



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We had the Year 11 parents' consultation evening on Wednesday this week. There was an excellent turnout of parents for the last consultation evening of their child's compulsory schooling. Clearly Year 11 is a very important year for the students, but even so the interest shown in the evening by the parents and the students was impressive. The atmosphere in the hall and dining room was very positive and from the conversations I had with parents and students it is clear the evening was a productive one. The next milestone for Year 11 is the mock examinations in November, with students getting the results in time for some consolidation of learning over the Christmas break.

On Thursday we held interviews for a new member of staff to join the student support team in the role of Advanced Teaching Support (ATS). Since September, the senior leadership team has been running two distinct, but mutually supportive, teams - the student support team and the teaching support team. Lorraine Phippen (deputy headteacher) leads the student support team, assisted by Kathy Robson (assistant headteacher). The student support team encompasses all aspects of learning support, the role of cover supervisors, the pastoral team and the specific learning difficulties team. Most members of the student support team are advanced teaching support staff and the new structure allows a more seamless approach to supporting students. Mrs Phippen has also taken on the role of the school's special educational needs coordinator (SENCO) which means that this important role has a voice at the highest levels of school leadership.

Appointing the right staff for the students at Lady Lumley's school is clearly a crucial part in ensuring the school continues to be successful. The selection process is a rigorous one and candidates were asked to observe and analyse the support offered to students in lessons, meet key members of the student support team and face the daunting task of a panel of students. The findings of these activities were then considered and a selection of candidates were taken through to final panel interview in the afternoon. All the candidates said how impressed they were with the school, its atmosphere and the wonderful students they met and saw in lessons. One of the many joys of working at Lady Lumley's is observing the reaction of people who are new to the school as they discover what a lovely place it is. This has happened to me twice this week, as on Wednesday I was visited by our new senior human resources adviser from County, Julie Boucher. Mrs Boucher is visiting all the schools she works with as she is new to the area. As with every other visitor I have shown around the school, she was clearly impressed by the facilities we have, the calmness and, once again, the students. They really are a special bunch of young people. Richard Bramley

Drive Alive

On Wednesday all of Year 12 were involved in the Drive Alive presentation – in small groups they attended five different presentations by representatives from the emergency services. The aim of the programme is to support our students in the pursuit of the important independent skill of driving, whilst encouraging them to adopt safe driving practices and to be safe passengers.

Many thanks to the 'Drive Alive' team and especially to David and Janet Warin, whose son Daniel died aged 17 in a road traffic accident, three weeks after passing his driving test. David is a member of the Adult Education team here at Lady Lumley's. Daniel was a popular student in the Sixth Form and fondly remembered by many current staff members. David and Janet have worked with the North Yorkshire Road Safety Team going into schools across the County at special events to tell students the story of Daniel's death and the devastating effect it has had on their family. 'Drive Alive' has been delivered to over 20,000 students in the past ten years, teaching them one of the most vital lessons they will ever learn, how to stay safe on the roads.

The afternoon ended with a very moving and personal account by Janet & David Warin about the loss of their son. Students are quoted as saying that "the day was fun but sad at the same time", "a very moving and emotional experience", "really good, informative, interesting and very meaningful", "I learned a lot, I want to be a careful driver and need to be more vigilant about who I get in a car with". All found the personal experience recounted by Janet & David as exceptional and appreciate how difficult it must be for them and how brave they are even after so many years to present at such an event.

Non-Uniform Day - Dyspraxia Awareness Week - 13th – 19th October 2013

Very many thanks to everyone who helped support our Dyslexia Awareness Week. We raised an amazing amount of £600 on our non-uniform day.

Key Stage three writing Club launched after half term. Are you in years 7, 8 or 9 and enjoy creative writing? Do you want to be part of an exciting new writing project at Lady Lumleys? A new club for willing writers will be starting after half term on a Monday lunchtime. The club, which is open to all students in key stage three, is aimed at those who like creating short stories, flash fiction or just have a love of writing. The club will take part in varied and exciting writing tasks and have the opportunity to learn, from published authors, how to create, develop, edit and even publish their own work.

So if you want to improve your story writing skills and you want to see your original ideas turned into reality, then come to see Mr Holbrook in Learning Support to find out more and sign up for the club.

Swimming Success

Congratulations to **Rory Hobkinson** and **Jade Kendrew** who all also took part in the Yorkshire Swimming Championships recently. Well done.

Student Successes

A request to parents and carers to keep us informed if your children are participating in any extra curricular activities that can be celebrated within school. We would love to hear from you and share your news. Please email Kathryn Holbrook at kholbrook@ladylumleys.net.

Biking Activities in Dalby

Dalby Bike Barn are running lots of biking activities next week with special October Half Term offers.

Youth Skills School is back on Saturdays with half day sessions grouped by age (11-13 and 14-16). They run for 2.5 hours, cover core technical skills and are priced at £29 per rider. Tour de Forest Family Rides are also running on most days. They are 3 hour rides (with some hills!) for those with some riding experience who want to venture further into the forest and explore different trails. They are priced at £29 for 2 people or £49 for a family of 4. Prices don't include bike hire and all rides must be pre booked.

For more information visit www.dalbybikebarn.co.uk, call 01751 460537 or mail ctc@dalby.org.uk.

Mike Hawtin
Cycling Development Officer: Dalby Forest
CTC, the national cycling charity

School Council

On Wednesday the new school council met for the first time. The council, consisting of both the senior sixth form team and the newly elected year group representatives, discussed issues of technology around the school, lunchtime routines, the house system and non-uniform charities and events. The council will be meeting on Tuesdays week 1, in the new meeting room next to En5. Any suggestions or queries for the council can be taken to your representative or feel free to come to the meeting itself.

Fundraising

Christmas is fast approaching and a number of you will be ordering gifts on line. Please note that if you use Easy Fundraising (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>), this will raise extra funds for the school. Many thanks if you are able to support us.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Every year Lady Lumley's helps towards the shoe box appeal, which involves sending shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children in poorer countries. In your tutor groups, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring in suitable items (see leaflet distributed in tutor groups) and put together a shoe box. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th November
Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th November
Return to School

Year 11 Tria Exams start

Year 8 Partnership Hockey, Caedmon 1:30pm
Years 7, 8 & 9 Basketball, LLS

Wednesday 6th November

Year 13 A2 Geography Fieldwork Residential,
Lake District (6th-8th November)
Years 12 & 13 Basketball A+B League
Year 11 Football, Malton

Thursday 7th November

Year 10 Maths (Intermediate) Challenge
Digital Leaders Conference, Harrogate
U15 Netball Tournament, Ryedale 1:30pm

Saturday 9th November

County Netball, Ashville College