



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A snowy week at Lady Lumley's with only minimal disruption so far. Please keep an eye on the school website where I will post the most up-to-date information about the school if the weather is bad. Radio York will also be the only radio station I contact, but, to be absolutely sure, check the school website as well for definitive information. Students were allowed out at lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday if they wanted, and fairly obviously spent the time snowballing. They had a great time, but by Thursday the snow was older and icier so we had a wet lunchtime with everyone inside. I was afraid the temptation may be too much for some, but the students were perfect. Standing on the field, alone, I was moved to verse. The following effort works (sort of) if sung to the tune of Good King Wenceslas:

Lunchtime ladies rang the bell
To signal a wet lunch
The lovely snow had turned to ice
Each footstep went crunch, crunch

Senior leaders went to check
Students had done as told
There was no-one outside at all
Ours kids are as good as gold.

Thank you for your support with using the school's virtual learning environment, Fronter, for home-learning. We are only two weeks into the new system and it is already being extensively used. There are still a few glitches and we are working to rectify these. Please continue to help by checking your son or daughter logs into Fronter most evenings. Everybody needs to log-in to Fronter first and then the next time they log-in everything should be fine. Home-learning is always available in the particular subject room.

We had Year 10 parents' consultation evening on Wednesday night and, despite the cold, had a very good turn-out of 79%. It was a pleasant and productive evening and thank you to all staff and parents/carers who came on the evening. Richard Bramley

Nathan placed third nationally in cooking competition judged by celebrity chef James Martin



Nathan Bates has been awarded third place nationally in the **Red Tractor beef and lamb Make it with Mince Challenge 2012** by celebrity chef and TV presenter James Martin. Promising young chef, Nathan will now enjoy a selection of James Martin cookware with which to practice and perfect his skills in the kitchen. Nathan wowed the judges with his perfectly seasoned Proper Mince Pie with Roasted Potatoes, Parsnips and Carrots to win the regional final in Harrogate. One of six regional winners, the judges were so impressed that they awarded him third place nationally for 2012. This is the first time in the history of the competition that the judges have awarded a national third place and reflects the high standard of this year's finalists.

This year's competition received hundreds of entries from 11-16 year old students across the country who each submitted their original Red Tractor beef and lamb mince recipes. Nathan was one of 50 regional finalists chosen to battle it out in this prestigious culinary competition judged by James Martin. Nathan Bates said, "I really enjoyed cooking my dish for James and the other judges in the regional finals. It was nerve wracking but great fun. I am really excited to be placed third nationally and I've already started practicing some new recipes with my cookware prize!"

James Martin said: "Nathan's a very confident cook for such a young age and shone during the regional finals, impressing us with his skilful recipe, focus on taste and seasoning and real drive to pursue a culinary career. Nathan's Proper Mince Pie with Roasted Potatoes, Parsnips and Carrots was really delicious and well presented and I am thrilled to award him third place position for 2012."

Denise Spencer-Walker, Food Advisor for Red Tractor beef and lamb, said: "Nathan's detailed and passionate approach to food made him stand out in front of the rest of the competition. I hope Nathan's success will inspire other young people to enter the competition and test out their recipes and cooking ability."

Carolyn Willett says "I am delighted to hear of Nathan's success in this competition. We are so proud of his achievements here at school. He is a very talented young man, fully deserving of this accolade. We hope that his experience will inspire future young cooks."

Year 9 Subject Options

In assembly this week I talked to Year 9 about their subject options for KS4. It is important that over this half term they start gathering information to help them make the right choices. Subject teachers will be talking to them in lessons and drop-in sessions will be offered for new subjects like Health and Social Care and Business Studies. They will receive an Information Booklet shortly which will have details of all the courses available (*subject to staffing and the number of students interested in each course*). This year there is a very limited range of partnership courses (these options take up two choices and are delivered outside school), the two being offered are Hair and Beauty and Engineering Technology (Motor Vehicle).

On Thursday 14th February we will be holding an information evening where students and parent/carers can discuss each course in more detail with a member of staff. We strongly recommend that all Y9 students and parent/carers attend this evening and look forward to seeing you there.

The option form we ask student to complete will be issued in early February for completion and return after half term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Lorraine Phippen

Cross Country Success

Bronwen Owen became the Yorkshire Cross Country Champion last Saturday, for the third consecutive year, and as one of the youngest in the Women's Under-17 group.



Emma Clapton was 6th in the Under-15 group and was also one of the youngest. She was subsequently selected to represent the whole of Yorkshire at the prestigious Inter County Championships in March.

A great start to 2013 for this talented duo.



Match Report - Netball

On Thursday 10th January, the Year 10 netball team participated in an inter-school netball tournament. The girls represented the school well by providing a strong performance. Fast passes between Annie Mitchell and Rebecca Ridley resulted in action packed games. Amber Long and Chloe Teasdale, in defence, worked hard to prevent the opposition from scoring. Overall the team worked incredibly well together and achieved a respectable joint second position. Well done girls.

Kai Ju Go Karate Club

Tuesday nights 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Middleton Village Hall, Middleton
For 6 years upwards
For further information, please contact
David Simpson on 07701057791

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st January

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

Year 9 written reports home this week

Wednesday 23rd January

Year 10 Creative & Media Trip,
Pot Doodles (lesson time)

Year 10 Battlefields Trip Meeting, 6pm

Friday 25th January

Year 7-9 Rugby Trip,
England International Training Session,
Headingley