



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

On the website I have put a link to The Sutton Trust-EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit, a fantastic resource for anyone interested in education (i.e. you). The toolkit is available from

<http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/toolkit>. The toolkit is a summary of educational research covering 21 topics in an accessible way. The Toolkit evaluates the research on each area in terms of potential impact, the evidence base, cost, and applicability. Well worth a look.



This was another incredibly busy week (whoops, used the B word). On Tuesday we had the school's carol concert, a really nice affair with great singing from the school choirs and enthusiastic singing from the audience. The evening was organised by Friends of Lady Lumley's School and, as well as everyone having a good time, it raised £432 for the school. Thank you to Rosie Dobson and Clive Wass and many others for their efforts on this. There is more music to come as we have Rocking Around the Christmas Tree on this coming Monday at 7 p.m. in the school hall. This should be a fun evening presented by the school's music students.

On Tuesday we also said Bon Voyage to the 12 students in Years 10, 12 and 13 who are taking part in the French exchange this year. They are off to Lycee Blaise Pascal in Brie Comte and will return on Tuesday. Two days later, a further 16 students in Years 10, 12 and 13 set off to Styria in Austria for the German exchange. They will be back on Thursday. In-between, we had the Year 11 consultation evening on Wednesday. Clearly this is an important evening as Year 11 have real GCSE examinations in January in Science, Business Studies and English. In my assembly with Year 11 this week I reinforced that the results they get are heavily dependent on their efforts and their attitude. This is not us, as teachers, relinquishing our responsibilities, but we can only do so much. The work Year 11 do over the holidays and in the coming months will have a direct effect on their GCSE results. And their GCSE results will affect their future lives. It is a fact that there is a strong link between the level of educational qualification and future wealth and health. It may not be fair, but it's true.

And as we draw closer to Christmas, it must be House Swimming, which takes place today. And that's where I'm off to now... Breaking news: **Alex Lynn** in Year 8 has just broken a 25 year old record for the front crawl, finishing in an amazing 13.62 seconds. Two further highfield students have also set records this morning. More details to follow next week.

Richard Bramley

Home Learning on Fronter

We are now only six school days away from the biggest change in children's' education *ever*. From next term, all the home learning set for your son or daughter will be accessible from the Fronter website. You must have your child's Fronter logon details in order to access this and other really useful information. January 2013 is when education leaves the primordial soup and boldly enters a brave new world. It's as exciting as it gets.

Richard Bramley

PARENTS AND CARERS



YOU NEED
YOUR
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Alert for local businesses

There are some confidence tricksters about who try to use the names of local schools to get money from businesses. As far as I know, this hasn't happened to anybody around Pickering, but we did get an alert from County saying it has happened in other areas of North Yorkshire. "A local building merchants company phoned yesterday to say they had had a call from a company saying they were ringing on behalf of xxxxxx High School about a Drugs Awareness Campaign, they said the company had advertised before and wanted £180 from them and their address details. They quoted a reference number which the company didn't know. The company said they weren't interested. They wanted us to be aware in case we hadn't authorised this to happen." Please be careful with any unsolicited calls asking for money for adverts, sponsorship etc. If you have any doubts, just say no.
Richard Bramley

Non-Uniform Day

It is non-uniform day on Monday. We are supporting C.R.Y- Cardiac Risk in the Young, in memory of former Deputy Head Boy, Mike Scott. We are asking for a £1 contribution.
Many thanks.

Governors Meetings

Thursday night was the Governors' Resources meeting. This sub-committee looks at all matters to do with human and other resources. The meeting had a packed agenda and Governors discussed issues ranging from a new telephone system for the school (we may have an answerphone at last!) through teaching staff appraisal to ideas for developing the school environment.
Richard Bramley

Lost Property

Please check for lost property by Thursday 20th December, as all unnamed items will be forwarded to charity.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 19th December

Roast Turkey with Stuffing,
Potatoes and Season Vegetables
Vegetarian Option
Christmas Ice Cream Log or
Christmas Crumble
£2.10



January Year 11 Exam Timetable

Biology Unit 1 -1hr
(All Yr 11) AM

GCSE English Literature Unit 1 - 1hr 30 mins
(All Yr 11) PM

Wednesday 9th January

GCSE Business Studies: Intro to Small Business
(Resit Yr 11) PM 45 mins

Thursday 10th January

Chemistry Unit 1 - 1hr
(All Yr 11) AM

Monday 14th January

Physics Unit 1 - 1hr
(All Yr 11) PM

Thursday 17th January

Please ensure you bring all the required equipment to the exams - for all science exams you will need a calculator and a ruler as well as a BLACK pen and pencil.

IMPORTANT DATES

Non Uniform Day
Yr 7 Christmas Party p4&5
"Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" -
Music Concert 7.30pm
Monday 17th December

Yr 7-11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December

Yr 13 Prizegiving 7pm
KS3 English Trip - "Wind in the Willows"
West Yorkshire Playhouse
Thursday 20th December

**Break up for Christmas
Friday 21st December**