



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I am writing this after the very successful Sixth Form Open Evening which was held at the school on Thursday night. Even though the night was cold and wet and the day had threatened snow, the hardy people of the Ryedale area turned out in force. Staff and sixth form students put on a great show in the school, with classrooms, labs and workshops busy with displays and activities. The evening started with the sixth form senior students (**Ellen Dixon, Tom Mitchell and Jess Hebron**) speaking about their experiences in the sixth form. They were followed by James Ambrose, who gave a riveting talk about the sixth form experience at Lady Lumley's. Prospective sixth formers and their families then had the opportunity to tour the school, meet the subject teachers and talk to students already following the courses they might be interested in. The atmosphere in the school was wonderfully vibrant and every subject area was busy right to the end of the evening. A great night for the school and I hope we have helped the Year 11 students in their decision making process.

Richard Bramley

Festive Cheer

The picture shows our Sixth Form carol singers warming up their Christmas voices for their visit to Arden House Residential Home on 19th December. They will also be singing around the school, visiting tutor groups during the last week of term, in aid of a local charity. Please donate if you can.



Year 9 Options

We are busy working on our Year 9 Options Programme. Government changes are influencing to some extent the courses we can offer. In particular some of the vocational courses offered by partner schools are unlikely to run and we will let you know as soon as we hear. We will be talking to students in assemblies and in tutor time about the option process and early in January you will receive a course book with details of all the courses on offer.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Phippen at school by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

HOME-LEARNING ON FRONTER

January 2013 will herald a step-change in the triangular relationship of parent-student-teacher. The age-old argument of "what home-learning do you have tonight?", followed by "none" need never take place again. Thanks to the wondrous world-wide-web, parents and students can now access all home-learning from the comfort of their armchair (or whatever you sit in to use the computer). From next term, all home-learning will be on the Fronter virtual learning environment. As a parent, you will be able to log on with your child's details and immediately be able to access the work set. For most students, school planners will simply read "see Fronter" for their home-learning. If you do not know your child's log-in details, please ask her or him. If you have any difficulties logging in or getting the details please e-mail the school and we will forward the details to you. The Fronter site is available through a link on the school's website. The school's website is easy to find by typing Lady Lumley's in any search engine. If you have any issues at all accessing the Fronter site, please let us know.

We are very excited by the possibilities for enhancing learning that Fronter opens up. Please let me know how you find the site and what you think about the way we use it.

Richard Bramley

USB or not USB

Please, please be very careful with USB memory devices. They are not permanent storage devices and they do get lost, damaged or simply stop working. It is very easy to get used to keeping important information only on the drive. Don't. You must back-up your USB drive, preferably every day. Coursework, notes etc, are too important to lose and USB sticks are a very fragile storage medium. Back-up now.
Richard Bramley

Match Report

Lady Lumley's sixth form netball team had a great win against Whitby Community College on Tuesday. Lumley's immediately got off to a good start, taking the lead 6-3 in the first quarter. The early lead quickly progressed and by the 3rd quarter Lumley's had more than doubled Whitby's score at 17-6 to then come to a finish at a very comfortable win of 21-10. The shooting was on top form with a particularly good performance from Sophie Robinson. Lumley's led the whole match, not giving Whitby a chance to catch up to the early lead, although both teams played at a very high standard of netball! The Lumley's team showed great determination throughout the game, not letting the significant lead make any difference to the amount of effort put in by any of the girls. There was some excellent centre court play as well as some exceptional defending from Rachel Lund. However, all team members played extremely well to achieve such a great win, well done girls!

ICT University Trip

On Wednesday 5th December, the majority of students that study ICT in Year 11 and Year 12 took the opportunity to go to Teesside University to see what going to University is all about; to get ideas for possible ICT courses and different careers involved in ICT.



As many of the lecturers said "it is part of everything in modern day life, whether it's mobile phones or oil rigs... It's everywhere and therefore it is essential for the future that everyone has an understanding of the subject". It was great to go to the university as it was a good chance to get a feel for what life would be like in a few years if we decide to go to university ourselves. Many students are considering an ICT degree, so it was a good opportunity to look at the different types of courses and what they entail. All the students that went on this trip had a great time, despite snowy conditions on the way back! "I really enjoyed myself and I feel that I have come away with more information about ICT and the different courses it can offer".
Verity Allen Yr 11

Match Report

The Year 10 and 11 boys' hockey team set out to play their first game of hockey this year, against Pindar School from Scarborough. Lady Lumley's started with enthusiasm by putting pressure on their back line. Despite sterling efforts on our behalf, Pindar scored first. Lumley's were under pressure to score and eventually James Earp managed to fire a fantastic shot into the back of the net. Lumley's kept putting pressure on their defence, but sadly this led to nothing and the final score was 1-1.

IMPORTANT DATES

Yr 11 German Fasttrack Day
Monday 10th December

Yr 10 French Fasttrack Day
Christmas Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Tuesday 11th December

Yr 11 Consultation Evening 4.30pm
Yr 10-13 French Exchange Trip departs
Wednesday 12th December

Ski Trip Meeting 7pm
KS4/5 MFL German Exchange Trip departs
KS3 English Trip - "Wind in the Willows",
West Yorkshire Playhouse
Thursday 13th December

House Swimming Gala 9am-12noon
Friday 14th December