



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Once again, a lot happened this week. Tuesday night was the introduction to the sixth form evening for Year 12 students and their parents. James Ambrose gave a talk to the audience which informed them of the structure of the sixth form, the expectations of the students and the support available from the sixth form team. In an interactive session, he also exposed the parents to some of the techniques used in school. The adults had an opportunity to play with mini-whiteboards – a low-tech strategy with a high-impact when used at an appropriate time in lessons.

Wednesday night we had the new Year 7 evening, where parents and carers of students who had just joined the school could meet their tutors and discuss how the young people had settled in to secondary education. It was a lovely evening with a very positive atmosphere. We are proud of the transition programme we run during the pupils' Year 6 and Wednesday night was clear evidence of its effectiveness.

On Thursday, we had the audit of our Enhanced Mainstream provision – but I'll save sharing that with you until next week.

Richard Bramley

Harvest Festival



For Harvest Festival this year we are asking for each student to bring one tin (vegetable, meat or fish) or a packet of food (rice or pasta) into school. These will then be packed by the sixth form and hampers distributed to the residents of the residential homes and alms houses in the locality. If every student brings in one item, we will have a wonderful collection. Thank you. Lorraine Phippen

Learning teams

From September, teaching staff have been allocated to one of six Learning Teams. These teams meet once every three weeks and we believe they will be really important in helping the school continue to develop. In educational jargon, Learning Teams are cross-curricular professional learning communities. They are an opportunity for teachers to work with colleagues outside their specialisms to reflect on the ways they currently teach and allow them to explore and experiment. The six Learning Teams are called: Alternative Futures, Formative Assessment, Kagan, IT across the curriculum, Literacy across the curriculum and Numeracy across the curriculum. In future issues I will give more details of each of the teams, starting today with Alternative Futures.

Alternative Futures

The Innovation Unit is a Government sponsored body charged with looking at education in a way which reflects the needs of young people now and in the future. Their website contains the following lines "*it would be irresponsible not to transform education – like choosing not to use penicillin after it had been discovered*". The Alternative Futures Learning Team is based on that belief. This team is led by Brian Davis and James Ambrose and has a by-line of "Creating a 21st century, learner centred school". Some people would argue that schools haven't really changed significantly since Victorian times – we all start at the same time, end at the same time, have set chunks of lesson time, 20 to 30 children in class with a teacher, etc. The blackboard may now be white, but are schools that different? The members of the team have discussed alternative curriculum models, what other schools are doing and what research tell us about the best way for young people to learn. And this is in only two meetings so far this year! On the INSET day on 5th November members of the team will visit other schools which are organised differently. It will be interesting to see what they bring back, and I will let you know.

Richard Bramley

The CTC and PACE Grand Open Day at Dalby on the 13th of October
Free Taster Sessions Available to attendees.

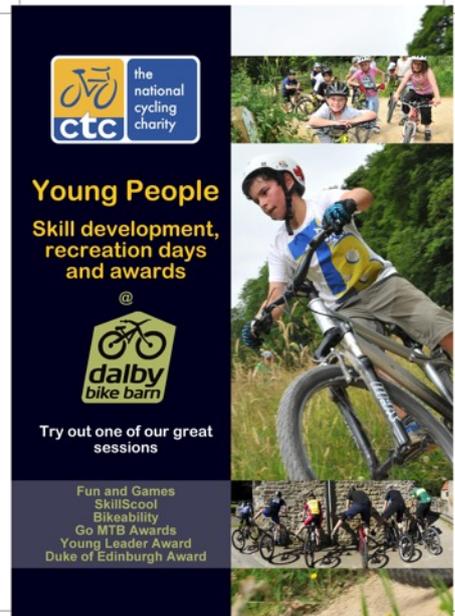
CTC has teamed up with PACE and the Forestry Commission at Dalby Forest to provide the complete cycling experience. Dalby is CTC's flagship centre and we have a range of offers and activities exclusively for young people intended to encourage them to enjoy mountain biking and the great outdoors.

The open day will provide you with the opportunity to see what we are offering with free taster sessions. Our experienced and CTC qualified staff will be taking out groups on skill development rides, led rides and offering young people the chance to get involved with our skill workshops. Bike hire for groups of young people will be free on the day.

Timetable

Young People's Skill School (1.5 hrs) - 10:15am and 1:45pm Skill sessions for young people
 Mountain Bike Fundamentals (1.5 hrs) - 10:30am and 1:30pm A light introductory session
 Core Skills (1.5 hours) - 10:00am and 2:15pm Intermediate skill work
 Steep and Rocky (1.5-2 hours) - 10:45am and 2:00pm Challenging terrain testing your skills

Get in touch and come down to see what is going on. We are happy to discuss any requirements you may have. Pre registering advised. Call 01751 406 537 to find out more or contact dalby@ctc.org.uk (mailto:dalby@ctc.org.uk) with names, course and time to register.
 Daniel Callow



Please remember the
Sponsored Walk



Friday 26th October

Its that time of year again...

Every year Lady Lumley's helps towards the shoebox appeal, which involves sending shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children in poorer countries.

In your Tutor Groups, or individually, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring in **new items** (see leaflet for item ideas) and put together a shoebox . You can pick up a ready-wrapped shoebox from Mr Ambrose's office if you wish. If you feel that putting together a complete shoebox is too much; items can be dropped off at reception for the Sixth Form to make up.

Please note that the deadline for handing in shoeboxes in is Friday 16th November.



IMPORTANT DATES

Year 11 German fasttrack day
 Year 12 Travel & Tourism trip, The Deep, Hull
Tuesday 16th October

KS3 Prizegiving, 7pm
 Cross Country, Caedmon, 3.30pm
Wednesday 17th October

Year 11 District Hockey Tournament, Scarborough College, 3pm
 Young Ambassador's Conference, Queen Margaret's School, Escrick
Thursday 18th October

National Showjumping Championships, Buckinghamshire
Saturday 20th October