



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had two evenings this week where parents and carers of students in the transitional years of 7 and 12 were invited into school. Both evenings have been running for some years and parents always report how useful the contact has been. Parents and carers of the new Year 7 intake had a chance to have individual meetings with tutors on Tuesday night and also chat to Mrs Willett, Mrs Phippen or Mrs Robson about how their children were settling in. Also on Tuesday, Mr Ambrose spoke to parents and carers of Year 12 students about life in the sixth form and beyond. Feedback from both events was very positive and I would like to thank all staff involved for organising and running these evenings.

I have some feedback from parents about the school's website. Firstly, thank you for this as all comments are always welcome and secondly, to use pretty much all the Latin I know, "mea culpa". I am working on it! Meanwhile, we do do a much better job using Fronter for communication, especially for home learning. Every student, when they log on to their home page, gets an individualised list of the home learning tasks that have been set, when they are due and what they are. Please check these with your child tonight.

Richard Bramley

**Netball Match Report** - On the 3rd October, Lady Lumley's Year 11 netball team took part in the under 16s district netball tournament held at Graham School. All the teams competing were split into two groups. In our group we had Malton, Filey and Whitby. In our first match we were taken by surprise and Malton grasped an early lead. We woke up and put up a fight but we couldn't make up the difference in the second half. After our disappointing loss we talked and gained our strength. For our second match we played Filey. With determination and some great shooting from **Annie Mitchell** and **Megan Green** we secured an easy win. For our final game we played Whitby. We were well matched, it was a tough, fast game and every goal counted. With some excellent defending by **Becca Ridley** and **Amber Long** the final score was 3-3. A win, a loss and a draw was just not good enough to secure a place in the semi-final and we were knocked out on goal difference. Malton went on to win the tournament! Report by Rosie Grewer (Captain)

**Swimming** - Good luck to **Ceri Boddy** (Yr 8), **Harriet Longley** (Yr 10), **Emma Clapton** (Yr 10), **Chris Cook** (Yr 10) and **Alex Lynn** (Yr 9) who all swim with Scarborough Swimming Club and **Louise Scupham** (Yr 11) of Kingfishers Club who all qualified and are attending the Yorkshire Swimming Championships this weekend in Sheffield Ponds Forge International Sports Centre.

### **Blood and Chocolate Theatre Trip**

Blood and Chocolate told the story of the men from York who went to war with a tin of Rowntree's Chocolate. We wore a set of headphones which received a live feed from the actors' microphones, as well as background music. Walking around the streets of York the action unfolds at various city landmarks using projection and live performance to tell the story of four brothers. Having the cast in the crowd broke the fourth wall and made you feel as though you were actually there. The scene at the hospital wing had a ghostly atmosphere, including the tree that was wrapped with torn, ragged cloth. The tree almost signified the bandages supporting the soldier's wounds and it felt as though they were bringing back the ghosts of the past. This was a truly inspiring and touching experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. A big thank you to the teachers who were involved in organising this trip. Laura Ruston C6PMC



### **Dyspraxia Awareness Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Dyspraxia is an impairment of the organisation of movement. Associated with this there may be problems of language and perception. Developmental Coordination Disorder or DCD is the diagnostic term which is generally used to describe a child or young person with the combination of perceptual and motor difficulties. The Dyspraxia Foundation is the only charity in the UK which is dedicated to raising awareness of Dyspraxia and championing the needs of people living with the condition. During Dyspraxia Awareness Week the charity will be involving schools and workplaces across the country to help raise funds and awareness. Teachers at school will be setting some starter activities at the beginning of Lesson 1 each day of next week to help us understand some of the difficulties those with dyspraxia face.

