



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We have had a series of evening meetings this week on Tuesday, Wednesday (two of them) and Thursday. On Tuesday, parents and students came to the school to hear about the forthcoming Battlefields trip with the history department. This year is clearly a special one as it is the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and we were really pleased to be able to book the trip in what will be a very busy time. Wednesday saw another meeting about a future trip, this time the Bordeaux exchange trip for students in years 9 to 11, going just before the February half-term. Also on Wednesday we held the Year 7 Learning Evening where parents of Year 7 students were able to learn more about the school's approach to literacy, numeracy, cooperative learning and reporting progress. It was a well-attended evening and the feedback from the parents about their children's experiences at Lady Lumley's was pleasingly positive.

The parents were asked to leave any questions and comments on post-it notes at the end of the session. These are reproduced below and we will be answering the questions in the next few newsletters. It is really useful to have this dialogue with parents. If anybody has any further questions, please feel free to email them to me at the school at head@ladylumleys.net. And Thursday was the first of the 2014 season's Year 6 to 7 roadshows. We were warmly welcomed to Pickering Junior School and our transition manager, Carolyn Willett, was able to give an overview of a normal school day and paint a detailed picture of the stages the young people will go through from now to starting Year 7. Over the next few Thursdays the Year 6 to 7 team will visit Rosedale, Sinnington, Thornton-Le-Dale and St Joseph's before holding a similar session in May for out-of-area students and their parents. Richard Bramley

Questions and comments from the Year 7 Learning Evening. (in the order I picked them up!)

Comments

Fronter is a very good idea, will be putting into use ASAP (2 comments)
I have learnt that I can access Fronter to monitor my son's homework (4 comments)
Thought the literacy mats were excellent with key spellings.
Found the grading of levels interesting.
Now feel can help with homework and more knowledgeable.
I have learnt about the Kagan structures and cooperative learning (2 comments).
More detail of the set home learning would be good on Fronter.
I learnt about teaching methods and styles and the resources available to access at home.
I have learnt about MyMaths - I will go on it (4 comments)
I learnt about expected levels of progress (2 comments)
I learnt about the way children learn at school.
I learnt about reading in literacy.
Cooperative learning excellent.

Questions

Can parents have their own access to Fronter?
Can all (or most) home learning be done and handed in via Fronter?
How often the groups in class reshuffled?
How are the GCSEs going to change?
What options are there if your child does not get on with their teacher?
If a student is struggling with the subject what extra measures are taken to help them (e.g. extra lessons, one-to-one)?
Does Kagan cooperative learning appeal to all students/do they get tired?
Can I use MyMaths website to help my son at school?
When is the next parents' evening. (Answer Year 7 on Wed 5th February)

Supporting Students

Year 9 Options

You will shortly receive the option book with details of the courses available to year 9 students in Key Stage 4. I have spoken to students during assembly this week and they will be given more details during subject lessons over the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding options please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Year 10 Work Experience

We are now well underway with organising work experience places. A number of students still need to find places and will be given support and help where necessary. There has been a change of personnel at NYBEP and Claire Wilson will be taking over from Laura Meade as our Work Experience coordinator. She is visiting school today and will be introducing herself to students in an assembly in the near future.

Year 11 Revision/drop in sessions - lunchtime and after school

A timetable of all revision and drop in sessions is now on the school website, and students have also been issued with a copy - any changes or updates will be put on the website. We encourage all students to engage in these sessions as they offer valuable help and preparation in the run up to the exams which start in May.

Lorraine Phippen

Rosedale School House

Please could all students and parents take a look at the new website for the school's outdoor centre in Rosedale. If you know of anyone who might be interested in hiring the centre from us, please give them the address.

www.yorkshirebunkhouse.co.uk

Dave Mann

Yorkshire Cross County Championships

In a follow up to last week's article regarding the Yorkshire Cross Country Championships, we are also proud to report that **Christiana Pain** in year 12, came second in the Under 17 Championship race. The gap back to third place was some 50 seconds and Bronwen Owen was the same distance ahead of Christiana. Both girls now go forward to the inter County Championships in Birmingham, Christiana hopes for a top 20 finish. This is a fantastic result for the school who have two top national runners at U17 level.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 21st January

Years 7 and 8 Netball, LLS
Year 9 Hockey, LLS
Year 8 District Basketball, Scalby

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 10 Consultation Evening 4:30pm

Young Ambassadors of Sport Training
Session, Sheffield
Year 10 Partnership Basketball, LLS

Thursday 23rd January

Year 6 Roadshow, Rosedale 7pm

Year 9 Partnership Netball, Ryedale 1:30pm
Year 8 Basketball, Pindar
Year 9 Rugby, Malton

Friday 24th January

Digital Leaders, BETT Conference, London
Yr 12 Trial Exam Results, Library 12:50pm