



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I have been teaching the life history of stars this week. Apparently, more events happened in the first tiny fraction of a second after the Big Bang than have happened in all the 12.7 billion years since then. The cosmologists have obviously not spent a week at Lady Lumley's! We have had to go double-sized this week to find space. Monday saw Year 10 interviewed by local employers as part of their careers education and in readiness for work experience (more on the website) and the same day we held an apprenticeship fair where students were able to find out more about opportunities for apprenticeships in the local area. We hosted the French exchange students and staff, had a fantastic speaker in for the sixth form and won the Year 7 Scarborough and District cup in football. We also said goodbye to Jill Womack, who has been at the school for 12 years in a variety of student support roles, most recently as Pastoral Manager for KS4. I was in the sixth form assembly today when the students said goodbye to Jill, and the length of the applause she received clearly demonstrated the strength of affection and respect the students felt towards her. Jill has made a significant difference to the school as a whole and to the lives of a great many students at Lady Lumley's and we wish her all the very best in her new job as a Parent Support Adviser in Scarborough.

On a really sad note, we also learnt of the death of Kirsty Findlay, who left Lady Lumley's last year. Kirsty was killed in a road accident last Friday and all our thoughts are with her family and friends at this truly tragic time. Richard Bramley

## Year 7 Football Success

Lady Lumley's School Year 7 football team entertained Caedmon in the Scarborough and District Cup Final, held at Pickering Recreation Ground on Tuesday 23rd April. Having previously lost to this team Lady Lumley's went into the game as underdogs. This helped drive the team to make an energetic and positive start, within 5 minutes the Caedmon keeper was forced into two point-blank saves from **Luke Hornby** to keep Lady Lumley's from taking an early lead. The front two of Luke Hornby and **Lawrence Blades** proved to be a problem throughout the first half and good play from **Jack Edwards** created the space for Luke Hornby to give Lady Lumley's a deserved lead. The Lumley's midfield of **Matthew Tarry**, **Jack Murray**, Jack Edwards and **Greg Howard** kept the talented Caedmon players from creating any chances along with working hard to support the forward players. An excellent piece of skill from Luke Hornby just before half time created a halfchance that beat the keeper into the bottom corner to give Lumley's a deserved 2-0 half time lead.

Going into the second half expecting Caedmon to push for a goal, the Lumley's back four of captain **Dan Tomlinson**, **Will Hutchinson**, **Joe Harland** and **Joe Harris** all played exceptionally well resulting in keeper **Sam Penny** having to make no saves throughout the game.

The final whistle went with Lady Lumley's Year 7 football team being crowned district champions for the first time in 8 years. The squad of Sam Penny, Josh Penny, Will Hutchinson, Joe Harland, Dan Tomlinson, Joe Harris, Joe Morris, Cameron Frank, Jack Murray, Matthew Tarry, Jack Edwards, Greg Howard, Luke Hornby, Tom Fletcher-Varey, Lawrence Blades and Tom Booth all deserve a huge congratulations for their efforts, not only today but throughout the whole season.

Chris Walton



### Travel Trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the Year 12 A-Level Travel and Tourism group travelled down south to the historic town of Stratford Upon-Avon for 2 days of fact-finding experiences in preparation for AS exams. The hectic trip gave the students opportunity to experience first-hand the reasons the town is such a tourist magnet: they took a romantic cruise of the River Avon, made even more romantic as the tour guide was from Transylvania called 'Romeo'! There was also a guided tour round the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the students enjoyed a cultural evening of Shakespearean theatre watching the play 'As You Like It', which lasted over 3 hours! Stratford-upon-Avon is, of course, synonymous with William Shakespeare, and the group also saw Shakespeare's Birthplace and Ann Hathaway's Cottage. They also noted the huge amount of Shakespeare-related souvenirs for sale.



A night was spent in the luxurious Holiday Inn Hotel right in the centre of town, where a few of the boys – namely Fergus Ward, Corey Taylor and Haydon Jackson - made the most of the hotel's facilities, by taking a dip in the pool for an early morning swim, while the rest of the group were still in bed having a morning lie in! On the second morning, in warm Spring sunshine, the



*Outside the very exclusive Menzies Welcome Hotel Spa and Golf Club where they had a guided tour by the Hotel Manager.*

group took an early trip to the River Avon to learn more about the types of river tours available – and had a tour around a famous barge called 'The Rosalind'. After an opportunity to look around the town, the trip ended with a stop off at the famous Menzies 4 star Hotel, where the group enjoyed free tea and biscuits and a detailed tour round the Hotel. They were shown the golf course, the banqueting facilities, business facilities and the grand suite.

The trip allowed the students to experience first-hand the huge variety of accommodation, amenities and facilities available to both business and holiday-based visitors to Stratford-Upon-Avon. Thanks to Mrs Stephenson for organising such an enjoyable and educational trip, which will be so beneficial in our imminent AS exams.  
Corey Taylor and Fergus Ward

### Governor News

The Governor's Strategy Committee met this week. This committee sets out the items for the next sub-committee and full governors' meetings and looks ahead to factors that may affect the school. In future meetings Governors will be discussing the school's budget, forecast results, staffing, buildings and curriculum developments. With the local elections and the end of term for some governors, we also looked at governor recruitment. Lady Lumley's is fortunate in always being able to find people willing to take on this important role, and, as vacancies arise, will be looking for new parent governors in the near future. Richard Bramley

## French Exchange Week

There were tears and sad farewells in the school car park this morning as we said goodbye to the French exchange students from our partner lycee Blaise Pascale near Paris who have been with us this week. Both French students had an excellent week visiting the area – York, Whitby and Robin Hoods Bay as well as spending a day in school on Wednesday followed by a walk and barbeque in Dalby forest with their partners and Mr Mann's Duke of Edinburgh group. Evenings were spent with host families. Many thanks to everyone who hosted.



