



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Yesterday (Thursday) was a whole school curriculum day where students were, once again, immersed in a wide variety of activities. Year 8 were working on creative writing and media activities, and Year 9 were split, with some involved in hosting a tea party for the local community whilst others were working on school based community activities. Year 10 were again split with those students following dual language having a French fast-track day, those studying Health and Social Care having a study workshop, the majority of Year 10 involved with PE and a small group working on the new Rosedale outdoor centre. Year 11 students who studied history took part in a chief examiner revision session and were then able to join the rest of the year in a maths day which involved a visit by the RAF (who were wonderful). Year 13 were in subject lessons and Year 12 took part in geography field work, performance rehearsals in Theatre Studies, or a Health and Social Care trip to Leeds, Food Technology study workshop or a study abroad conference.

I have saved Year 7 to last as that was the activity I was involved in, at least in the morning. Year 7 had a Green Energy Challenge where they had to come up with a project or an invention which would help the resources on the planet last longer. At the end of the morning each class presented one idea to the rest of the year group, and the best three ideas are being invited to a further competition at the Yorkshire Air Museum in the summer. I was really impressed with the way the Year 7 students worked cooperatively and assiduously on the task set for nearly 3 hours with very little input from the adults present. The group I was with even refused to take a 15 minute break in the morning as they wanted to continue the project they were working on.



*Lyes Berkache, Chloe Gallagher, Emily Grayson, Brandon Marley & Andrew Moloney. One of the winning teams in the Year 7 Green Energy Challenge*



*Sophie Robinson talking to the admissions officer from Richmond State, Virginia about studying abroad*

The study abroad conference was organised by Scarborough College and held at the Scarborough campus of the University of Hull. We took 35 students from Years 9 to 12 and they were able to listen to speakers who explained the benefits, and the difficulties, of studying abroad whether for the whole of their university course or as part of a UK-based degree. Two American universities had flown in their admissions tutors, one from Rome and one from Richmond, Virginia, and the students present were able to talk on a one-to-one basis to them and also representatives from other international universities. The message that came out from this conference was that we need not be afraid to step outside our comfort zones and that if an opportunity presents itself, we ought to take it. The Lady Lumley's students, as ever, represented the school extremely well, asking incisive questions and playing a full role in making the event so successful. Richard Bramley

## Whole School Curriculum Days

We have had Whole School Curriculum Days (WSCD) for four years now and this seems an appropriate time to give an explanation of the aims of these days. The original reasoning behind WSCD was to minimise the disruption to normal lessons whilst at the same time providing the students with the opportunity to take part in new activities, or spend an extended period with their timetabled subjects, or just do things differently. Yesterday was a good example of how a Whole School Curriculum Day should operate. Students were always going to be taken out of lessons for the French fast-track day and the geography field trip, for example. By holding these on WSCD, normal lessons were not disrupted. At the same time, some students could spend an intensive period studying their curriculum subjects, whilst others could be involved in tasks and activities outside the normal school experience. WSCD give staff and students an opportunity to work differently, an example being spending three hours on project-based work with Year 7, where I re-learnt how self-directed and well-organised a group of 11-year-olds can be if the adults step out of the way and just let them get on with it. WSCD can be complicated to organise and sometimes don't always meet our original aspirations, but there is little doubt that the pluses far outweigh the minuses. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work. Richard Bramley

Volunteer members of the **Newbridge Park Group, Pickering**, are holding a sponsored **tree planting day** on **Sunday March 17th**, as part of their long-term management plan for the woodland park.



Members of the public can sponsor a tree for £10 and then pop down on the day to plant it themselves. Each contributor will get a certificate and number for their tree so they can watch their tree grow, something the Newbridge Park Group believes would make an ideal birthday present or a lasting gift for a loved one. All funds raised will go towards ongoing upkeep of the site with the group hoping to achieve charity status in 2013.

If you'd like to sponsor a tree or just to get involved and help out on the day you can email [info@newbridgepark.org](mailto:info@newbridgepark.org) or pop in and see Neil at Trailblazer Outdoors.

At the **Inter County Championships**, when representing Yorkshire, **Bronwen Owen** was 2nd in the Under 17 race and **Emma Clapton** 14th in the Under 15s. It was of course a first year for both in a higher age group. Best ever result for Emma at



*Emma at the inter counties*



*Bronwen at the inter counties*

this level, whilst Bronwen equalled her runner up position in 2011 when she won everything else at cross country.

Hope they both do well at this weekend's English Schools Championships.

As part of the **Personal Development Programme** for our **Year 12 students**, the following '**Progression Pathways**' sessions have been organised to run to the Summer half term:

25th February - 'Modern Apprenticeships' - Anna Lowe, Careers Advisor

11th March - 'Higher Education: An intelligent investment' - Newcastle University

18th March - 'Gap year experiences' - George Hollis, Head of History LLS

25th March - 'Entry into Higher Education: The Reality' - Harriet Allen, LLS Alumni and current law student

15th April - 'PUSH; The ruthlessly independent guide to UK Universities' - Peter Moj-Taylor

22nd April - 'Inspiring Success: Single-Minded & Single-Handed' - Stuart Boreham

Tbc - 'York Potash Presentation' - Matt Parsons, Education & Skills Manager

### Reminder

If you have to bring your child to school by car, you must not use the main car park or designated school bus parking zone. In the interest of your child's safety we must ensure that he/she is not put at unnecessary risk by being dropped off in, or collected from an area in which school buses are manoeuvring. Students should be dropped off and collected from the Leisure Centre Car Park where there is a safe turning circle, or on Swainsea Lane. The school is directly accessible from the Leisure Centre.

### Richardson's Cycle Club event to British Cycling go Ride format Scarborough Youth MTB series 2013

The First of our 2013 Championship!

Go Ride Kids Bike race is on 17th March at the Filey Country Park, Filey.

Classes for U8/U10/U12/U14/U16

Arrive to sign in at 9:30am. First race at 10:15am. Finish by 1pm.

Entry fee: £4 (covers insurance etc).

For further info call Bryden Simpson on 01723 513 773 or

email [bryden@go-ride.info](mailto:bryden@go-ride.info)

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 18th March

Yr 11 group photographs 9am

Yr 13 group photographs 9.30am

Yr 12 speaker on Gap Year Experience

#### Tuesday 19th March

KS3/4/5 Science Technology Challenge, NRM

AS Drama Exam Prep Day 9am-3.30pm

Yr 11/12/13 Scarborough Literature Festival

Yr 9 Partnership Hockey Tournament, Caedmon 3pm

#### Wednesday 20th March

Area Netball Cluster Tournament, Queen Mary's

AS Drama Exam Prep Day 9am-3.30pm

AS Drama Exam Performance 7pm

#### Thursday 21st March

Yr 11 German Fast track Day

Yr 12 Geography Fieldwork, Rosedale/Sinnington

Yr 7 Netball Tournament, Graham 1.30pm

#### Friday 22nd March

Digital Leader Conference 9.30am-3.30pm