



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Staff and students returned this week from the Battlefields Trip (Wednesday) and Bordeaux (today). Both trips yet again demonstrated just how wonderful our students are as reported by all those who meet them on trips like these. Well done to the sixth formers who study Travel and Tourism and organised so many activities this week. Great atmosphere at Thornton Dale Roadshow last night, thank you to staff from both schools, the Year 6 students and their families and **Ben Atkinson, Grace Buckland, Jessica Christie and Jack Balderson** who spoke about their experience here.  
Richard Bramley

## St Valentine's Week

Take Me Out was hosted by the sixth form as part of the entertainment for the rest of the school during St Valentine's Week at Lady Lumleys. Twelve girls were asked to decide on their dream date and three sixth form boys volunteered to be their handsome suitors. Video clips showing the girls a little more about the boys and their personality caused much hilarity. The winning contestants are shown in the picture below before they were whisked away to the 'Island of Fernando'.

The event was part of a much larger fundraising week run by the Travel and Tourism students. As part of their course Event Management requires them to conduct an event that they have to research, plan and conduct themselves. The girls, as shown below,

chose to run a Valentines Week in school on behalf of the British Heart Foundation and Tourism Concern. February is the British Heart Foundation's Red month and therefore the theme worked well for St Valentines Day. The week commenced with a non-uniform day with the whole school wearing something red and the sixth form dressing up as famous partners or groups. Some of the outfits are shown in the pictures. As one of the organisers **Emily Harrison** said "it was great to see that so many people had put in the effort to dress-up and it launched our fund raising week really well".



On Friday, 14th February, the event finished with an 'Open Mic' concert with bands performing from most age groups across the school. Further funds were raised with bake stalls and a sixth form quiz. The total amount raised was £800.

**Natalie Cox** said "it was good to see all the hard work and effort that we had put in was rewarded with the money going to such a worthy cause. **Molly Gaines** said "running the event has taught me so many new skills which will benefit me in the future". **Anna Pearson-Smith** added "In the UK 2.7 million people are living with a heart condition and this inspired us to support the British Heart Foundation".



## Battlefields Trip

At 11pm last Friday the Year 10 Historians boarded a bus and set off to the Western Front. The emphasis was that this was not a 'trip' in the conventional sense, but an 'experience' designed to change the students' whole approach to life - a big promise! However, over the next five days it became increasingly apparent to all of the 'battalion' that these were not idle words. Whether it was experiencing the rocking ferry on the rough crossing, standing in a water-logged trench, staring at a mass grave of 24,000 soldiers, or attending a public ceremony at the Menin Gate, there was a palpable sense of the group's growing awareness of the monumental nature of the Great War. Reading their reflective journals in the evening, it soon became apparent that, even a century later on, the First World War still has the power to shock and move people.

One of the key focuses of taking students to the battlefields is to help them to empathise with some of the experiences that young men felt in 1914-18. Therefore this was not simply a dry tour of historical sites, and nor was it constantly focused on the horrors and bloodshed of trench warfare. Students wrote poetry, marched across battlefields, and tried to empathise with the issues of warfare that come up on a trip to sites that are now almost 100 years old. The aim is not simply to give students a greater understanding of the past, but also to get them to emotionally engage with the horrific nature of World War One.

We ended the trip with a moonlit ceremony at the Essex Farm cemetery, with its memorial to the West Yorkshire regiment. Many of the group had relatives who had fought with them on the Ypres Salient, and we had managed to visit some of their graves over the previous few days. Standing in a cold, dark graveyard, it was impossible to be unmoved by the words of our students, who overwhelmingly seemed appalled by what had happened. "Forever in our minds, always in our hearts. You gave your lives for our future and for that we will always remember you, our heroes." That was the message that the 40 Year 10 students who attended this year's Battlefields Trip left at the Essex Farm cemetery monument, which is dedicated to the Yorkshire Regiment, in tribute to the fallen soldiers of The Great War.

