



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

An apology for not answering a parent's question last week – not just because they're getting harder but because there was no room. I will definitely fit in a reply this week and if there are any other questions you have about any aspect of the school, please e-mail me at [head@ladylumleys.net](mailto:head@ladylumleys.net). We had Youth Speaks on Tuesday, the Year 9 to 10 options evening on Wednesday, and on Thursday evening four Lady Lumley's governors, five governors from local schools and I attended training on the new pay arrangements for teachers. Youth Speaks is a great event and there is more on this later in the Newsletter. The options evening was lovely with a great turn-out of students and their families and a fantastic atmosphere. Despite increasing prescription from the powers-that-be, we are still maintaining the widest possible choices for our students, including vocational courses at the Academy Hair and Beauty and Askham Bryan College. We always have, and always will, put the students' needs foremost and try to ensure the best possible outcomes for each and every one.

Questions: *What options are there if your child does not get on with their teacher?*

Not an easy one, but the answer is relatively simple. Tell someone. Talk to your form tutor, one of the pastoral staff or a senior member of staff. It would be extremely unusual for us to move a student from one class to a different one, but we can try to find out what is causing the problem and work to help solve it. An adult will probably start off saying "you can't always choose the people you work with" but they will also try to find the root cause of the problem. They may broker a conversation between you and the teacher (if you agree) as talking to someone face-to-face is often the best way to sort things out. It may be that there is a 'halfway house' where the teacher does something differently and so do you. Nearly always, the issue can be reduced if somebody knows and can do something.

Richard Bramley

Next week we welcome back Mrs Beryl Bell, who will be picking up the RE class she taught for Mrs Watson before Christmas. Mrs Watson will be away from school for an operation on her leg and Mrs Bell, as a qualified RE teacher, will be teaching Mrs Watson's timetable for the rest of the year.

## French Exchange Trip to Bordeaux

At midnight on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 9 students from Year 9 and Year 12 and 2 teachers set off for Latresne, a small town outside Bordeaux. On Friday afternoon, we spent some time in the school, having lunch and watching a DVD (or catching up on sleep) and looked around the main street of the town, then met our host families and went home with them for the weekend. Some students were nervous at first, but we easily settled in. Activities at the weekend included trips to the cinema, museums, bowling and watching local handball games. On Monday, we spent all day in school, going to lessons with students, starting at 8:30am and finishing around 4:30pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were spent away from school, seeing the sights of Bordeaux, the Dune du Pyla, Arcachon and Saint-Emilion, all the while using as much French as we could. Friday was a sad day because we had to leave our families, who were all lovely and so generous for having us to stay. The trip was enjoyable for all involved and the sixth form students intend to visit their host families again in the future.



Thanks to Mr Blythe for driving the minibus and Miss Wilson and Mr Smith for going with us. Chloe Scaling

## UK Mathematics Trust Immediate Challenge

A few weeks ago Dr Jones' maths class took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate (UKMT) Challenge. The UKMT is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The Intermediate Challenge is for year 11 students or below and is designed to challenge and enrich students' mathematical experiences. Congratulations to **Tally Costello** who has gained a gold certificate and also qualified for the Pink Kangaroo competition! Congratulations also goes to **Callum Thorsby, James McNally, Josh Spittal and Ewan Haywood** who gained bronze certificates! Well done to all of Dr Jones' class who took part. Mrs Steele

### **An Evening of Wit and Wisdom**

On Tuesday 25 February Lady Lumley's School was once again delighted to host the Pickering and District Rotary Club's annual 'Youth Speaks' competition which featured a packed programme of debates and presentations from a wide range of schools from across the region.

