



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

First of all two apologies for mistakes in previous Newsletters. Last week I was writing about the marvellous productions by the AS students of Equus and The Trial. I missed the name of **Leo Rowell** who played Joseph X in The Trial and misspelt **Ashley Marshall's** name for the same play. To put the record straight, the full cast lists were: The Trail: **Jessica Bennett, Bobbie Blacklock, Ashley Marshall, Joshua Williams, Leo Rowell** and **Alexander Scott**. Equus: **Faye Christopherson, Nicholas Jackson, Sam Lowe, Joseph Paxton** and **Laura Ruston**. Once again, huge thanks to the backstage crew of **Jonnie Bayes** and **Andrew Norman** and the staff who worked with the students to make all this possible. The second apology is to a slightly larger but more nebulous body. In the edition before last I lost a billion years off the age of the Universe. I imagine the reason I received no comments about this was because few of us mind being thought younger than we actually are. If anybody wants to put the right number of candles on a cake for the Universe, the accepted figure for its age is 13,700,000 years.

Year 11 GCSE examinations in the hall have started and I would like to say a public thank you to the Year 11 students and ten way they have conducted themselves in the examination sessions. It can be quite daunting to enter a room with 150 others and see the vast array of examination desks, and our students have been brilliant at coping with this and have come to each examination well-prepared and fully-equipped.

Today we say good bye to our York teacher trainees. Adhiba Beugum, Laura Horton and Lane Stephenson. They have settled well into life at Lady Lumley's School and quickly established themselves as part of the staff team. We will miss having them around and we wish them all the very best for the future. And as some staff leave, new staff prepare to join. We interviewed for new PE teachers on Wednesday and Thursday and, from a very large and strong field, we have appointed two new staff to the school. All the candidates reported that the school was a lovely place and the students they met, either in classes or as part of the selection process, were fantastic. We involve students as guides and as a student panel and listen carefully to their feedback as part of the selection process. Thank you for Wednesday to: **Tyler Hodgson, Abigail Pollard, Ryan Taylor** and **Agatha Wallington** (panel) and **Molly Cooper** and **Brad Thompson** (tour) and for Thursday: **Archie Barnes, Caitlin Frith, Harriet Longley** and **Keaton Watson** (panel) and **Kieran Boyes** and **Ceri Owen** (tour). Richard Bramley

Governor News

There were two Governor Meetings this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Governors' Teaching and Learning and Governors' Resources respectively. Teaching and Learning looked at how the changes to lesson length were being implemented and how these changes were shared with parents and students. Governors were informed that students are being consulted in the forthcoming student voice meetings and parents will hear more at next week's Parents' Forum and in next week's newsletter.

Resources considered the school's budget for the next three years and Governors agreed to an increase in staffing for next year's Year 8 and Year 9. This follows an increase in numbers in each of these year groups as new students have joined the school during the year. I am really pleased that this means we will have six tutor groups and classes in each of Years 8 and 9 next year rather than the current five.

Parents' Forum

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm-8pm. We will meet in Media Studies 1. Please report to reception if you are unsure about how to get to this room.

The meeting will be an opportunity to talk about teaching and learning in the school in the forthcoming academic year. If any parents/carers would like any further information, please contact me at school by telephone or by email, bdavis@ladylumleys.net.

Work Experience Update

Most students have now been placed and have received the paperwork that needs signing by their employer and parents/carers. If your son or daughter has not received this paperwork it is because some health and safety checks are still underway. They will receive their paperwork after half term. A very small number of students still have to be placed or have their placement confirmed. Mrs Mead will be in school on 4th June to see the students. If you have any questions about work experience, please contact Mrs Phippen.

Richardsons Cycle club event to British Cycling go Ride format

Scarborough Youth MTB series 2013

The third of our 2013 Championship! Go Ride Kids Bike race is **19th May**.

Venue - Adderstone Field, Dalby Forest, near Thornton Le Dale.

Great event for beginners/ novices

Classes for U8/ U10/ U12/ U14/U16

Arrive to sign on 9.30am. First Race 10:15am.

All finished by 1pm

Three Races for each age group/course on grass and forest single track (all rollable/ no drops).

Any bike suitable. Must have working brakes, Rider must wear helmet (gloves and warm clothing advised).

Entry fee £4 (covers insurance etc). (Please note there may be a forest toll fee.)

£1 deal! RCC Young Person's Club

Membership and a free years British Cycling membership for any (U16) competitor (form to fill in). Bryden Simpson

Go Ride Bike Race Organiser

Tel 01723 513 773 or email

info@bshygiene.co.uk.

Newbridge Park - Grand Open Day Sunday 26th May at 11am - 4pm Newbridge Woods (behind Pickering Castle)

Fun for all the family

Free burger/ hotdog and soft drink for Groupie members

Retro Bike Competition - Prizes

Bushcraft

BBQ

Orienteering

Slack Lining etc

Day tickets to ride - £1

Groupie memberships now due for 2013

For additional details and up to date info please see our facebook page or website newbridgepark.org.

Year 9 Options Update

The option blocks have now been finalised and the vast majority of students are able to follow the subjects chosen. Mrs Phippen has also now met with students where options were still to be confirmed. Letters confirming options will be issued after half term.

Year 10 Rounders

Lady Lumley's recently hosted a Rounders tournament. The girls played excellently throughout, with brilliant bowling by **Rebecca**



Ridley and **Jade Hutchinson**, along with some really strong fielding. Fantastic play from the whole team resulted in only one defeat and a second place finish overall. Well done girls!

Non Uniform Day on Monday 20th May We are raising money in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th May
GCSE and GCE exams continue
School Council

Tuesday 21st May
Partnership Field Athletics, Eskdale 4pm
Parent Forum 6:30pm

Wednesday 22nd May
Year 8 Partnership Rounders, Eskdale 4pm

Thursday 23rd May
Partnership Track Athletics, Ryedale 4pm

Friday 24th May
SCHOOL CLOSES for Half Term

Monday 3rd June
Return to School