



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Lady Lumley's School I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Whilst this has been a long term, and all staff and students are looking forward to the break, we are already planning for the new term. Year 11 have their actual GCSE examinations in the first two weeks back, Year 13 have modules and Year 12 have mock examinations. The rest of the school have a whole school curriculum day on Tuesday 8th January (the second day back) – more on this later.

For many students, the Christmas holiday should be a time for revision, and the earlier they start, the better. The school's Fronter site will have materials for students to help with their revision and starting as soon as possible, doing a little each day, is a brain-friendly way of revising. Many things have happened this week: Monday night we were entertained in school by the incredibly talented musicians in the school's musical show "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree". Wednesday night we took part in the town's carol service at St Peter and St. Paul's alongside Pickering Juniors, Pickering Infants and St Joseph's School. We have received an e-mail from Father Anthony saying how much people appreciated the evening – well done to all involved. Thursday was the second English trip to Wind in The Willows and, during the week, the French and German/Austria exchanges returned.



NOTE: I have had my wrist slapped (quite rightly) by the Modern Foreign Languages department. On the website I put an article from the Austrian exchange and translated it using Google translate. Google translate is banned in school, and if you read the article in "English" you will see why. The correct translation, made by a human being, is now on the site and you can compare both. There is still a real need for people who can speak languages other than their own (and understand other cultures), and that's why language courses at Lady Lumley's are so important and so popular.
Joyeux Noel - Frohe Weihnachten - Feliz Navidad

Whole School Curriculum Day (WSCD)

Tuesday 8th January will be our first WSCD of this academic year. It is a non-uniform day for all students (no collection for charity).

KS3 students will be involved in a range of activities (Year 7 - you will need your PE kit for part of the day!).

Year 10 will be involved in a Maths Challenge (I am reliably told this will be pushing educational boundaries and will be the most exciting day ever!), whilst those taking History will have a half day workshop. It would be helpful if some Year 10 students could bring in their own laptops or tablets on the day.

Year 11 have Biology and English revision in preparation for exams on 9th January.

Year 12 are in exams and Year 13 are in normal lessons. Lorraine Phippen

Year 7 Christmas Party

On Monday afternoon, Year 7 had their annual Christmas party and there was no doubt that they enjoyed it! Although sugar fuelled, they proved impressive with their dance-offs and party games, Miss Prickett's tutor taking the victory in the balloon game. With the best dancers receiving prizes, the students pulled their favourite moves, but the party reached the pinnacle when they dragged Mr Bramley in to join them with 'Gangnam Style' (although he secretly had been practising, just in case.) Big thanks to all the sixth formers who helped and massive thanks to Kenny for D.J.-ing!

Wind in the Willows

This year's KS3 school theatre trip to see the West Yorkshire Playhouse's new adaptation of the Wind in the Willows attracted a large number of students, so a ballot had to be done. After a certain number of names were drawn from a hat, the successful students were split into two groups to go and watch the production, one group to go on 13th December and the other on the 20th December. On the day we met in the bus bays at 11:25 where Mrs Harvey took a register and then we boarded the coach. Everyone enjoyed their



pack lunches on the way there, and once we arrived and got off the coach we then had 15 minutes or so to buy programmes, sweets and such things. I went straight to the merchandise stand where a group had already formed around a small stand. I think the small badges with varying designs were the most popular item as I saw a number of students not only purchasing them but quickly pinning them onto the end of their ties and then stuffing them back down their jumpers. We soon all met in our group again and then made our way to the auditorium where I think Mrs Harvey had to juggle a large number of tickets, but soon enough we were in and with great excitement and anticipation we finally could scan our eyes around the seats and the stage. Once we had got into our seats it was not long before the show began. In general it was a very enjoyable show with some humour but still kept true to the original storyline. The set was amazing, a structure made of wood which had stairs leading up and to different parts, one being a sort of balcony quite high up, also with an area of grass stood in the centre of the stage. Around that was a revolving circular section of the stage which was put into good use as a river and a road. There were wooden balconies and stairs running along both sides of the auditorium. As normal there was a classic trap door. The story of course followed the adventures of Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger. There were a number of great amusements such as when Toad began to do some moves from Gangnam style in his classic car! Once Toad had escaped and managed to get a free ride on a Train (there was the slight extra touch of the engine driver running after the police with an axe!), got back to his friends although the Weasels had taken over his beloved Toad Hall. There was a well choreographed battle between the two sides with characters hurrying to all different parts of the auditorium. In the end, Toad and his faithful companions won of course and there was a picnic where the young animals gave out cakes, sandwiches and balloons while above them an extra large sized picnic blanket fell down onto the grass area of the set. In the finale there were a great number of songs which they sang underneath flags and lights which had already been lowered down in the picnic scene. All the colours of the lights and flags were part of the Union Jack! It was sad when the show finished but it will certainly stay in my mind for a very long time. The coach got back safely to school at about 5:30 where we met our parents and went home after spending a nice day seeing a lovely and enjoyable show. Thomas Robertson, Year 9.

FRONTER

Have you accessed the site yet? Every student will need to log-on in January for home-learning.

Cross Country Success

Congratulations to the following students on their selection for the District Cross-Country squad, who will be competing in a county event held at Skipton on 19th January 2013.

Sam Clapton, Emma Clapton, Joe Dunnett, Emily Grayson, Liam Hardey, Hester Hardy, Isobelle Haythorn, Luke Hornby, Christian Nicholson, Bronwen Owen, Ella Shaw and Evie Wright.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7th January Return to School

Yr 12 Trial Exams start
Yr 13 External Exam modules start

Tuesday 8th January
Whole School Curriculum Day

Wednesday 9th January
Yr 11 Exams start

Thursday 10th January
Yr 10 Partnership Netball Tournament, Malton, 1.30pm
Yr 6 Roadshow, Pickering Community Junior School, 7pm