**Lady Lumley's non uniform day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October is in support of Dyspraxia Awareness Week.**

**Information for parents and carers regarding progression routes for Sixth Form students:**

'Apply' is the secure UCAS web-based application system. Students can use Apply anywhere that has internet access. They can rework and resave details on their application as often as necessary, before submitting the final version to myself as Head of Sixth Form. It is then possible for me to refer an application back to a student for correction where necessary, prior to submitting the application to UCAS.

Please note that the form tutor will spend some time carefully checking the personal details, additional information, student finance, choices and education sections of the application with your son/daughter; however, **ultimate responsibility for checking the accuracy of these details lies with the students themselves**. In particular, please check the choices section for correct course and institution codes, and the education section for correct details of qualifications (assistance for students with the latter can be requested from Mrs Wilkie our examinations officer). Students are generally advised to include their unit grades for certificated AS qualifications. Only occasionally would disclosure be advised against by the tutor and Head of Sixth Form.

Each tutor then crafts a reference for their tutees, using information provided by teaching staff and any other relevant staff requested by your son/daughter.

Fees for 2014 are as follows: £12 for a student who uses just one of the five choices allowed (rarely used), or £23 for students making two or more choices. Students are encouraged to pay by card wherever possible. If this causes difficulty please see Mrs Charlton or Mrs Ward in the Sixth Form office.

Visit <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/student-finance/undergraduate-student-finance> for up-to-date information about student finance.

Please note that any information I receive regarding modern apprenticeships is sent via email to each Sixth Form tutor in order to target any student not wishing to attend university.  
Mr Ambrose, Head of Sixth Form

**Parent Forum**

Our first meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday 22nd October at 6:30pm to 8pm** in Media Studies 1. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the year so far and introduce parents/carers to our whole-school co-operative learning strategies. Please contact me at school if you would like any more information - [bdavis@ladylumleys.net](mailto:bdavis@ladylumleys.net) or via the school reception.  
Brian Davis, Assistant Headteacher

**To all Year 7 Parents (and of interest to others...)**

I hope your son/daughter is adapting well to doing ICT - Information and Collaboration Technologies - at Lady Lumley's School. There a few things that have come up at the Tutor Evening and the Open Evening that might be useful for everyone to know. During the next couple of weeks, ICT Home Learning will include a request for Year 7 students to bring in some photos on a clearly named USB memory stick. A 4Gb memory stick costs around £5 and will mean that data files for any lesson can be carried to and from school.

Help with homework and access to a PC at school is available at lunchtimes for Year 7, 8 and 9 students in Home Learning Club in IT3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that no illegal files such as unpaid-for music files are brought into school.

All students should:

- back up all files on their memory stick at home every evening, and at school every day, in case you lose or break your memory stick. A memory stick is a transport tool, like a briefcase, and should be loseable with minimal loss of data. (Microsoft SyncToy 2.1 - Please Google - is a free utility and can be used to pair a folder on a laptop with a memory stick and easily and automatically update files on both).
- not use heavy key rings attached to memory sticks that bend USB ports and break memory sticks.
- use different versions for your files v1, v2 etc.
- electronically name their memory stick using – My Computer > Right Click removable drive > Rename > yourform\_initials.
- physically name their memory stick with indelible ink/scratching on your memory stick.

If they fail to do any of these things they risk having to make their files again which will waste loads of their valuable time. Thank you for your help in this.  
Chris Sharples, Head of ICT

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Monday 14th October**

Year 13 English/Drama Trip, 'Othello',  
Helmsley Arts Centre 12:30-5:15pm

**Tuesday 15th October**

Year 12 Travel & Tourism Trip, The Deep  
Year 8 District Netball Tournament, Eskdale 1:30pm  
Years 8 & 10 Football, Malton

**Wednesday 16th October**

**Year 10 Information Evening, 6:30pm**  
A Level Art Study Visit,  
Glasgow & Edinburgh Galleries (16th-18th October)  
U16 County Hockey Tournament, Harrogate, 10am  
Year 9 Netball and U16 Hockey, LLS  
Years 12/13 Football, Malton 2pm