

NEWSLETTER
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ALUMNI

LYMM HIGH SCHOOL



Festive spirit

During our 'Kindness' term, students showed incredible generosity and festive spirit.
(see p.4).

'Oarsome' alumni

Two of our ex-students rowed together at the World Championships in China.
(see p.12).



WELCOME

Dear Alumni,

Our 2025/26 school year has got off to a flying start! We began the September term celebrating another set of fantastic summer exam results (see page 24) and the fact that Lymm High again is the top performing school in Warrington!

I am immensely proud of our students and their achievements, and am reminded daily of their successes. There are far too many to list here, but I have described a few of our outstanding students and our new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team on pages 20–23.

This year, we also launched our Hall Together campaign to raise funds to revamp our Main Hall (see page 9). I have

to say, this year's school production of *We Will Rock You* was a fitting showcase for its transformation. You can see some of the photos on page 18.

We always like hearing from our alumni, and we welcome any to come back and visit us at any time. I always enjoy taking ex-students and staff around the school and chatting to them about their memories of this great place. One ex-student, Nathan (see pages 14–15), has been back to talk to our students about his career journey to date. If you would like to similarly share your life stories, please do get in touch.

Kind regards
Gwyn Williams
Headteacher



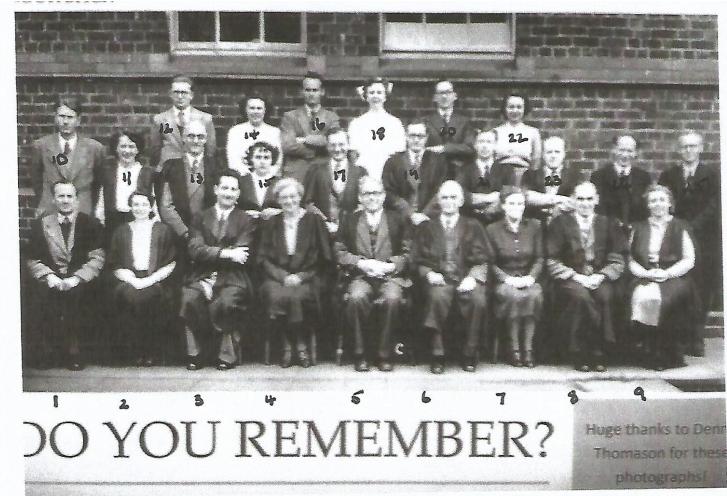
DO YOU REMEMBER?

You may recall from the last [Alumni newsletter](#), that Tom Dykes got in touch about Dennis Thomason's photographs from the 1950s that we used in our [Winter 2023/24 newsletter](#) (page 14).

Mr Dykes noted the names of staff and the subjects they taught on one of the photographs (see right). He thought he was 95% accurate. (If you click on the image it will open in a larger format.)

We did ask if anyone could fill in any gaps or had any corrections; and Alan Dobson, who was at Lymm during 1951–58, came up with the following:

- No. 10 Mr Foster or Forster (Geography)
- No. 19 Mr Anderson (English)
- No. 25 Mr Lane or Laine (Maths)



I was a student at Lymm Grammar School from 1954–1962, when I left to study dentistry at Birmingham University. I think the photograph was taken at the Grammar School front site before the School moved to Oughtibridge Hall in 1958/1959. I can name a few of these faces and the subjects they taught.

- ① Mr Johnson - Geography
- ② Mr Hulman - French
- ③ Mr Cauney - Head
- ④ Miss Willian - Maths
- ⑤ Mrs Parker - Maths
- ⑥ Miss Atkinson - French
- ⑦ Mr Saunders - Art
- ⑧ Dr Waterson - Music
- ⑨ Mr Savory - Chemistry
- ⑩ Mr Osborne - Woodwork
- ⑪ Mr Liddle - Physics
- ⑫ Mr Fails PE + Latin
- ⑬ Mr Newman - Biology
- ⑭ - Commune

When I left we had a junior school. Mr Hulman became Senior Master.

FESTIVE SPIRIT

Our last term of 2025 was themed 'Kindness' and our students once again showed incredible generosity and Christmas kindness.

Our Key Stage 3 students (Years 7–9) collected an amazing 172 Christmas shoeboxes for the Manchester Street Angels appeal – the highest number the school has ever achieved!