They were really impressed with Lady Lumley's School:

"Lady Lumley's school is a very big and interesting place because there are many options. The students have good conditions for working. They are lucky!!"

"my impression about this school is very good. I think it is a very good school. There are many subjects to study. In the cafeteria there was a lot of choice."

"The common room is very good and I think it's a good place for students."

"The staff of the school are very welcoming. The lunch is better than in France - there is more choice. The students have more choice of subjects. In the school there is good organisation."

"I think this trip is a good way to learn the English language. I want to thank the English partners and their families for welcoming us."

"I loved this high school so much I want to stay at this school forever!"

"Everyone is so nice: teachers, students, families. Everyone speaks good French. Thank you for your welcome."

"Lady Lumley's is a very nice school! The classrooms are very decorated and very colourful. Some people seemed almost fluent in French, it was impressive. Everybody was very welcoming. Thank you so much."

"The teachers and students were all so kind. Also the food was delicious. I want to stay there!"

"The visit has been very interesting and I think English people are very nice. Students and teachers are very welcoming."

Exchanges are by far the best way for students to practise a language and gain an insight into the culture of another country. We are sure that long lasting, firm friendships have been established this week and the MFL department would encourage students to consider taking part in the exchange programme next year which is offered to learners of French, German and Spanish. Kathy Robson

## British Athletics Junior Road Race Championship

In the Under 17 Championship race, Bronwen Owen who was a previous winner of the Under 15 race two years ago, finished a close third, and just a stride down on her rival and Yorkshire team mate Annabel Mason, the reigning National Cross Country Champion and European Junior Mountain Running Champion. Bronwen along with team mate Annabel, helped Yorkshire and Humberside achieve the team victory.

Emma Clapton competed in the Under 15 Championship race, which included some top class athletes who are now competing in Under-17 events. Emma finished up in 13<sup>th</sup> of the 295 and was the 7<sup>th</sup> of her actual age group.



## Lady Lumley's Sixth Form hosts Guinness World Record Holder

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Lady Lumley's 6<sup>th</sup> form welcomed a Guinness World Record Holder as guest speaker. Stuart Boreham holds the World Record as the first disabled person to row single-handed across the Atlantic.



To a rapt audience of Year 12 and Year 13 students, Stuart, aged 47, described his childhood with severe cerebral palsy in his legs which affected his mobility. He described the bullying, prejudice and physical barriers he had to overcome because of his disability, and the many operations he had to endure while growing up to improve his mobility. As an adult, he started his ocean adventures in 1996, by completing the gruelling BT Round the World Yacht Race sailing on board 'Time & Tide', which was crewed entirely by people with a disability or who had overcome a life-threatening illness. He completed his record-breaking rowing challenge in March 2004, having successfully navigated his way 3,500 miles over 109 days from Tenerife to Barbados. He also raised £25,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. He described to the students how he overcame numerous difficulties such as electrical failure, infected hands and feet and lengthy storms that saw winds of up to 50mph and waves over 45feet in height batter his small rowing boat. During one storm, Stuart described to the 6<sup>th</sup> form audience how it felt when he realised the wind had blown him backward for 5 days and how there were dark moments when he felt like giving up.

Throughout his talk, Stuart referred to his experiences as metaphors around the theme that ability lies within all of us, and overcoming adversity which leads to personal achievement requires self-motivation and self-belief. Throughout the talk, the students were shown photographs from the voyage, which highlighted the terror of Atlantic storms, but also showed the highs including seeing dolphins, sharks and whales up close and a stunning sunset on Christmas Day in mid-Atlantic.

Year 12 student, Alex Scott, said after the talk: 'In Lady Lumley's 6<sup>th</sup> Form, we are lucky to hear many interesting talks from a variety of guest speakers. Stuart Boreham's talk was the only one to have touched me emotionally. It was truly inspirational, as it showed me how much one person can do when he puts his mind to it and has support around him, despite huge barriers to achievement. It inspired me to think that despite the hardships of life, and despite the odds, anyone can do anything if they really have the willpower to succeed.'

Stuart, who lives in Shropshire, stayed on for lunch with the 6<sup>th</sup> Form and answered various questions from students. Before leaving, he said how much he had enjoyed his trip to Lady Lumley's and to Pickering: he last visited the town as a child aged 11.

### Congratulations to basketball players

On April 13<sup>th</sup> and previous Sundays, **Josh Peel, Olivia Webster, Dan Tomlinson** and **Laurence Blades** attended basketball trials for North Yorkshire. All the students got through to the squad. In total, there were over 40 competitors. 12 students have now been selected to play a tournament against other teams from East, South and West Yorkshire squads. When the tournament is over, a full team for Yorkshire will be selected to attend further training. Olivia Webster

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Tuesday 30th April

GCSE PE Practical Exam (30th April to 2nd May)  
Year 9 Engineering interviews 11:30am-2:30pm  
District Athletics, Ryedale 4pm

#### Wednesday 1st May

District High Jump, LLS 4pm

#### Thursday 2nd May

Yr 10 Partnership Rounders, LLS 4pm  
Out of Area Roadshow, LLS 7pm