Under Mr Wilks's guidance Lady Lumley's was represented by three excellent teams: the Junior Team was chaired by **Grace Clarke**, and featured an outstanding presentation on 'votes at sixteen' by **Arthur Patch**, who in turn received an enthusiastic vote of thanks from **Sam Crabbe**. The intermediate team's very committed presentation on the gender pay-disparity was argued by **Rebecca Cash-Archer**, chaired by **Danielle Long**, and signed off very graciously by **Anna Wrench**. The seniors: **Keir Barnet**, **Eddie Davey**, and **Mert Evirgen**, debated the complexity of personal freedoms with great panache and good humour; and rounded off a highly successful and entertaining evening. Congratulations to all the competitors involved in the event, and thanks particularly to the Pickering and District Rotary Club for running such an enjoyable and valuable event.

### **School Council Update**

This week, elections have taken place to determine the two School Council representatives for year 7. Candidates were asked to write a résumé explaining why they thought they would be a good school councillor. This was then sent out to the rest of their year group who voted for their favourite candidate. Well done to all the candidates who put themselves forward for election. The two winning candidates were:

**Jacob Head** and **Grace Clark**.

The School Council now comprises of:

**Year 7** - Jacob Head and Grace Clark; **Year 8** - Sam Penny and Sam Crabbe; **Year 9** - Michael Kipling (*As Michael was the only candidate to stand from year 9, there is only one representative from year 9 this year.*); **Year 10** - Jack Bowers and Tally Costello; and **Year 11** - Toby Mennell and Elliot Boxall.

The next meeting is to be held at 1pm on Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> March) in the meeting room.

The School Council has recently been discussing issues including the use of the registration period at the end of the school day; the possibility of changing the school house system; and the use of learning diaries. A general student questionnaire will also be sent out within the next few weeks to allow the School Council to discuss the issues that matter most to students. If you have any suggestions, please contact your year group School Council representative. The Senior Students

### **A2 Sociology prison trip**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, to help Year 13 sociology with their understanding of the crime and deviance module, a very beneficial trip was taken to Hull Prison. Although quite intimidating the two prisoners who we had the benefit to speak to were able to give us great insight into the causes and effects of their offences, such as how their family life had been affected. For some it was quite a culture shock seeing just how a prison operated and how much an individual's life is controlled. Along with seeing how the prisoners had been punished, by talking away most of their freedoms, we were also told about how the prison helped rehabilitate prisoners trying to make it less likely that they re-offend, tying in well with our course. Overall it was a very useful and exciting trip, which concluded with a delicious KFC! We would like to thank Fliss and Ms Heyes for organising the trip :)

**India Hicks & Amie Thwaites**

As always our students were a credit to Lady Lumley's school. Thanks again to Tony Stamford and Howard "the gov" Barker for making the trip possible. Miss Heyes

### **Year 8 Netball Team Match Report**

The Year 8 girls Netball team played a match against Malton A Team. Malton played well, utilising their county players! The joint captains for Lady Lumleys; **Katie Thompson** and **Ella Shaw** encouraged all the girls throughout the game, with the whole team responding and playing very well! The final score was 3-3. Well played girls. Written by Ella Shaw and Katie Thompson.

### **Update on Valentine's Week**

To all the students in Lady Lumley's that donated money and helped us. Altogether, after all the event had finished, we raised £1050.00 for the British Heart Foundation! Thank you very very much!!  
The Travel and Tourism A level team

*Please come and support the Sarah Louise Ashworth School of Dance - Cookies will be on sale every break time next week to help us raise funds for our forthcoming showcase. 25p each or 5 for a £1, in the link corridor. On behalf of over 200 dancers, many thanks.  
Rebecca Redgate*

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Monday 3rd March**

GCSE Art Practical Exam  
6th Form Speaker, LLS L2

U13 District Hockey Training, Scarborough College 4pm

#### **Tuesday 4th March**

GCSE Art Practical Exam  
Yr 10 Football, Malton

#### **Wednesday 5th March**

Yr 9 Holocaust Survivor Talk, LLS L1  
U15 Football, Ryedale 1pm

U15 District Hockey Training, LLS 4pm  
PE Malta Trip Meeting, 6:30pm

#### **Thursday 6th March**

Yr 8 Partnership Netball, Malton 1:30pm

#### **Saturday 8th March**

National Festival of Music regional auditions, Harrogate