The campaign invited students to create gift-filled boxes for a wide range of recipients. From pamper boxes for the elderly, to fun-filled parcels for children, to even special boxes for dogs, the students made sure no one was left out this festive season.

"Staff and students alike were delighted – and admittedly a



little astonished – when the final count reached 172 shoeboxes", said Head of Art Mrs Taylor, who organised the collection. "This sets a brand-new school record and has spread excitement throughout the school community."

The Manchester Street Angels team expressed heartfelt gratitude for the donation, which will go directly to supporting vulnerable individuals and families across Greater Manchester.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) and Sixth Form students clubbed together as Forms to provide gifts for local charities.

Once again Lymm High supported Warrington Youth Zone (WYZ) and Mission Christmas. Nuvvy Sibia from WYZ assisted with Lymm High's collection and redirected the gifts to areas most in need. He said: "A MASSIVE thank you to your students for thinking of others, at a time of year which can be so incredibly difficult for so many families".





POPPIES GALORE

This year, the Visual Arts department created its biggest Remembrance Day display yet!

Students from all year groups donated hundreds of egg cartons, which were transformed into bright red poppies spread across the school. In the Atrium space, there were hundreds of poppies hanging from above, making the space feel calm and thoughtful. In the Link Gallery, there was a huge curtain of poppies, and in the Lower Hex a tall pillar of poppies stood proudly.

These displays help students to remember the soldiers who fought in the past and those who continue to serve today. Remembrance Day is an important time to think about their bravery and the sacrifices they made to keep us safe. “Creating these poppy installations is a lovely way to show respect. It also reminds us that by working together, even with something as simple as egg cartons, we can make something beautiful and meaningful”, said Miss Simms.



LYMM REMEMBERS

The History faculty once again partnered with Lymm Heritage Centre to investigate the story of local soldiers from Lymm who served and died in the First World War.



This story was added to the Remembrance display in the Atrium, which was bedecked by poppies (see p. 5). The story helped students to focus on a testimony of a local soldier when participating in the 2-minute silence at school, whilst gaining a greater understanding of their local history. This year's tragic story is of the **Appleton Brothers** from Statham.

Samuel Appleton was born in Hollins Green in 1833 but moved to Lymm when it was still a boat ride away across the river Mersey. He had married a Lymm girl, with a Lymm name, Ann Brazendale. Ann was already a Fustian Cutter and that was the trade that Samuel Appleton took up on Narrow Lane, now Oldfield Road in Statham. Somehow Samuel ended up as master of his own Fustian workshop there.

One of his sons, Thomas, married Ann Ball whose father ran the Shop and Post Office in Statham (the house is still there today and can be seen in the photo overleaf).

Thomas and Ann had eight children, not unusual at the time. There were six sons, the two youngest were George and Sydney. Both were a credit to their parents. George had gained employment in a Solicitor's office, quite something for a lad from his background, while young Sydney was a popular local Postman.

Both were stalwart members of the Primitive Methodist Church on Eagle Brow, where George was even the secretary of the Sunday School. George was a keen gymnast too and regularly attended the Statham Lads Club.

However, the even tenor of their ways was abruptly shaken by war. They were only 18 and 16, respectively, when the First World War broke

out. Both answered the call to enlist and serve their country, George first and Sydney a little later. Tragically neither would return home.

George rose to the rank of Lance-Sergeant before he was killed by a sniper's bullet in August 1915. This was a terrible shock for the family but worse was yet to come. In 1917, Sydney also lost his life at the tender age of just 19 years leaving the whole neighbourhood grieving.

Two lives cruelly cut short and a family left shattered. We will remember them.



The Last Post was played around school on Tuesday 11th November.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

STATHAM FAMILY STRUCK BY DOUBLE TRAGEDY

The well known Appleton family of Statham who run the local shop and post office have now been struck by the loss of not one but two sons during fighting at the front in the Great War.

Below—The Appleton family in happier days outside Statham Post Office



The
Sixth
Form
Senior

Leadership Team laid poppies at the cross memorial in St Peter's church on Tuesday 11th November before attending two remembrance services.



