



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We held the first induction days for the new Year 7 students on Wednesday and Thursday this week. On Wednesday we had students from Thornton Dale, Sinnington and Mrs Mintoft's class from Pickering Juniors as well as some students from the out-of-area schools whilst on Thursday we hosted



more students from the out-of-area schools, St Joseph's

and Miss Hodgson's class from Pickering Juniors. The students had busy schedules on the days here, with time spent in food technology, PE, modern languages and science. We are now looking forward to the next visit on Wednesday 3rd July where all the new Year 7 students will be together on the no-sweatshirt day, finishing with the famous house benchball tournament.



(Pupils pictured from St. Joseph's, Filey Junior and Wykeham schools)

Also this week, Kathy Robson spoke to Year 7 and Year 8 in assemblies about the changes to tutor groups next year. As you know, we are really pleased that we have been able to increase staffing in the school and thus reduce class sizes for the students going into next year's Year 8 and Year 9. Whilst smaller classes are a 'good thing' it does mean we have to re-arrange the classes as we move from mainly 5 teaching groups to 6. Mrs Robson explained this to the year groups and also explained the way we intend to arrange the new classes. It will be similar to the way new Year 7 classes are created, with students able to nominate those people they feel they would like to be with. Mrs Robson also made it clear that there are many factors involved in making the new groups and that we could not guarantee meeting everyone's requests. This is going to be a complex and quite lengthy process and we will let students, parents and carers know the new groups as soon as we can. It will not be before July!

Richard Bramley

Year 10 Tutor Review Day

We held our second Tutor Review Day for Year 10 on Tuesday 11th June. Following the distribution of the Written Reports the students reflected on their progress and began to set learning targets. Over the last few weeks students have been discussing these targets with subject teachers and seeking further advice about how to improve. On Tuesday the students had a one-to-one interview with their Form Tutor to discuss their progress in Year 10. These discussions form part of our on-going drive to support the students throughout Key Stage 4.

Brian Davis

Year 8 girls physics trip to the University of York

Yesterday 30 Year 8 girls had the privilege of being invited to the University of York to promote Physics to Girls. We arrived at the school at eight o'clock in the morning and from there took the hour long journey to York. Once we got there and were all settled we had talks in groups to women in the field of Physics and they told us a bit about themselves, why they were studying physics and what job opportunities they had. They were all interesting and not at all like the stereotypical image of a physicist we had all pictured (balding, antisocial and obsessed with Star Wars!)



After that we sat through a talk on physics in kayaking. Who'd have thought that there was so much science in kayaking? Rowing, turning and generally staying afloat all have an element of physics in them. A quick break and we learnt about plasma, what it is, how it's made and how it's used in medicine. Most of us were more distracted by the amazing plasma balls, but we did learn something!

Then, after a good lunch it was time to do some hands on work – we made earrings with resistors. They were soldered together and the end results looked very pretty. To round the day off we watched some movies about the use of physics in jobs like architecture, archaeology and, surprisingly, football. There is no escaping it!

Overall it's been a really good learning opportunity and it was a very entertaining day. We've concluded that physics isn't as dull as people might think and it can get you far in the job world (and some of it's also really fun!) Thank you to Miss Dawber for organising this fantastic day out, and thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Allott for going with us.

