



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week we bid bon voyage to the students and staff taking part in the battlefields and Bordeaux trips. The battlefields trip obviously has an extra poignancy as it will be 100 years since the start of the Great War and we know that it will be a moving and unique experience for all those involved. The Bordeaux trip will also be a fantastic opportunity for the students, allowing them to experience the way similar aged young people live in a different culture. I expect we will be reading a lot about these two trips in future newsletters.

We had a very busy and successful Year 7 consultation evening on Wednesday night. Although Year 7 parents and carers have taken other opportunities to visit the school since their sons and daughters started here, Wednesday was the first formal meeting with staff who teach their children. There was a lovely atmosphere and feedback from the parents and carers was incredibly positive.

I spent Thursday morning with Mr Phil Loftus, the headteacher of Norton College. Mr Loftus spent most of the morning at Lady Lumley's and we had the opportunity to pop into quite a few lessons and talk to many students about their time here. As always, the students were impressively articulate and confident and were an outstanding advertisement for school. It is really useful for schools to be able to share experiences and, as well as me reciprocating the visit, Mr Loftus and I will also arrange for staff to visit each other schools in the next few months.

Next week there are a whole range of activities organised by the travel and tourism students who are raising money for their two chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation and Tourism Concern. The students, who are in Year 13, presented in all of the assemblies this week to alert the school to the events planned including **Wear Something Red on the non-uniform day on Monday** and a Lady Lumley's version of Take Me Out on Wednesday. There has clearly been a considerable amount of planning by the students, and they have risen to the challenge of having to organise the series of events really well. Richard Bramley



## Year 10 Drama Productions

After month's of hard work, last week saw two dedicated Year 10 drama groups perform. Both groups showed a great



range of skills and focus. Miss Sudlow's group was the first to perform their piece

'Missing Dan Nolan' and set the bar very high.



Next to perform was Mr Silburn's group with 'Stop the Traffik' a powerful piece about the impacts of human trafficking.

A big well done to all who performed!

Chloe Holburn and Helen Barr

## Year 10 Student Profile – Abigail Pollard

In addition to her Year 10 GCSE studies, Abi is a county level athlete. She trains at least three times a week and has been the top points scorer for Scarborough AC in the Young Athletes League on many occasions. She has also competed with solid performances in the Yorkshire Championships and the Northern Indoor Championships. Her aim is to continue to improve her PB times which are as follows: 27.9 in 200m sprint, 13.5 in 100m and 8.7 for 60m indoors.

Congratulations to Abi on these very impressive performances and for her hard work and determination.



**Congratulations to Holly Frith for achieving a Level 1 Award in Coaching Gymnastics (Team Gym) (QCF).**

## Answers to Questions

**How often the groups in class reshuffled?** As part of the Kagan cooperative learning strategies, students are placed in groups of four where they get chance to work with their face partners (the person opposite them), shoulder partners (the person next to them) and as a group. There are also many opportunities to work with others in the class, although the majority the time students will be working within the team of four. The intention is that these teams are reshuffled approximately half termly in those subjects with frequent contact time and around termly for other subjects. The construction of the groups is very carefully controlled by the class teacher and this gives the students the opportunity to work with a range of others during the year.

**How are the GCSE examinations going to change?** There is a lot of talk at the moment of changing the GCSE examinations and some of this will come to pass while other parts may be quietly forgotten. What appears certain is that most subjects will be examined at the end of Year 11 and that the grades being awarded will change from letters to numbers. These changes will have little impact upon the students at Lady Lumley's as what matters is the quality of teaching and the quality of learning. Since we are blessed with really good teachers and students, we are in a strong position to cope with any externally imposed change. There is a relatively succinct explanation of the changes at the AQA examination board website. <http://www.aqa.org.uk/news-and-policy/policy/policy-round-up/details-of-new-gcses-announced>. Lady Lumley's school has always, and will always, put the students at the heart of everything we do. Some of the government's new accountability measures mean that we will have to slightly change the options process for the current and future Year 9s. This is in order to ensure students have access to the range of GCSEs which may affect their future educational choices. We have always maintained the widest possible option choice for students and have built the curriculum around the students' choices. For September 2014, there will be slightly more direction about one of the option choices although there will still be an absolutely free option choice for three other subjects. For those of you with a son or daughter in Year 9, all of this will be fully explained in the options process and the **options evening on Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## 'St Valentines Week'

The A-level Travel and Tourism group are raising money for The British Heart Foundation and Tourism Concern from **Monday 10th—Friday 14th February!** Activities include-  
**Monday**— Lower school Non-Uniform Day - **wear any item which is red**, Sixth Form Fancy Dress £1 donation.

**Tuesday**- Bake Sale in Sixth Form

**Wednesday**— 'Take Me Out' in the hall at lunchtime for everyone to attend

**Thursday**— Sixth Form Quiz and Bake Sale

**Friday**— 'Open Mic' in the hall at lunchtime for everyone

We hope to see everyone there and taking part and having fun to raise as much money as possible!



## Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Parents' Forum on Tuesday evening. We reviewed the current student planner and discussed how this can be developed to support both students and parents/carers. There was also a discussion about the effectiveness of marking and feedback in students' exercise books and folders.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st April.**

Brian Davis

## Note to Parents/Carers

You may already have heard about a potentially dangerous drinking game which is current on some social media sites. This game appears to have led to the death of a young man in Northern Ireland recently. Whilst we would all hope our young people have enough common sense not to put themselves in danger, there can be a lot of peer pressure involved. I felt it important that parents and carers are made aware of the potential danger to their children.

Richard Bramley

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 10th February**  
**NON UNIFORM DAY - WEAR RED**

Battlefields Trip (7th-12th Feb)

Bordeaux Trip (7th-14th Feb)

**Tuesday 11th February**

Year 11 German Fasttrack Day

Year 8 Football, Malton

**Wednesday 12th February**

Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics, LLS 1pm

**Thursday 13th February**

Years 7 and 9 Netball, LLS

Year 8 Hockey, LLS

Year 6 Roadshow, Thornton Dale Primary 7pm

**Friday 14th February**

Semi finals of netball knockout to be played