



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are now deep in the examination season. GCSEs have already begun, AS examinations start next week and A2 exams begin straight after half-term. For Year 11, the normal timetable has been collapsed and there are additional sessions in their subjects close to each examination. I would like to wish the best of luck to the students taking external examinations and, as I've said before, the harder they work, the luckier they will be. A fortnight ago I wrote about school uniform in the Newsletter. I am often impressed by the way students at this school wear their uniform and I think this shows their pride in being part of Lady Lumley's School. In order to make sure these high standards are maintained, next week we will be carrying out additional uniform checks in assembly time. Your daughter or son should be bringing home a letter which will let you know how the check went for them and what action, if any, is needed. I realise that buying uniform can be an expensive business, and I hope, by checking uniform now we can ensure everyone has the correct clothing ready for the new academic year (and preferably a lot sooner). Richard Bramley

Drama

The AS level drama practical examination was held on Wednesday this week. The first part of the evening involved students acting in either a monologue or duologue in front of an audience and the external examiner. The 9 students then took part in the ensemble production of the Visit, by Friedrich Durrenmatt, a morality play about the



corrupting effect of economic hardship upon a small town, somewhere in Europe. The evening went really well and was a testament to the hard work of the students, both acting and the technical crew, and the staff and parents who have supported and encouraged them. We now have the lengthy wait until results are released in August.

Lady Lumley's Xscape Trip

Thirty Lady Lumley's School students travelled to Xscape recently, to enjoy an action packed night of snow, skiing and fun. In the build up to next years ski trip to Bormio, Italy, a visit was organised to allow some of the students attending to get their teeth into a bit of skiing. It was also an opportunity for other students who have never skied before to give it a go! We are hoping to organise more visits between now and the ski trip, so keep asking us! For anybody wondering, we have ten places left on the ski trip. If you would like any more information then please feel free to contact either Mr Walton or Mr Wilson in PE.



Year 8 History Experience

On Tuesday a Year Eight class went down to Pickering station to learn about the restoration of an original Victorian dining carriage. The carriage, which currently is a shell, had been in service from the 1890's to the 1920's, serving customers on the East coast line. Following decommission it was brought by a pig farmer and suffered as a consequence. A group of enthusiastic volunteers are now lovingly restoring the carriage to its former glory, using the scraps of evidence available to find out what it used to be like.

For Year Eight, who are currently researching local history, this was a priceless opportunity. The students looked at the only existing photo of the carriage in its heyday, and tried to work out what they could learn from it, using fragments from the past to piece together a story. The carriage then arrived on the station platform with great ceremony, and the students climbed on to investigate it, examining what was left, and considering how it would be possible to go about restoring it. For the class this was an opportunity to get out of the classroom for a lesson, and see how historical researchers, working with artists, engineers and other professionals, can bring the past to life.

This trip was hopefully the start of many, as the carriage becomes more and more user friendly. The aim is for the history department to work closely with the volunteers at North York Moors Railway, in order to glean as much educational benefit as possible from the whole restoration process. I am very grateful to all of the volunteers that we worked with, and am excited about the potential for many further visits like this in the future.

George Hollis

Paris Performance

Congratulations to **George Ridler**, who will join 6 other students from Stagecoach Malton to perform at Disneyland Paris this summer. He will perform at the pre-parade in front of thousands of international visitors as part of the 'Disney Performing Arts On Stage' programme. Well done George.

Police Warning

The Police have been in touch with school concerned about parking close to the school. Local farmers have also contacted the school to complain that they have been unable to manoeuvre large agricultural vehicles on Swainsea Lane due to obstructive parking.

Students must not double park, obstruct residents' access to properties or obstruct the flow of traffic on streets surrounding the school. There is ample parking provided by the school adjacent to the astroturf. Please be considerate of the school's neighbours and local community.

Music Event

Richard Durrant - the UK's leading concert guitarist will be playing at Pickering Memorial Hall on Friday 30th May at 7:30pm. Tickets are £12 and £10 from the Pickering Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01751 473791. Profits to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. www.richard-durrant.com

Lady Lumley's Art Exhibition



You are invited to attend our annual end of year exhibition with displays of GCSE & A level art and A level photography.

Wednesday 18th June 5-7 pm



IMPORTANT DATES

GCSE & GCE EXAMS ALL WEEK

Wednesday 14th May

Yr 12 & 13 Geography Speaker
Yr 8 Partnership Rounders, Eskdale