



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Happy New Year. We have been back at work for a week now and it feels like a really good start to the year. We have three new teaching staff who have joined the school this term: Michael Cutler will be teaching history, Katie Hornby will be teaching psychology and Lesanne Davison is our new teacher-in-charge for the specific learning difficulties team. We welcome them to Lady Lumley's School.

If you have a child, who has been, or is in care, please see the letter for parents/guardians/carers on the school website. If this letter is relevant to you, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Richard Bramley

Year 7 parents - Learning Evening

You should have received an invitation to the Year 7 learning Evening earlier this week. This takes place on **Wednesday 15th January at 7pm** in the Hall. Please return the reply slip confirming whether you will be attending or not by Monday 13th January so that we can finalise arrangements. If you have any questions about the evening please contact Kathy Robson, Assistant Headteacher by phone 01751 472846 or email krobson@ladylumleys.net.

Trip to Weiz, Austria

The week before the Christmas holiday Miss Mark, Mrs Eddon and Mr Stephenson took a group of 24 Year 10 to 12 students to Weiz in Austria for a week. This is the second year of our successful exchange with BG/BRG Weiz which is a grammar school in south-east Austria. After a long overnight bus journey to Stansted airport we flew to Ljubljana in Slovenia and got a coach up to Austria where our host families were waiting for us and were very excited to meet us! Students spent the weekend with their host families; some tried skiing or snowboarding and some were even lucky enough to go to Vienna for the day. On Monday we attended lessons in school to compare life in school with Lady Lumley's. Our students found it very different!



Other activities included a visit to a chocolate factory, a pumpkin seed mill and a spa as well as a tour of a famous church and a walking tour of Graz, which is the capital city of the region. Although it was cold, the students thoroughly enjoyed the snow in the mountains and the Christmassy feel of the Christmas markets. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the week; some of the students even wanted to stay a bit longer! We look forward to welcoming our Austrian colleagues and 26 students back to Pickering in July. We hope to return to Austria the same week next year and the trip is open to all students of German from Years 10 -13. If anyone would like any more information please see me. Andrea Mark

Sports Leaders Inclusion Training – Sitting Volleyball

On Wednesday 8th January a group of Lady Lumley's students undertook some training on inclusion in sport, specifically working on sitting volleyball which was one of the sports on show at the 2012 Paralympic Games. The group were introduced to what it is like to be a disabled sports performer and what could be done to make sports sessions much more inclusive to people with physical impairments.

The group are now going to utilise this experience to put together a coaching



DVD of how to play sitting volleyball. This DVD will then be sent through to the Mar Athanasius International School (MAIS) in India so that their students can learn how to play the game. In return, MAIS students will send through a similar DVD of a game called Kho Kho which our Sports Leaders will then deliver to students at Lady Lumley's. The Sports Leaders are also going to be continuing with their involvement in the School Games by helping out at primary and secondary school festivals as well as looking to develop their own disability sport competitions.

Andy Park, Director of Community Sport

Attendance

Evidence shows that students who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially. Excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every student as full attendance maximises learning opportunities. Lady Lumley's attendance target of 95% is the minimum that we expect for all students unless exceptional medical circumstances prevent this. Every lesson counts and it is this commitment to learning that will have a positive effect on a student's examination results and their future. All students will be receiving a progress report next week which includes a statement of attendance for the Autumn Term. Please read and discuss this document carefully with your son/ daughter. I would like to congratulate those students who have maintained full (nearly full) attendance during the term. Where attendance is below 95% please discuss if and how attendance can improve this term. We will also be focusing on the importance of attendance in assemblies next week.

A final thought – 90% attendance over 5 school years is the equivalent of half a school year missed and research suggests that 17 missed school days a year can result in a GCSE grade drop in achievement (DFES). Kathy Robson

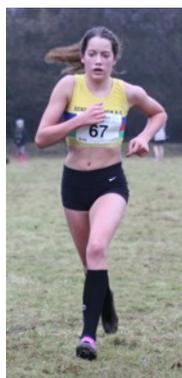
Yorkshire County Cross Country Championships



In the Women's Under 17 Championship race, **Bronwen Owen** contested the lead with a large group, which was reduced to just two before the mile mark. After matching strides with a City Of York

Athlete, Bronwen pulled away to establish a clear lead. This was Bronwen's fourth consecutive championship title, having won the Under 15 title twice and the Under 17 last year. After the race Bronwen commented, "I really enjoyed the Yorkshires. It was good to get back racing again after injury and illness, and I'm looking to build on that for a successful cross country season, especially in the nationals, inter counties and English schools. I'm also hoping for a good summer of racing because there are so many opportunities of getting to represent GB. I'd really like to get to the Youth Olympic Games in China for triathlon and to the World Junior Track Championships in America." In addition to her selection for Yorkshire at the Inter County Championships, Bronwen has now been selected to represent Great Britain at an international cross country fixture in Seville Spain, on Sunday 19th January.

In the Girl's Under 15 race, **Emma Clapton** battled her way to the front of the pack at the end of the first mile, and was stretching a lead when she unfortunately lost a shoe in a section of sticky mud. Whilst trying very hard to maintain her lead, the loss of traction meant that she was gradually pegged back, and had to settle for fourth place, but with the consolation of automatic selection for the Inter Counties Championship for a third consecutive year.



If anyone has any unwanted biscuit/chocolate tins, please donate to the Food Technology Department. Many thanks.

Child Protection

Lady Lumley's School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school. All North Yorkshire schools, including Lady Lumley's School, follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their child/ren. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, of course, always aim to maintain a positive relationship with all parents. The school's child protection policy is available on request.

Lorraine Phippen

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th January

Year 12 & 13 Trial Exams continue (to 15th Jan)

Tuesday 14th January

Year 11 Partnership Hockey, LLS 2pm

Year 10 Football, Malton

Year 8 & 9 Basketball, LLS

Battlefields Parent Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm

Wednesday 15th January

Year 9 Partnership Basketball, LLS

Year 7 Learning Evening, Hall 7pm

Year 9 French Exchange Parent Meeting, Common Room, 7pm

Thursday 16th January

Year 10 Partnership Netball, Ryedale 1:30pm

Year 8 Partnership Basketball, Malton

Year 6 Roadshow, Pickering Community Junior School, 7pm

Friday 17th January

Year 11 GCSE Swimming Exam

Saturday 18th January

1st Netball Cluster Tournament, University of York