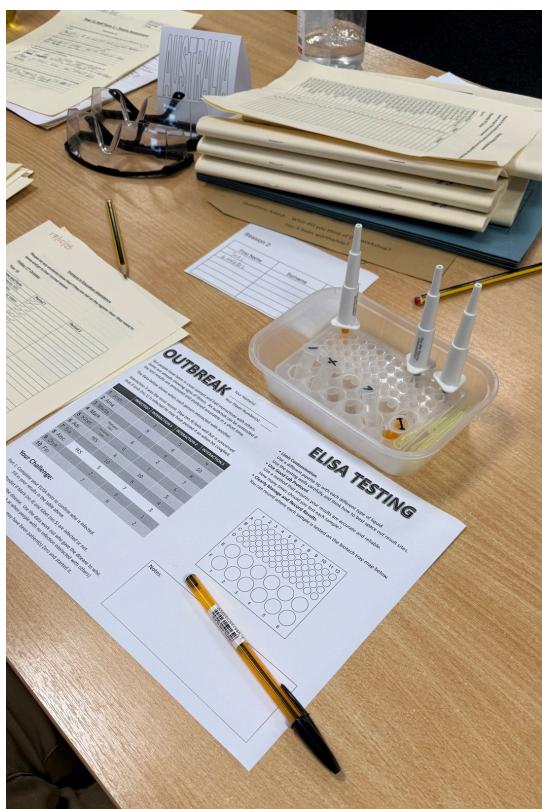
SCHOLARS BREAK GLOBAL STEM RECORDS

Students in Years 8–11 took part in a series of Thinkers in Education STEM workshops, designed to stretch their scientific understanding, teamwork and problem-solving skills under pressure.



The sessions challenged students to think critically and creatively while competing against thousands of students from across the world.

Years 8 and 9 took on *CSI: Body in the Box*, analysing DNA and crime scene evidence to solve a missing person case. One of the Year 9 teams – achieved an outstanding result, setting a new Key Stage 3 world record in a workshop that has seen over 4700 competitors take part globally. One of our students also joined a very select group of students to achieve 100% in the final quiz, marking her as one of the top individual performers worldwide.



One of the Year 8 teams also impressed, setting a new record in the observation and deduction round and narrowly missing out on the overall win.

Students in Years 10 and 11 participated in *Medical Science: Pandemic*, investigating ways to prevent future pandemics and tracing the source of the Ebola virus. A Year 11 team set a new global record with 105,044 points, surpassing all previous scores from more than 10,000 students worldwide. This includes those in Years 12, 13, and even first-year university students from Oxford and Cambridge!

Workshop leaders praised our students for their focus, collaboration and resilience, commenting that their performance outshone that of many prestigious independent schools. These achievements demonstrate the exceptional scientific thinking and teamwork shown by our students, placing them among the top-performing young scientists on the global stage.

HALL TOGETHER

We'd like to offer huge thanks to all the parents, carers and friends of Lymm High who bought tickets for the raffle. Two of our alumni also very kindly donated some funds to help. Thanks to this, we raised over £5000 for our 'Hall Together' Main Hall transformation project. A fantastic result!

In all, we had 421 entrants and 3136 tickets were issued. All of the lucky winners have now been informed.

As you can see, the Main Hall is already looking so much better! We now have LED lights that can be adapted to the colour of the Hall Assembly (Arley, Dunham, Moreton, Tatton or Walton), which the students think are great! The next improvement will be the installation of a new Trophy cabinet.

We are planning an exciting event in the Spring term, which will highlight our new-look Hall. Watch this space!

The draw for our online raffle took place on Friday 12th December and it was a huge success!



TYNNY UPDATE



Good progress is being made on the cottage at Ty'n-y-Felin.

The new roof, including guttering, is now in place, just in time before the weather turned! Solar panels have also been installed to both sides. The render on the external walls has been hacked off and the first scratch coat has been applied ready for the final topcoat finish. New windows are also being installed with Welsh slate cills.

Internally, some of the walls have been rebuilt because of not being structurally sound. In addition, damp proofing has been completed, new insulation installed and electrics fitted.

HELP THE HEDGEHOGS

Staff are collecting newspapers to donate to Lowton Hedgehog Rescue. These are used for bedding for the hedgehogs undergoing rehabilitation at the rescue centre. If you have any old newspapers you can donate, please drop them off at Reception and we will get them to Lowton. Unfortunately, we can't use magazines.