Ines Jeffreys

The structure of the school day

Having made the decision to have three lessons of 100 minutes each, the next question was how to arrange the school day. The pieces of the jigsaw were three teaching periods, break, lunch and tutor time/assembly. One consideration we looked at was the timing of lunch, which would have been considerably later if we had adopted a morning tutor time/assembly slot. This suggested moving the tutor time/assembly to the afternoon (where it had been up until 2010). Another consideration was the movement time (or lack of it) between lessons. At the moment, students are expected to leave one classroom at 9:15 a.m. (for example) and appear immediately at another classroom which may be on the other side of the school. We are not the only school to have this situation (most do) but it does seem strange to expect students to be on time to lessons when lateness is an intrinsic part of the system. Currently, a lot of time in school is lost or wasted as travelling time. When the system allows it, students are brilliant at being where they should be, when they should be and the new structure allows this to happen. Students will come straight to their teaching room in the morning, be registered by their class teacher and then be ready to start their first lesson. This is followed by break and then lesson 2. The students can then go to lunch and be at their next teaching room promptly for the start of lesson 3. The only travelling time is between the last lesson of the day and tutor time/assembly. The tutor time last thing in the day will be a great opportunity for students to reflect on their lessons, plan for a productive evening and organise themselves ready for the next day.

We have not changed the start or finish times for the day, but, clearly, there is no 'cushion' at the beginning of the day in terms of tutor time or assembly. I am grateful to those parents and carers who have contacted me already about concerns with the buses, and we have spoken with the operating companies to ensure that buses will arrive in school by 8:45 each morning (weather permitting).

Richard Bramley

Digital leaders

We are very proud of Lady Lumley's Digital leaders who are presenting at a county-wide conference at Harrogate next week. Students in Years 9 and 10 will be talking about the fantastic work they are doing using ICT. We will also be taking younger digital leaders from Pickering Junior School to be part of the event. Staff from Lady Lumley's were at a different conference on Wednesday this week and they used a video produced by Lady Lumley's digital leaders as part of the keynote speech. I wonder if we get royalties?

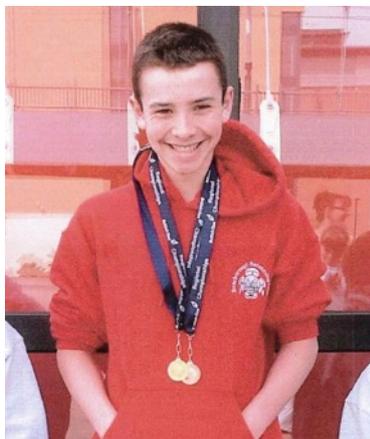
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Report on county athletics champs

Congratulations to **Josh Spittall** who became the U14 County Champion in the javelin last Saturday at the County Championships at York. **Abigail Pollard** won a silver in the 200m and congratulations to **Archie Barnes** (300m), **Matthew Gibson** (discus) who also represented their district with pride.

Swimming star

Alex Lynn took part in the North East Region British Age Group Long Course Swimming Championships. Alex qualified for seven events and went on to dominate his



events, winning gold medals in the 100m Breaststroke, 200m Freestyle and 100m Freestyle, a silver medal in the 100m Backstroke and a bronze medal in the 200m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly. Alex gained two qualifying entry times for the 100m Breaststroke and the 100m Butterfly at the British Gas ASA National Swimming Championships, held in July at Sheffield. Fantastic results!

Triathlon success

Bronwen Owen (pictured) and **Emma Clapton** were both competing in triathlons last weekend. Bronwen won the third round of the British Elite Youth Triathlon series at Blenheim, and Emma won the latest round of the Yorkshire and Humberside Triathlon series of races at Queen Ethelburga's School. Whilst they missed the schools champs, they have already been selected to represent the county at the English Schools Track and Field Championships. Well done girls.



Sports Leaders

On Thursday 13th June eight Lady Lumley's Sports Leaders organised a mini-tennis event for Year 5 & 6 students from Pickering Junior School, Rosedale Abbey, Thornton Dale and St. Joseph's School. The players took part in a total of five matches with each lasting for 10 minutes in duration. The winning team from each group (Thornton Dale and St. Joseph's) then played out the final, with Thornton Dale ultimately being declared the competition winners.

Sports Leaders involved: MaCauley Gibson, Toby Gonella, Millie Barnes, Megan Green, Joe-Joe Boyes, Chloe Stockdale, Caitlin Frith and Abigail Pollard.

Racing Champion!

