



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

School performance tables were released yesterday and can be found on the web at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance>. Any one of us can browse the raft of statistics available on all the schools in England (but not Wales or Scotland who take a more mature view on school performance). As we know already, the figures for Lady Lumley's look really strong. We achieved our best-ever GCSE results last year – so well done to all in Year 11, their teachers, support staff and parents and carers. I am not a big fan of these tables (something I can say as we look so good on them) as they present only one aspect of what school is and does. Schools are complicated, living and breathing places and one needs to see the school working to know what it is really like, not just look at a set of numbers (however impressive).

Answers to questions from last week – I am taking these in the order as written and in the space left for me. *Can parents have their own access to Fronter?* Fronter has many strengths, but making accounts isn't one of them. It is a complicated process to make a user account. For students, this is made slightly easier as we have their details already on the school system, but each parent would have to be added manually. We expect students to share their log-in details with their parents as we want parents to be able to access everything the students can.

Richard Bramley

#BETT14

Really looking forward to Bett (National Education Technology show at Excel. London) today. We've worked on the talks with Mr Smith and Mr Sharples for the last two weeks. We are talking on the Stone Computers' stand, after Johnny Ball, and on the Pearson stand due to Lady Lumley's being a Champion Fronter School. We will also be helping with professional video interviews with VIPs and recording our thoughts on all the new tech for publishing later in the day. Also lots of freebies to collect... Can't wait...

Jonathan Boyd and a variety of Year 9, 8 and 7 Digital Leaders - Jonathan Boyd 10FLA, Ines Jeffreys 9RCH, Sam Crabbe 8MHA, Ceri Boddy 8KLE, Harriet Evans 7KDA, Curt Hogarth 7APY.

Young Ambassadors Conference

On Wednesday 22nd January we travelled to Sheffield Hallam University to attend the Young Ambassadors conference. We took part in different workshops throughout the day, learning the key skills required in order to inspire the younger generation through sport. We even got to meet two Athlete Mentors as we worked closely with Leon Baptiste (English Commonwealth Gold Medal sprinter) and Sam Ruddock (British Paralympic sprinter). We are already looking forward to leading sporting festivals at the School Games this summer, and are currently developing a sitting volleyball after-school club which will commence at Lady Lumley's during the summer term.

By Meg Green, Chloe Teasdale, Chloe Stockdale and Millie Barnes



Year 7 District Champions

The year 7 basketball team beat St Augustines 7-0 in the district semi-final and then went on to beat Ryedale in the final 7-3. This was the first time we had won the trophy since 2001 and we only conceded ONE basket in forty minutes of play. Captain Cieran Hunter is seen with the trophy.

Team: **Jamie Boyes, Jacob Head, Tommy Wright, Jack Balderson, Adam Eustace, Alex Myers, Lewis Rudd, Kian Stead, Ben Atkinson, Matthew Nicholson, Cieran Hunter.**

Careers and Work experience update:

Claire Wilson will now be overseeing our **Year 10 Work Experience programme**. She will be in school on **Wednesday 29th January** and will be introduced to students in assembly. Her contact details are: clairewilson@hybep.org.uk.

Anna Lowe is our **careers adviser** and regularly visits school. She is presently interviewing Year 11 and sixth form students (but any student can request an interview via the school office or by asking their tutor/Mrs Phippen). Careers information can also be accessed on any computer in school as follows: Kudos - star icon on desktop - for Year 9 and 11 students - to access, use your fronter login and password.

Higher Ideas - green tree icon on desktop - no password needed.

eCLIPS - available on any computer home or school - www.eclips-online.co.uk, login is YO18 8NG. (You need to use capital letters and use a space between the numbers 8.)

If you have any questions about either the careers advice and guidance on offer or work experience - please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Lorraine Phippen

Attendance

This week assemblies have been on the topic of attendance (apart from year 7 whose assembly will be next Monday). Students have been encouraged to reflect on the attendance figure for last term which was sent home with the recent progress report.

We started with the idea that in a test or examination 90% is generally considered as good but quickly discovered that when applied to attendance this is not the case.

90% attendance is the equivalent of half a day per week, 4 weeks over a school year or even half a school year over the 5 years Years 7 -11! This clearly has an effect on attainment and learning.

In short : The greater the attendance the greater the attainment.

Our target is a minimum of 95% attendance for all students (unless extenuating circumstances prevent this). Kathy Robson

Latest Running Successes

Emma Clapton became the North Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Champion in the Intermediate Class after winning the Junior Title last year. The in-form **Christiana Pain** won the Senior Title. Other Lady Lumley's School students at the Championships were **Evie Harrison-Bradley, Izzie Haythorne, Emily Grayson, and Luke Dixon**.

Meanwhile **Bronwen Owen** was second in an Under 20 Cross Country International match for England in Spain - just 2 seconds behind the winner. She helped the England team to a convincing victory. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Vacancy for Cleaner at Lady Lumley's School

Required as soon as possible.

14½ hours per week (5 evenings per week).

£6.45 per hour.

Term time only plus 2 weeks at the end of August (hours negotiable).

To carry out cleaning and associated duties in a designated area.

For an application pack please contact kholbrook@ladylumleys.net or download from www.ladylumleys.n-yorks.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 7th February 2014

Lady Lumley's School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.

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. Dave Mann

www.yorkshirebunkhouse.co.uk



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 27th January

U13 Boys Mini Hockey

Tuesday 28th January

Years 7/8 Netball, LLS and Year 9 Hockey, LLS
Year 10 Drama Production (RSU group)

Wednesday 29th January

Year 13 Trail Exam Results, Hall 12:50pm
Year 11 Partnership Basketball, Norton
Year 8 Consultation Evening 4:30pm

Thursday 30th January

Year 10 Netball and U16 Mixed Hockey, LLS
Year 9 District Basketball, Graham
Year 10 Drama Production (CSI group)
Year 6 Roadshow, St. Josephs 7pm