Hedgehogs don't always hibernate, especially if it is mild. They will also wake up during milder spells to have a bite to eat or even to move nest. Please leave out food and water for as long as hedgehogs are visiting and during milder spells.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FEED HEDGEHOGS THROUGHOUT WINTER

Not all hedgehogs hibernate





£1
per week

Support our SCHOOL LOTTERY



Weekly
cash prizes



£25,000 JACKPOT

The Lymm High School lottery has been set up specifically to raise money that will make a real difference to our incredible students!

The lottery is a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, to help support and enrich the education of our students. All money raised will be put towards providing extra resources and extra-curricular provision in areas such as art, drama, sport, music, ICT and technology.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!



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to enter

To be in with a chance of winning visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for LYMM

CHAMPION ROWERS



Photo credit: Benedict Tufnell for British Rowing.

Lymm High was rooting for two of its ex-students at the World Rowing Championships in September 2025.

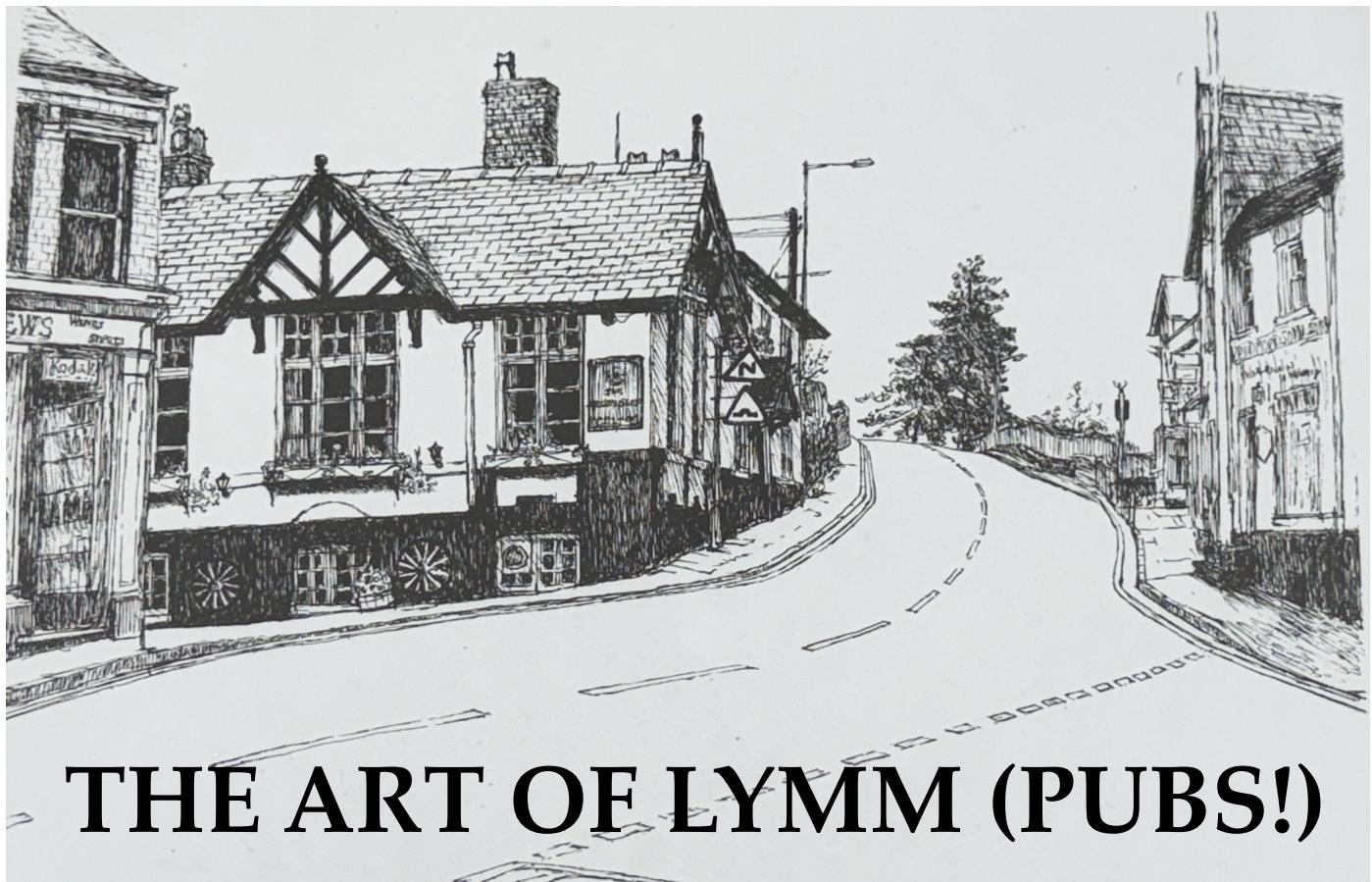
Lucy Glover and Cam Nyland represented Great Britain in Shanghai, China, at the World Rowing Championships in the women's double sculls.

