



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome back after the Easter break. The hottest news in school is the fact we have a new telephone system in place. This means that callers can now leave a message if the school is closed and also we can direct dial certain numbers. The school main number remains unchanged at 01751 472846. If your child is unwell, you can directly call attendance, Mrs Lazenby, on 01751 470065. I have made the decision not to have an automatic exchange (the one where it says "if you know the extension number" or "press 1 for finance") so all calls to the school's direct dial number will be answered by a human being. Because of the system we have in place, numbers from the school are appearing on call recognition as an 01609 number - don't worry, it is Lady Lumley's calling and our number may appear in time.

Over Easter we had the very successful Malta Trip led by the PE department and there will be more on that in next week's issue. We also had a wide range of additional sessions for students taking their GCSE and A level examinations and I would like to thank all staff who came in over the holidays to work with students as they made final preparations for their external examinations.

Today we bid farewell to Matthew Smith, our e-learning development manager. Matthew has made a significant impact on our use of technology since he joined us in November 2011, particularly in making the Fronter virtual learning environment as useful as possible. Matthew is moving to a similar role at University College London and we wish him all the best for the future.

There is more information on school uniform on the second side of the Newsletter about which all parents and students need to be aware. Richard Bramley

British School's Biathlon

2 students represented Lady Lumley's School at the British Schools Biathlon which was the first event to be held at the Olympic Park in London on 5th and 6th April. This was a national event and **Emily Grayson** year 8 came 44th in her age group following a 100m swim and 1600m run and **Christopher Cook** year 10 came 43rd in his age group having completed a 200m swim and 1600m run. Both students relished the opportunity to swim in the Olympic pool and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and did Lady Lumley's proud. Congratulations to you both.

Horse Riding Success

Lady Lumley's School students who are members of the Friars Hill Pony Club had a very successful Easter holiday under the guidance of the Centre Manager Alison Brown and quiz team 'question master' Alison Champion. The quiz team of **Rebecca Champion, Amy Newman, Fiona Hardman** and Amy Ring (who attends the Junior School), have spent many an hour during the winter learning the subjects of each section of the quiz.

These included The Pony Club, Stable Yard & Stable Management, Rivers, Lakes and Mountains of the UK, Clipping and Grooming, practical round, picture round and finally War Horses. Back in February the girls beat off all the competition winning the local qualifier held at Snainton village hall. They then went on to the Area Finals at Bramham near Leeds in March, they won this round too! So on Sunday, 13th April they attended the NFU Mutual National Finals at Moreton Morrell College in Warwickshire; there were teams in attendance from every corner of the UK. In stiff competition they did themselves proud and came 3rd overall. But their successes didn't end there! Rebecca and Fiona then attended the BHS National Riding Schools Championship also held at Moreton Morrell, two days later.

Rebecca retained her crown as overall Champion in the 13-17 year old category riding Greystrokes Choice. That pairing also went on to compete in the afternoon dressage competition finishing 2nd. Fiona Hardman riding Jack came 4th in the dressage competition; Jack, also went on to win the prestigious prize of the 'Pony the Judge would most like to take home'. That is not all though for Fiona as she and **Nell Murray** were two members of the four member quiz team entered into the Staintondale Shield, a quiz for local Pony Club Centres and Branches. They came a magnificent 1st too! All that in the space of 5 days! Well done guys!
Emily Newman



Please come and support tonight's event

RwandaChild in partnership with Harrogate International Youth Music Festival are bringing a choir of 15 children from Rwanda to do a short fundraising tour of the UK.



2014 UK CHOIR TOUR at Lady Lumley's School Friday 25th April at 7pm

Tickets are £5 and will be available on the door.



School Uniform

The Governing Body ratified the school uniform policy in February of this year and the full policy is available on the school's website. The uniform is an important part of school life and the vast majority of students at Lady Lumley's School wear their school uniform really well and with pride. There had to be a 'but' and here it is. Whilst shirts and ties and top buttons and shoes are pretty much perfect we have an issue with some students with skirts and trousers. The rules about these are simple and common sense:

Trousers: Boys and girls: classically pleated or flat front, straight leg traditional fit school trousers. No external studs.

Trousers must be waist-high so that shirts can be tucked in properly. If a belt is necessary it must be plain black.

Skirt: Black – stitch down pleated or box pleated. The hem of the skirt should be just above the knee.



A few boys have tried to wear jean-type trousers or similar to school and these are not acceptable. The school has bought spare trousers and students have been asked to change into these if necessary. The bigger (or is it shorter?) issue is with the length of skirts. Over the next few weeks, some students whose uniform does not meet the requirements of the school rules will be warned personally and given a note to be taken home. We may not speak to every student, but by September we expect every student to be wearing the correct uniform. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support.
Richard Bramley

American Civil Rights revision with a difference

Last night eighteen year thirteen historians set off to the Rosedale outdoor centre for a night of American Civil Rights revision. I think initially there was some scepticism about whether this would be an exciting evening, with a few worries that it was simply going to be like an extra long lesson. However, as the students settled down at tables groaning with biscuits and crisps, and as the tea, coffee and Coca-Cola started to flow, so the atmosphere relaxed. The aim of the evening was to engage with complex analytical writing, weighing up how to structure and develop an essay that covers over 100 years of history. Mrs Thompson ran the show, keeping up the high octane activities and energy levels, with students at one time having to run around on the grass outside with cards in their hands as they compared the relative importance of different turning points.

After three hours of hard work the students were faced by the prospect of Mr Hollis' cooking. Most of them were very polite about this, and some of them even had second (and third!) helpings. Tom Wrench and Ashley Marshall provided a groaning cheese board of exotic variety, and there was a veritable smorgasbord of cakes and puddings to choose from. As the students filled their bellies, so the evening moved to a more relaxed level, with games about key historical individuals relating to the course.

At Lady Lumley's we are extremely lucky to have the Rosedale outdoor centre and it is a credit to the incredible work of Mr Mann and his outdoor education team. It is a great resource to use for departments and it will be great to see an expanding use of this as time goes by. I genuinely think that the current year thirteen students benefited hugely from this evening and I am very grateful to Mrs Thompson for all of the time she spent planning the activities. Mr Hollis

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 28th April

AS Level Art & Photography Practical Exam
GCSE Art - displaying exam work

Tuesday 29th April

AS Level Art & Photography Practical Exam
District Athletics Trials, Ryedale

Wednesday 30th April

District High Jump Trials, LLS

Thursday 1st May

Yr 7 Maths Challenge
Year 10 Partnership Rounders, LLS
Year 6 Out of Area Roadshow, LLS 6:30pm