



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Happy New Year. As you would expect, we were straight down to business this week, with normal lessons, the whole school curriculum day on Tuesday as well as external and internal examinations for the older students. This term we are experimenting with no bells in the school and (so far) it appears to be working. Very few adults (unless you work in schools!) get an external signal to stop one activity and move to another and I feel that removing the use of bells to signal lesson changes is a more civilised way of organising the school. Please continue to keep your eye on the school's Fronter site where your son or daughter will find all their home learning from now on. Richard Bramley

French Exchange visit to Paris

In December a group of 12 students from Y10, Y12 and Y13 along with Miss Robson and Miss Wilson took part in an exchange visit with Lycée Blaise Pascal, (sixth form level) in the town of Brie Comte Robert near Paris. The exchange was a fantastic experience for students to learn about French language, life and culture in the French families they stayed with. Taking part in an exchange can be a daunting experience but all the students felt they had really benefitted from the trip. Activities included 2 days sightseeing in Paris, walking and singing in the rain on the Champs



d'Elysées, climbing to the top of the Arc de Triomphe, visiting art galleries and navigating the Parisian public transport system! Students spent the weekends with their host families, and had the opportunity to spend a day in the school in lessons with their host partners. The students from Lady Lumley's were a credit to the school, braving nerves, more or less non-stop rain and Parisian trains in rush hour! The French students with their teachers will be coming to LLS in April, and we hope to return there next year with KS4 and 5 students.

Austrian Exchange

The last week of term Miss Mark and Mr Mann took 16 KS4 and 5 German students to Austria for a week long exchange. Our partner school is BG/BRG Weiz, which is a grammar school in the town of Weiz, a small town about the size of Pickering. Weiz is in Southwest Austria and is close to the cultural capital and birthplace of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Graz. Students stayed in host families and spent the evenings and weekends with them. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially trying new foods. At the weekends some students were lucky enough to go to Vienna for the day with their host families, while others tried a bit of skiing! Our excursions as a group involved a day in Graz, a visit to the famous Lipizzaner horses, a chocolate factory and even a reception by the mayor of Weiz! This was an ideal opportunity for students to put their German into practice and they are remaining in contact with their partners via the internet. The Austrian students will return to Pickering in the summer. We hope that this will be a long-lasting exchange and that the Austrian group enjoy their stay in North Yorkshire as much as we enjoyed being in Austria. For more information or if anyone in KS4 or 5 would be interested in hosting an Austrian student this summer please see Miss Mark as soon as possible.



Year 7 eSafety - WSCD

All the Year 7 students took part in an eSafety morning/afternoon as part of the Whole School Curriculum Day. Please could all Year 7 students have a conversation with a responsible adult at home about this topic. Please have them show you the key points on Fronter, the videos, and explain the competition that they are doing in their next ICT lessons - closing date Monday 21st January. Please look on the school website for further details.

BBC Stargazing LIVE on screen and in the community this January

To help promote the hobby of amateur astronomy and the wonder of the night sky, **Scarborough and Ryedale Astronomical Society** have organised some community events to coordinate with the TV series. All these events are free for the public to attend and will include presentations, virtual tours of the night sky and weather permitting, observing with some high quality telescopes provided by our members. The types of views available through our telescopes include clear views of Jupiter, featuring the coloured storm cloud bands, red spot and Galilean moons, as well as magnificent star clusters, gas cloud nebulae and distant galaxies. These spectacular celestial objects will certainly provide the wow factor for inquisitive young minds who may be learning about space in science at the moment.

We have an exciting 'first' joint venture between the society and the RSPB at Bempton Cliffs on Saturday 12th January. This event starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 10pm. Booking with the RSPB is essential on 01262 851179, but the event is free.

Finally, we have our February public observing at Dalby Forest on Friday 1st February, 8pm – 10pm, meeting at the observatories in Low Dalby adjacent to the Visitor Centre. No booking required.

Official BBC Stargazing LIVE 2013 Star Guides are provided free and are available to take away from each of these events, while stocks last.



Interhouse Swimming

On Friday 14th December the school held the annual interhouse swimming gala at Ryedale pool.  The standard of some of the swimming was exceptional, with all swimmers showing great commitment to their houses. The gala also saw particularly impressive swimming from Alex Lynn who broke the junior boys front crawl record, which has lasted for 20 years, with a time of 13.62 seconds. Alex was also part of the Highfield junior boys team, alongside Joseph Atkinson, Sam Clapton and Rory Hobkinson, who broke school records in both the medley (1 minute 16 seconds) and freestyle (1 minute 9 seconds) relays. In the end the results were close with Hainsworth being victorious by just one point over Highfield. Well done to all swimmers who took part in the event.

Overall results were:

- 1st – Hainsworth – 109 points
- 2nd – Highfield – 108 points
- 3rd – Feversham – 79 points
- 4th – Acland – 78 points

DofE news - Year 11

The year 11 assessment expedition will take place on **Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April** and will be based in the Yorkshire Moors area. Your assessor will be meeting you in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on the Fronter message

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14th January

Yr 11, 12 and 13 Exams continue
(last exam Tuesday 29th January)

Wednesday 16th January

Yr 10 Consultation Evening 4.30pm

Thursday 17th January

Yr 9 Partnership Netball Tournament,
Ryedale, 1.30pm

Saturday 19th January

Area Cluster Netball Tournament,
University of York