Featuring almost 900 athletes from 56 nations, the championships included 23 boat classes over 8 days of action from 21–28th September.

In the second heat of the women's double sculls, Lucy and Cam finished 5th. They then went on to compete in the event's B final, finishing 11th overall.

As well as both attending Lymm High School (1 year apart), Lucy and Cam both started their international careers at Warrington Rowing Club.





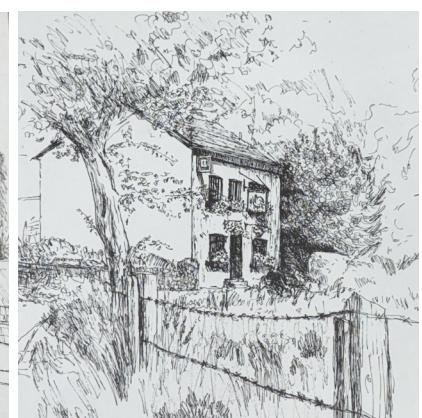
THE ART OF LYMM (PUBS!)

An ex-student popped into Lymm High and delivered a set of seven ink drawings by Robert Dawson.



The drawings all depict famous drinking establishments around the Lymm area, including The Golden Fleece, Statham Lodge, The Bears Paw, The Parr Arms and The Swan with two nicks.

We were told that Mr Dawson drew these famous hosteries whilst he was an Art & Design Tutor at Lymm Grammar School (1966–1983). Do you remember Mr Dawson?



Nathan Askew, MEng

Lymm High School: 2013–2020



Ex-student Nathan Askew on his Graduation Day.

I left Lymm High School in 2020 and went on to study Chemical Engineering with a Year in Industry at the University of Sheffield, graduating with a Master's Degree and First-Class Honours. My career has been relatively short, but I am proud of what I have achieved so far. I am now a recognised Associate Member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and a STEM Ambassador.

From the age of 14, I worked at Sexton's Village Bakery in Lymm village. I continued working there throughout my studies at Lymm and university, for a total of near enough 9 years. Working at Sexton's taught me confidence, discipline, and how to be a mindful and reliable team member. These skills have been invaluable in every role I have taken on since.

In September 2022, I gained my first experi-

- Master's and First-Class Honours in Chemical Engineering.
- Associate Member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE).
- STEM Ambassador.
- CCNSG certified.
- Graduate Design HSE Engineer with Costain.

ence on an industrial site with Core Additive Technologies, taking part in a 10-day industrial cleaning of an alkylation unit at Phillips 66 Humber Refinery. This gave me the chance to apply what I had been learning at university and gave me a sense of realism that I had been craving up until that point. During this period, I also completed my CCNSG certification, demonstrating that I had the required competency to work on a live industrial site.

During my industrial year in July 2023, I worked as a Student Process Engineer at Hart Process Services (HPS), a small process consultancy, for a total of 14 months. The role provided me with hands-on experience on real projects and responsibilities that I might not have had at a larger company. I got the chance to go on site visits and work on many

projects in the food/drink, energy and water sectors. It was a fantastic opportunity to build technical knowledge, professionalism and teamwork skills.

Since September 2025, I have been working as a Graduate Design HSE Engineer with Costain, near Manchester Airport. So far, I have had the opportunity to lead the creation of Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR) reports for a water sector client. I am excited to continue growing as an engineer and leader at Costain, a company that values developing its graduates.

Outside of work life, I still live in Lymm and enjoy playing for the local amateur football team, Lymm AFC, which has a strong community of Lymm High Alumni. I also play for a local darts team.



