



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

With the snow gone, the sun shining and the winter examination season over, it is starting to feel like Spring (says he optimistically). Each Year 11 student is currently having a one-to-one interview with a member of the senior leadership team. This is an important part of the information, advice and guidance we give to the students to ensure that they make the most well-informed choices about their futures. Raising The Participation Age means all students will, from now on, have to be in education or in a job with training. In the interviews we ask the young people what their future plans are and try to find out if these aspirations are realistic and sensible. We also offer more specific careers advice if we feel the student requires further support in deciding their next steps. Staff who have conducted interviews this week have been impressed by the level of maturity of the Year 11 students and how well they have taken the advice and guidance opportunities offered to them already. The other thing to remember is how near the summer examinations are, and how much difference a committed work ethic in these last few weeks can make.

Frontier Home-Learning

Before Christmas I wrote about the use of Frontier for home learning, and how it would change the universe as we know it. The latter part of that sentence may have been hyperbole* (just!), but I really believe that this can make a huge difference. I know what has been set by teachers and what has been accessed by parents, and I know of some access issues that we have tried to resolve. We have had useful feedback from the Parents' Forum, but I still don't know what is the impact on the vast majority of parents, or even if there has been an impact. If you have any comments, positive or negative, questions or suggestions for improvement, please e-mail me at head@ladylumleys.net.

[* if you're a student and you thought this word had less than 4 syllables, see your English teacher]

Richard Bramley

Parents' Forum

We held our second meeting of the year on Tuesday. Thank you to all parents who attended and contributed to the discussions. The agenda included a discussion about the use of Frontier for home learning and how we celebrate success at Lady Lumley's. The feedback from parents about home learning being recorded on Frontier was very positive and there is a definite feeling that this is a tool which has improved things for our students. Our discussion about celebrating success began with a tour of the school to look at how we display work and celebrate the different activities which take place at Lady Lumley's. We also discussed how we, as a school, celebrate the achievements of the students. A good discussion took place with some excellent ideas about how we can improve things further.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 12th March at 6.30 p.m.** All parents/carers are very welcome. As a school we value your feedback, suggestions and ideas about how the school runs and most importantly how we can improve things for the students. If you would like any further information about the Parents' Forum and/or would like to suggest items for future agendas, please contact me in school by telephone, via the school office or by email at bdavis@ladylumleys.net.

Brian Davis

Year 9 Options Update

The final touches are being put to the Options Book ready for issue next week. Letters will also be sent home about the **Information Evening** which is being held on **Thursday 14th February**. No need to make appointments you can drop in anytime between **6.30pm and 8.00pm**.

Please contact Mrs Phippen if you need any more information.

LLS Digital Leaders invited to give talks at International Education Trade Show

This year a large team of Digital Leaders have been working with a team of LLS teachers to share ideas and improve confidence in using more ICT in lessons across the school.

North Yorkshire LA are sponsoring four of our students - Will Wrench and Beth Rose in Year 10, and Jo Humphriss and Maddie Mancey in Year 9 - to accompany Mr Sharples down to the Excel Arena in London to the International BETT Show to give two talks about the exciting work they are doing. Expect a detailed report next week about their teaching software across year groups; working with the ICT Learning Team and individual teachers; and their use of their blog and Edmodo to network with other schools across the country. They will also be listening to Brian Cox's talk and trying out all the new tech available at the show... should be interesting.



Mr Sharples

Community Events

1) **Pickering Events Group** present an evening of **acoustic music** at the Memorial Hall, Pickering on **Saturday 2nd February 2013 at 7:30pm**, featuring Pickering Acoustic Music with David Swan and other guest artists. Tickets £5 on the door (under 10's free); includes a buffet supper and tea/coffee/orange squash or bring your own bottle.

2) **Safe and Sound Homes (SASH)** youth homelessness charity are holding a **sponsored sleepout** on **Friday 8th March 2013 from 10pm**. Breakfast will be served from 7am the following morning at the Memorial Hall. For more information about supporting or joining the sleepout, visit www.sash-uk.org.uk, or contact Cllr. Joan Lovejoy on 01751 475438 or joanlovejoy@lineone.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th February

Year 10 French Fasttrack Day

Year 11 GCSE Art Ceramic 3D Workshop (all day)
(Mr McGrath's Group)

Wednesday 6th February

Year 7 Consultation Evening, 4.30pm

Thursday 7th February

Year 11 German Fasttrack Day

Year 5 and 6 Roadshow Evening, Sinnington, 7pm

Friday 8th February

Year 10 Battlefields Trip departs 11pm