of finance and company secretary for a software company. David Hester has a child in year 7, and another still at primary school. He is a qualified independent financial advisor and business owner. He has been a parent governor at Oughtrington Primary School since 2011, as well as being chair of governors there since 2013. We are very pleased to welcome Emma and David to the governing body.

SCHOLASTIC TEEN BOOK CLUB

We're running a pre-Christmas Book Club through Scholastic. Year 7 pupils will be given a brochure to bring home by the end of this week and students from other years can pick up a copy from the ILC. All books from the brochure and many more are available to view on the Scholastic website. Please place your order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/lymm> by December 2nd 2016 and help us to earn free books for our school.

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 an E-Safety Information Conference 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 see http://shared.lymmhigh.org.uk/docs/downloads/e-safety_flyer_061216.jpg for more information.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 24th November
Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th November
'400' Parr Hall Production

Wednesday 7th December
Y9 Parents Evening



KS3 Art Exhibition

The Visual Arts Faculty would like to invite you to celebrate the work of our students on Tuesday 13th December 2016
Time: 5-7pm

Main Hall
Refreshments available
All welcome

BOOKBUZZ

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from Booktrust, which supports schools to encourage reading for pleasure, independent choice and to develop a whole school reading culture. It introduces new authors and genres to Year 7 pupils at a time in their school life when they are making personal reading choices. During timetabled Information Literacy lessons in the ILC all Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to choose a book to keep from a list of 12 titles. The books have now arrived and will be distributed by Friday 25th November. More information on the books and ideas for further reading can be found at www.bookbuzz.org.uk



Lymm High School presents

Henry V
The Tempest
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Romeo and Juliet
Macbeth

Tuesday 29th November & Wednesday 30th November 2016
7pm
Parr Hall, Warrington
Tickets are available from the Parr Hall box office.
£7 adults, £4 concessions

Featuring: Everdale Primary, Oughtrington Primary, St Wilfrid's Primary, Cherry Tree Primary, Buddhan Primary, Little Bollington Primary, Salford Primary & Thelwall Primary

NATIONAL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE COMES TO LYMM HIGH!

The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge is a concept developed by Ben and Michael Dyer who are passionate about developing business skills in young people. Many famous entrepreneurs and successful business people started concepts and ideas when they were of school age. This project aims to inspire the younger generation and develop key work based skills such as team work, communication and problem solving. Proving that at any age you can have amazing ideas that could be successful business ideas.

So the Ryman National Enterprise team came to Lymm High to seek out future entrepreneurial talent. They were not disappointed! Year 9 arrived at the Sports Hall filled with ideas and imagination. Set the task of creating an App for the company Ryman, the year 9's worked tirelessly all day in groups to come up with innovative ideas that could send them to the final, being held next year.

Eight teams were selected from the year group and a wild card to present their App concept to our resident dragons; Mr Williams, Mr Scott, Ms O'Grady and Mr Thomas. Prepared with intimidating stares, sharp dress sense and a business like bravado the dragons put the teams through their paces. Our Year 9's passionately sold their ideas facing a barrage of probing questions.

Our winners on the day and the team going to the finals to pitch their idea are the group known as Ryman Reality, with a strong concept for an app that will hopefully put themselves and Lymm High into the spotlight!

The final will be an exciting opportunity where they may get the chance to pitch their idea to celebrities such as Theo Paphitis, Dick & Dom, Eddie the Eagle and Lord Sugar to name but a few that are currently involved with the project.

Mrs Morris (Head of Ethos) commented "we are incredibly proud of the way our year 9 cohort conducted themselves on the day! They have shown imagination, enthusiasm, and determination representing our school in the best way possible. It was a revelation to see so many students in one place, working so hard, the energy in the room was electric!"

The day does not end there, the National Enterprise Team have spotted students in the year group who individually, have demonstrated promising entrepreneurial skills. These students have been told to independently upload their ideas to the company Facebook page and submit an independent entry.

We will keep you posted on this exciting endeavour, and wish our year 9 team success in the finals! Bring it on!

CONCERT FOR OLLIE

Lymm students are helping to organise a "Concert for Ollie" to raise funds to support his medical treatment. Ollie is 12, and the son of a private music teacher, Mrs Gardiner who has been involved in teaching a lot of Lymm's musical students, past and present. Our students would really value your support at this event. For details please click here.

Concert for Ollie – 23rd November 2016 – 7pm
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane, Lymm, WA13 0AZ

Ollie is 12. Until April of last year he was a keen scout, popular at school, hoping to be a tailor when he grows up but then was diagnosed with a brain tumour. After several operations and chemotherapy he was making good progress until a relapse left him "incurable". There is one treatment that could work however this will cost £440,000 so funds need to be raised to support him...please help Ollie!

Tickets cost £5 for adults or £4 for concessions and are available on the door or email Hannah at hannahleightonjones@gmail.com to guarantee your seat.

The programme includes music from the award winning Lymm String Quartet, Brass Quartet and soloists who have been involved in organisations such as the Halle Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Brass Band.

TYN-Y-FELIN TRIP

Wednesday last week saw 33 Year 11 Scholars attend a 3 day 'Shooting Stars' residential at Tyn-y-Felin, a series of intensive revision workshops alongside some aspiration activities looking at future career paths.

Whilst the students enjoyed crabbing and a blustery walk to Silver Bay via the field of cows, they were also put through their paces with intensive Masterclasses in English, Maths and Science.

Highlights of the trip included creating a maggot maze; and one student nodding off in the meditation session and being 'gently' awoken an hour later.

All the students put in 110% effort and really pushed themselves to the limit. We are sure they will keep up this level of enthusiasm and dedication in preparation for the mocks which start next week.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students.



Duke of Edinburgh 2016-17

Thanks to all those students who've signed up for Duke of Edinburgh, the response was incredibly positive and we are sorry if your child didn't manage to gain a place this year. Bronze and Silver Awards are now full, if you would like to go onto the Reserve list please contact Mrs Mogy in Student Services. We will ensure that Y9 students on the reserve list have priority access next year when we offer Silver to Y10. Students do not need to have completed Bronze to access Silver next year.



For details of how to download and use the app, please see <http://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/parents/parent-portal>.

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

support@lymmhigh.org.uk

FIX UP WORKSHOPS

All Year 7-11 students have been involved in an inspirational 'Fix Up' workshop over the past couple of weeks, which were led by Michael, Kamal or Bola - who were thoroughly entertaining and motivational. Some students were also involved in the Growth Mindset workshops with Fix Up that looked at aiming high, dreaming big and going after your dream, however difficult that dream might be to achieve. All students involved in those were fantastic participants and certainly enjoyed the presenters' dancing and jokes! Thanks to Fix Up for five such inspiring days! #IAMAmazing

His & Hers Prom Fashion Show

Fri 25 Nov 2016
7pm – 9.30pm
LHS Main Hall
Tickets £5 (incl free drink)
Tickets from School Shop