Nathan with the Lymm AFC team taken before the Final of the Ron Bowker Cup 2023. All players are Lymm High Alumni, apart from the gentleman 5th from the right on the top row.

POTTERING ABOUT

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in an exciting full-day ceramics workshop held in school and led by Andrew Hill.



Andrew Hill is one of the UK's most respected potters and a leading figure in Raku pottery across Europe. With over 37 years of experience and a career that has seen his work exhibited and collected throughout the UK, Europe and beyond, Andrew brought a wealth of knowledge, passion and skill to the workshop. It was a unique opportunity for students to learn directly from a professional artist whose work has inspired many in the world of ceramics.

Throughout the day, students not only learned new practical skills but also gained insight into the craftsmanship and creativity involved in ceramics. Andrew Hill's approachable teaching style and enthusiasm made the workshop a memorable and inspiring experience for all involved.

For more information on Andrew Hill, [click here](#).



LIVE ON AIR

Headteacher Mr Williams was invited to Lymm's local radio station (Cheshire's Mix56) for a live interview.

On the Morning Show with Phil Roberts, Mr Williams spoke warmly about the school's many recent achievements and gave a real sense of the passion and pride that drives both staff and students.

From outstanding exam results, innovative teaching projects and a growing emphasis on wellbeing and extra-curricular opportunities, Mr Williams outlined why Lymm High is a place where young people are encouraged to aim high and explore their full potential.

Sadly the latest Department for Education (DfE) [performance data](#) was published the next week, so Mr Williams wasn't able to share the good news that Lymm High is again

the top performing school in Warrington!

In the interview, Mr Williams shared his hopes for the future: continuing to develop a learning environment that balances academic success with creativity, resilience and kindness.

He talked about working to ensure students leave not only with great qualifications but also with the confidence and skills to thrive in whatever path they choose – whether that's further education, apprenticeships, or entering the world of work.

You can hear Mr Williams' interview by [clicking here](#).



We Will Rock You was this year's production from Lymm High. It was a high-octane, adrenaline-fuelled musical featuring more than 20 iconic Queen hits, including '*Bohemian Rhapsody*', '*We Are the Champions*', '*Somebody to Love*' and '*Don't Stop Me Now*'.

Set in a post-apocalyptic future where individuality has been outlawed and music is controlled by algorithms; the story follows two young revolutionaries who dare to defy the system to save rock 'n' roll.

This fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to freedom and self-expression is a musical for our time – unapologetically bold and filled with the timeless power of Queen's legendary music.

With over 7 million fans rocked in its original 12-year West End run, *We Will Rock You* made history as the longest-running show at

London's Dominion Theatre. The show has since been performed in 28 countries and been seen by more than 16 million people worldwide. This explosive, rockin' spectacle is a celebration of the power of music and individuality that left the Lymm High audience cheering for more. Feedback has been fantastic: "*An absolutely brilliant school production*", "*The best show yet!*", "*The talent on stage was incredible from start to finish*".

To read the full programme, [click here](#).



Many thanks to Year 12 Olivia Kinsey
for the photography.

BIG APPLE BOUND



Year 9 Darcey Klass has been offered a scholarship from The Joffrey Ballet School in New York, studying jazz and contemporary.

Mrs Swift took Darcey to the Can You Dance (CYD) Super Convention in Liverpool in October where students take classes and lectures with some of the industry's most professional teachers.

At the CYD convention, Darcey was spotted by The Joffrey Ballet School, which was founded in 1953 in New York City. It provides year-round, pre-professional training for dancers in both classical ballet and jazz/contemporary styles. The school is known for its diverse curriculum and is recognised for its strong emphasis on both technical skill and artistic expression.

“We have received an email to say she has been offered a scholarship to attend the summer intensive training programme in New York in August 2026”, said Mrs Swift. “We are absolutely thrilled, it's an amazing opportunity for her, and her work ethic both in and out of school is incredible. I'm incredibly proud of her and she can't wait to go to New York. She is surely one to watch for the future.”

U13 CRICKET SELECTION

Seb Jones has been selected to play for England's U13s Indoor Cricket team and travelled to India over the October half-term break to take part in an international competition.

The Year 7 student and his England U13s teammates did exceptionally well and won the tournament in Bangalore for the England Indoor Cricket team.

