



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Congratulations to the National Show Jumping Champions, incredibly impressive and more details below. Wednesday night we held our Year 10 information evening where we spoke to students and parents about GCSE targets, work experience and a brief awareness raising of life post-16. Today was also the Drive Alive day, a powerfully poignant message to Year 12 about the potential dangers of driving. Year 12 have been given a DVD that parents may want to see, please ask your son/daughter for this. Tomorrow is the sponsored walk and then half-term. Year 11 have a mathematics examination as soon as they return, with extra revision sessions arranged on Monday 5th November.
Richard Bramley

**Please support the
Sponsored Walk**



Friday 26th October

National Championships 2012

Wowwhat can I say, an amazing achievement by the following four individuals who competed at the National Show Jumping event in Buckinghamshire last weekend. We only won the competition!!

George Brown, Jade Hutchinson-Archer, Rebecca Champion and Laura Robinson

Saturday afternoon we competed against some of the top schools in the country, 26 schools to be precise (that's 104 competitors) of which all schools had qualified from their own areas. Our first challenge was to jump a course of fences against the clock; we couldn't believe it but we all managed to go clear and qualified in 1st place to gain a



well-earned place in the final that evening.

So at 6pm we groomed our horses and tacked up again for our final, as we had qualified in 1st place this meant that we actually went into the arena last on the night....what a nail biting experience. The spectators were cheering for their respective teams and the atmosphere was electric; we knew we had to hold our nerve so our ponies didn't react. Our time came and we knew that to win we just had to go for it....jump clear and get round as speedily as possible. Our order into the arena was George Brown first, Jade Hutchinson-Archer, Rebecca Champion and Laura Robinson.

What a thrill: the clapping, the waiting, the anticipation...wow we had finished the course and we knew we had done well....we were

in joint first place but had we won, we waited and waited, it was all on the time, had we done it?.....Unbelievable we had. The Lady Lumley's equestrian team had won the National Show Jumping Championships. Speechless we were, and we are still on a high 3 days later. What a weekend, one that will stay with us forever.

A big thank you must go to our parents for their support, Mrs Arnold who allowed us the opportunity to participate and supported us and Alison Brown who without her commitment, team talks and belief this would never have been possible.

Lorraine Arnold, George, Jade, Rebecca and Laura.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award news

There is lots going on in Outdoor Education at the school and the DofE Award is no exception. We have over 200 students taking part in this award. Here are the current opportunities available to our students who wish to take part in this prestigious and worthwhile award:



Year 13 Gold DofE - After completing your assessment expedition in Snowdonia in the summer you should now be looking to complete all your logbook evidence and once complete Mr Mann will recommend you for approval for the Gold Award. If you are successful you will receive your Gold Award at one of the Royal Palaces.

Year 12 Gold DofE - Students are now completing weekly programme of enrichment which will build up to a training expedition in July and assessment in Year 13.

Year 11 Bronze DofE - Current year 11 students have been working extremely hard towards this Award and your qualifying expedition will take place in the Easter holidays. In the meantime make sure that your Edofe is completed and come along Tuesdays or Thursdays to the MFL area for help completing this. Students wishing to continue to Silver may do so after their exams in the summer term.

Year 10 Bronze DofE - We will begin after half-term. There will be a parent information evening at 6.30 Tuesday 13th November and students will be given a letter to return to school. Our planned expeditions are in July, prior to work experience.

David Mann, Head of Outdoor Education.

Dyslexia Awareness Week (8 to 14 October 2012)

This is an important annual event, promoted by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA), which helps to raise awareness for a dyslexia friendly society where barriers to dyslexic people do not exist.

Lady Lumley's School was awarded the Dyslexia Quality Mark in 2011, we have an ongoing commitment to meet the needs of all our pupils to ensure they can reach their full potential. As an Enhanced Mainstream School (EMS) for Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD), Lady Lumley's is a well-respected centre of excellence, providing support and outreach services to 34 local mainstream schools.

We were pleased to be able take an active role in Dyslexia Awareness Week. A competition was launched and tutor groups were asked to design a poster with the theme '**How Our school is Dyslexia Friendly**'. The response to this was fantastic and over 44 entries were received. Judging has now taken place and prizes have been awarded to the following winning tutor groups: **10LAR, 8JWS, 8SFE.**

The SpLD team also sold home-baked cakes in the staff room and a donation from sales was sent to the British Dyslexia Association. Sharon Leonard



*Rhona
Hunter
and
Claudia
Hough
from
10LAR.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Training Day
Year 11 Maths Revision Session (9am-12noon)
Monday 5th November

Students Return to School
Year 11 Trial Exams start
U16 Hockey County Round, LLS
Yr 12 Geography Fieldwork, Robin Hoods Bay
Tuesday 6th November

Year 9 Consultation Evening
Wednesday 7th November

U15 Area Netball Tournament, Ryedale 1.30pm
Year 10-13 Drama Theatre Visit, West Yorkshire
Playhouse 'Beautiful Burnout' 5.30-10.30pm
Thursday 8th November

Netball County Round, Ashville College
Saturday 10th November