As promised by their tour guide, Sandra, the trip was an emotional journey that all of those who attended the trip have assured us they will never forget. Many thanks to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Farrell, Mr Holbrook and Mr Blythe for giving up their time to run the trip. Miss Murray



## Lady Lumley's School Crowned Scarborough & District Champions and Third Best in County

The boys Year 9 Lady Lumley's Basketball team claimed the first place spot in the area finals held at Raincliffe School, Scarborough. The team fended off St. Augustine's in the semi-final, beating them 30 v 6. Leaving Ryedale School in the final, Ryedale having beaten Lady Lumley's in a close game, in the previous round! Lady Lumley's emphatically beat Ryedale 22 v 13 to seal victory and progress through to the North Yorkshire County Finals, being hosted by St. Aidan's School in Harrogate. The lads travelled to the finals, knowing they had a big challenge ahead of them! Lady Lumley's got off to a dream start, seeing off Thirsk School 22 v 4, setting up an exciting final two fixtures. St. Aidan's were up next, the two teams being evenly matched up until half time, when unfortunately, with the home advantage St. Aidan's pulled away and took the game 16 v 6. In the final game Lady Lumley's played the overall winners of the finals, Fulford. Losing out to them 22 v 4. Lady Lumley's claimed the accolade of third best team in the County, which is no mean feat and of course became the Scarborough and District Champions in the process!



**Back (left to right): Tom Allen, Matthew Chapman, Luke Balderson, George Turnbull and Ben Norman Front: Keiron Edmond, Macauley Gibson, Sam Batty, Josh Peel, James Mudd and Tom Cleary (not featured, Joseph Atkinson)**

## School Games Sportshall Athletics

Over the past two Wednesday's a large group of students have helped to organise two primary school sportshall athletics festivals. Throughout the two events students ranging from Year 8 to Year 13 took on a variety of roles including: starter, track timekeepers, field result recorders, and field and track judges. They also worked hard to ensure that all the events had smooth transitions so that the primary students could receive a positive and rewarding experience. On the 5<sup>th</sup> February, Thornton Dale, Pickering Juniors and Rosedale competed in the Lady Lumley's School cluster event. The overall results were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Pickering Juniors; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thornton Dale; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rosedale.

This meant that Pickering Juniors went through to the Level 2 School Games final held a week later on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. This event involved the winning teams from each cluster within the Ryedale and Whitby School Sport Partnership. This event was extremely close with the overall results being: 1<sup>st</sup> – Pickering Juniors; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nawton; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thornton Dale; 4<sup>th</sup> – Malton; 5<sup>th</sup> – Langton.

This means that Pickering Juniors were crowned Ryedale and Whitby Level 2 School Games champions and will now go forward to represent the area at the North Yorkshire Level 3 School Games final at Catterick on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. We all wish them the very best of luck in this event.

## St. Joseph's RC School Football Club

Throughout this term, two of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have been volunteering as football coaches at an after-school club for students from St. Joseph's RC School. **Haydon Jackson** and **Oli Varey** have been developing the skills of the next generation of Lady Lumley's School students. Hopefully, these pupils will represent Lady Lumley's School in football fixtures when they make the step up from primary school in the future. Well done to Haydon and Oli for offering this fantastic opportunity to St. Joseph's pupils.

## Governor News

Two contiguous meetings on Tuesday this week. The first was a training session for Governors on analysing and making sense of the numerical information which the school generates, the second was the termly meeting of the school Teaching and Learning Committee. There were two policies adopted by Governors in this meeting which all parents and carers need to be aware of: the Uniform Policy and the Attendance Policy. These will be on the website straight after half-term and there will be more information in future Newletters. Richard Bramley

## Year 8 Netball Match Report

The Year 8 netball team played against Norton College and won emphatically; 22-1. There was some really good play from the shooters **Sophie Gorman** and **Chloe Howarth**. This was added to with excellent defending and attacking from the rest of the team. Well done girls. Emily Grayson and Sophie Gorman

**Please note school is collecting 'Active Kids 2014' Sainsbury's vouchers. The collection box is in Reception.**

**Parents 'Open Week'** - next half term Learning Support will be running a parents' 'Open Week'. This is an opportunity to come and see how we support students and to look at the resources and facilities available to students. More details to follow after half term. Lorraine Phippen

## Year 9 Options

This week students have been issued with the Options Book and Options Form. You should also have received a letter about our Options Evening which is on **Wednesday 26th February** starting at **6:30pm**. This is an important event, an opportunity to ask questions and talk to staff about KS4 courses. Members of staff will also be available to offer advice and guidance about the proposed government changes. Lorraine Phippen

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 24th February Return to school

U13 District Hockey Training, Scarborough College 4pm

### Tuesday 25th February

Year 8 Netball, LLS  
Year 9 Hockey, LLS  
Years 7, 8 & 9 Football, Eskdale  
Youth Speaks Out Event

### Wednesday 26th February

U13 Football, Ryedale 1:30pm  
U15 District Hockey Training, LLS 4pm  
**Year 9 Options Evening 6:30pm**

### Thursday 27th February

U13 & U15 District Rugby Finals, Scarborough 4pm  
English/Drama 'War Horse' Trip, Helmsley 6:15pm