Seb has loved the experience and will now stay in the England Emerging Players Pathway for training with the potential of World Cup selection for September 2026 in South Africa.



OPEN WATER SWIMMING IN CHINA



Year 13 student Ben Ross crossed the Yangtze River during the summer holiday.

Following a very long flight to China, and still feeling the effects of jet lag, there was very little rest for the Sixth Form student before all contenders had to compete in the qualifying event. Only the top 40 males (and 30 females for the women's race) were then eligible to tackle the swim.

Fortunately, Ben made the cut so could relax for a day, be taken on a river cruise to see the course, see some sights and have a short practice swim before the main race.

On the day of the race, there was

an opening ceremony, followed by press photos and interviews.

Up against Olympians and World Medalists, 37.6°C heat at 7am, strong, unpredictable currents, Ben put in a strong performance to cross the river (approximately 1800m). He made it in 13 minutes, finishing 19th, which was within prize-money rankings. Many competitors failed to cross as the current pulls them down the river and they are then collected by boats waiting vigilantly.

This was a phenomenal experience and a tremendous achievement.



MEET THE NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



There are many opportunities available for Sixth Form students to develop their leadership skills. These include peer mentoring lower school students, maths 'buddying', acting as prefects, or joining our Student Leadership Team who are involved in making decisions which involve the whole school.

Head of Student Leadership

Elizabeth Doherty



"I feel privileged to have been appointed as Head Student this year, and I am excited to use the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the Lymm High community along with my fellow students on the Leadership Team. Having recently returned from Kenya as part of the new Afritwin programme, I believe that we can use the connections developed as a starting point to build a long-term relationship with the schools and communities that we visited. This will benefit both Lymm and the partner schools in terms of exploring different cultures, encouraging a pipeline of future exchanges, and also creating opportunities for fundraising to help give them the basics that we take for granted. I plan to do this by setting up and supporting charity days as well as corporate fundraising."

Head of Student Leadership

Seth Wall



"I am really grateful and excited to be part of the Student Leadership Team and to have been given the opportunity to serve as one of the head students. In this role, I hope to help make Lymm High Sixth Form even more inclusive and welcoming than it already is. One of my main goals is to bring students together through fun and friendly Inter-Hall activities and challenges, similar to those in the lower school. We've already started working on an enrichment fair to promote clubs and societies to the new Year 12s – something that will not only be enjoyable, but also help them build useful and transferable skills. Ultimately, I want to help create a Sixth Form environment that feels inclusive, engaging and supportive for everyone."

Deputy Head Student

Zita Walsh

"I am very thankful and proud to have been given a role on the Student Leadership Team because it is an honour to represent this school and contribute to its growth. This position gives us the ability to support our peers and help bring students together, where we can encourage teamwork, celebrate achievements and make school life even more enjoyable and inspiring for everyone. I would love to make a difference by strengthening our Year 7 buddy programme as starting secondary school can be very overwhelming and I believe that students should feel supported and guided from the beginning. I hope to develop this programme so the Year 7s feel valued, supported and inspired to make the most out of their school journey here at Lymm High."



Deputy Head Student

Emilia Franks

"I am really excited to begin my work as Deputy Head Student. One of my aims is to increase participation in enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities across all year groups by introducing a more diverse range of activities to inspire all students to engage in clubs each academic year. This would facilitate the development of new hobbies and other life skills, including collaborative teamwork, which would complement academic aspirations. Having benefitted from the school's Gateway programme, I would like to help support the Year 12s who wish to consider early applications for university. Outside of school, I enjoy dance, music and coaching gymnastics, where I have gained valuable skills that I am eager to apply while working with both staff and students."





GCSE AND A'LEVEL RESULTS

Students and staff celebrated excellent exam results over the summer.

First up was A' Level Results Day on Thursday 14th August 2025. School opened early so that the nervous wait could be over as soon as possible, and students entered Sixth Form at 8am.

The Lower Hex was soon filled with excitement, and students and staff celebrated another excellent set of post-16 results.

Amongst the many highlights, Laam Chow secured an incredible four straight A* grades, closely followed by Sofia Ottiwell, Jamie Lo, Novi Ma and

Charlotte Masters, all of whom picked up three A* grades or equivalent.