Dan Chapman raced at Sturton and Stow autograss Lincolnshire on Sunday 9th June in the second round of the Junior Championship. After 3 heats, achieving a 3rd, a 4th and 1st place he was in the final.

The final was rerun after Dan's car was rolled in a collision. This didn't deter him, within 15 minutes his car was back on the track ready to race, where he kept up his winning form by again getting first place, therefore continuing to lead the championship. Congratulations Dan!

Sixth Form

With AS Exams now finished, Year 12 students have commenced their A2 courses this week. In addition to this, the Personal Development Programme for this half-term is focused on post Lady Lumley's School transition through the following sessions:

Monday 17th June - 'Choosing the Right Course and University'

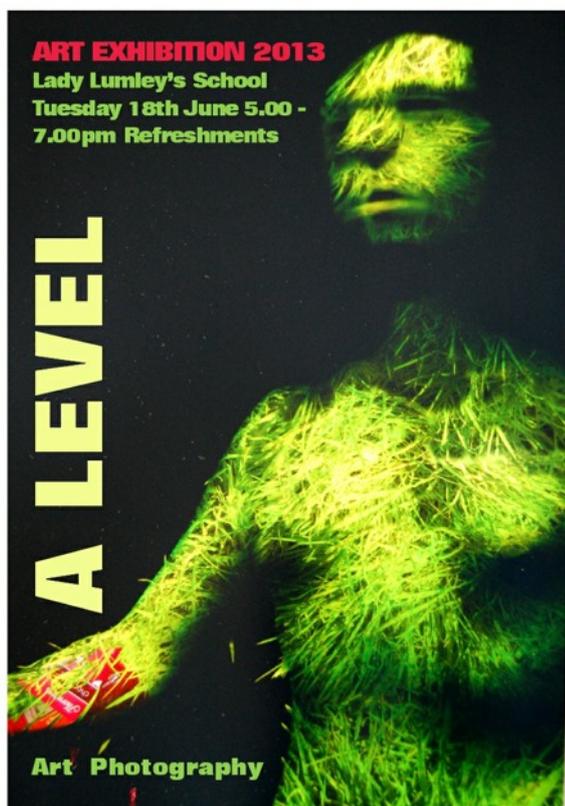
Monday 24th June - 'Student Finance'

Friday 28th June - *Open Day visit to Newcastle University and Northumbria University*

Monday 1st July - 'Applying to University: UCAS & Personal Statements'

Wednesday 10th July - 'Personal Statement in a Day'

Parents and carers please note that all Year 12 students have today been given copies of new UCAS publications 'The Little Guide 2014' and 'The Parent Guide 2014'.



GCSE ART SUMMER EXHIBITION 2013

Lady Lumley's School, Art Department



All welcome Refreshments available

Tuesday 18 June 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Midsummer Madness - Saturday 22nd June 7:30pm-11pm at the Playing Field, Newton. Live Bands 'Bright Young Things' and 'Fingerprint' will be playing. £10 a ticket which includes a roast pork sandwich with trimmings and an extensive sweet and savoury buffet. Please bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle. All in aid of Newton and Stape Kids Fun Club and Teenage Room.

Richardson's Cycle Club event to British Cycling go Ride format Scarborough Youth MTB series 2013
The fourth of our 2013 Championship!
Go Ride Kids Bike race is **16th June** .
Venue: Low North Camp, Harwood Dale
Please contact Bryden Simpson and Team for further details:
Go Ride Bike Race Organiser
Tel 01723 513 773
email info@bshygiene.co.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 17th June
GCE and GCSE exams continue

Tuesday 18th June
Year 7 Partnership Rounders Tournament, Malton 4pm
KS4 & 5 Art/Photography Exhibition, 5-7pm

Wednesday 19th June
Year 12 Art Trip, York College

Thursday 20th June
Year 10 exams start
Year 11 Prom, Downe Arms, Wykeham 7pm

Friday 21st June
Digital Leaders Conference, Harrogate