There are so many other students who have also done exceptionally well, including some who have had to overcome some really tough personal challenges along the way.

“We are delighted for all of them”, said Mr Williams.

“Amidst all the smiles and celebrations, it’s easy to forget how much work sits behind the success students have had”, he

said. Post-16 qualifications these days are really challenging and require a great deal of sustained hard work and commitment, not to mention perseverance and determination.

Mrs Neesam, Head of Sixth Form, said: “I’m so pleased for the students and am feeling very proud of them. It’s been my first year as Head of Sixth Form here and I’ve been so impressed by them ever since I arrived; as well as having great attitudes towards their studies,

they are such a lovely group of people and I've really enjoyed working with them. They deserve all the success that has come their way this morning."

Many students are now heading off to top universities around the country and others are beginning exciting apprenticeship options.

Following the A' Level results, the next week GCSE students lined up to get their results on Thursday 21st August. And once again, they were superb!

Mr Williams said: "We are delighted with our GCSE performance again this year. The Year 11 cohort have been wonderful throughout their time at the school, and we are so pleased that these results will set them up so well for whatever steps they are taking next. All the smiles we've seen this morning on the faces of the students are thoroughly well-deserved – as indeed are the smiles on the faces of all the parents and

carers who have provided such brilliant support."

"Although we've become quite used to seeing such strong results over the past few years, we try very hard to avoid any complacency. It's therefore really pleasing to see the success continuing and to know that these results will keep us right at the top in terms of performance across the North West."

What is especially positive again is the consistency of the results. The headlines are certainly very impressive, but Lymm High staff are even more pleased with

what sits behind them. All the bigger subjects have performed exceptionally well, as have students from all groups and different academic starting points.

"This kind of profile of results only comes about as a result of sustained hard work and I thank and congratulate everyone involved", said Mr Williams.

87% of students managed to secure grades 4 and above in both English and Maths, with 69% securing 5 or above in both key subjects. Fully 33% scored grade 7 or above in both. In fact, well over 40% of all GCSE grades came in at grade 7 or higher.

Success is always a team effort and congratulations must go, not just to the students themselves, but all the family, friends and staff in school who have supported them over the past few years.

Congratulations to everyone!

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FOUNDERS' DAY EVENTS INSPIRE ALL AGES

As part of 2025's Founders' Day celebrations, students were out and about in the community, building meaningful connections and giving back in creative and caring ways.



The festivities began with a series of heartwarming visits to local care homes – Cheshire Grange, Statham Manor and Keate House – where students took part in themed art workshops. These visits, which have become a much-anticipated tradition, were organised in collaboration with the homes and led by Miss Simms. The theme, 'Under the Ocean', provided a colourful and imaginative spark for residents and students alike.

Year 10 Josh Hogg captured the spirit of the day perfectly: "It's great to get out of school and meet with the res-

idents. Creating the artwork today was lovely and I loved chatting with the residents and hearing their stories". Mrs Edge, who accompanied the students, said: "It was wonderful to see the students in a different setting outside of school. They did the school proud – really making the residents feel at ease and offering support with the intricacies of the art project."

Next on the agenda was our annual Community Litter Pick, a Founders' Day favourite that once again saw students stepping up to make a difference. Guided by

Mr Hayes, Mrs McGahey and Miss Cucuz, the team used student voice to identify local areas in need of attention. From the school grounds through to Lymm Village, including the May Queen field, The Cross, Lymm Dam and Statham Pools, students





rolled up their sleeves and showed true civic pride.

Most of the volunteers were from Miss Cucuz's Eco Team, who were eager to do their part.

Mr Hayes remarked: "It was particularly pleasing to interact with members of the community and receive highly positive feedback about the students' attitude to helping others."

Local residents voiced their appreciation and expressed hopes that the initiative

would become a long-standing tradition.

And finally, no Founders' Day would be complete without a visit from Mr Starkey and his talented music team. In one day alone, they managed to perform at four care homes, much to the delight of residents who have been requesting encore visits ever since their popular Christmas performances.

As waves of creativity met acts of community care, our Founders' Day celebrations proved one thing above all:

when our students give their time and talents to others, they don't just leave an impression – they make a lasting legacy.



HAPPY
New Year

2026

*Wishing you a very Happy New Year
from all the staff at*



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