



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I had a brief conversation with Mr Mann and Mr Hollis this morning as they dropped in the to the school on day 3 of the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. They were in very good form and full of praise for the students, large numbers of whom will be roaming the North Yorkshire Moors today. I believe there will be many stories and some great pictures (and possibly songs) to let us all know all that has happened during the four days they are out.

I think I mentioned that Brian Davis and I were out last Friday at Farnley Academy in Leeds for a course to share good practice. Whilst Farnley is a different school from Lady Lumley's, like all schools we have a lot in common. Mr Davis and I found the day very stimulating and it has given us a lot to think about as we continue to improve this very good school of ours.

Richard Bramley



Young Americans heading for Lady Lumley's!



We are excited to announce that in November 2014 the world famous performance group *The Young Americans* is coming to Lady Lumley's and students have the chance now to sign up to take part in what promises to be a once in a lifetime theatrical experience.

*Over three days, students will take part in professional **voice, dance and drama workshops**, run by the Young Americans and culminating in a vibrant public **performance** at school on **15th November 2014**.*

The Young Americans is a group of 42 performers aged 18 to 25, who bring vitality and talent to share with young people all over the world. They have won an Academy award, are regular guests on America's top rated entertainment programmes and tour extensively throughout America, Europe and Asia.

The event is open to all students. The cost is £55 per student and this includes the **2 days of workshops**, the final day spent rehearsing and performing the show, and a *Young Americans* t-shirt. Interested students will be given letters to take home with full details of how to get involved.

Lady Lumley's is hosting *The Young Americans* for the first time in 2014 and it will also be the group's first visit to North Yorkshire. To facilitate their visit we are also looking for families willing to host members of the group (ideally two per household) over their four night stay. Details of this will also be included in the letter.



Great Britain at triathlon in Russia

Emma Clapton who was selected to travel as a reserve with the Great Britain team, at the European Under-23 and Youth Triathlon Championships, achieved her ambition to represent Great Britain when the team manager invited her to compete as a member of the Under 23 Mixed Relay event. The relay which was a part of the European Championships which were held in the historic Russian city of Penza.

Emma, who is the reigning Yorkshire and Humberside champion and is currently in second place in the British Championship, was delighted to compete in a much higher age group, and help the team to finish fifth of 10 European teams. She joined the Under-23 team members Gordon Benson and Hannah Drewett, whilst the team was completed by the male youth reserve 17 year old Jack Willis.

Emma took over for the third leg from Jack and made up two places before handing over to Gordon Benson for the final leg. The weather conditions for the race were somewhat unfavourable with a temperature of only 7 degrees, but the water temperature for the swim section was 17 degrees!



Emma with the GB youth team



Biology Field Work 2014

On the 23rd and 24th of June AS biology students travelled to Pickering Beck, Sinnington Beck and Fylingdales Moor to study the animal and plant diversity. Sinnington and Pickering involved catching an array of aquatic organisms using a process called kick sampling (not as harsh as it sounds!). The moor involved collecting data on plant diversity and despite the torrential rain we managed to get the job done.

We are now in the process of analysing our data.
Jon Mitchell, Year 12

Sixth Form Taster Day

Wednesday marked the Sixth Form Taster Day for students who are currently not students of Lady Lumley's School. The purpose of the day is essentially one of developing familiarity - a getting to know each other exercise: one where prospective students can meet the Sixth Form Team, our teaching staff and experience Sixth Form lessons; begin to feel a part of our community; and to appreciate first hand the fantastic facilities that we offer at KS5. The students who attended came from a number of different schools including Ryedale, Norton, Malton and Scarborough schools and, whilst they were a little nervous initially, settled quickly and clearly enjoyed their day!

It is encouraging to know that the work done by our staff and students is valued by so many young adults. Our visitors would enrich any Sixth Form and we hope to see them enrol with us in September.

Wimbledon: Strawberries & Ice-cream

As the annual dash to the local tennis courts continues in earnest during the Wimbledon fortnight, the Sixth Form team thought that the Sixth Form students could enjoy a relaxing Summer's afternoon during Wednesday Enrichment in the Common Room Wimbledon VIP suite watching the tennis with Strawberries and Ice-cream! Luckily this coincided with a nail-biting men's quarter-final as Andy Murray was beaten by Grigor Dimitrov. It is important that we celebrate world class sporting events like this in the hope that we can encourage the youth of today to be the stars of tomorrow. Many thanks to Mrs C and Mrs W!

James Ambrose, Head of Sixth Form

Short Story Competition Winners

Katie Henson was this week awarded the prize for best story in the 2014 Lady Lumley's Short Story Competition. Judges decided that her story 'Syria Crisis – My Story', a realistic and moving account of a child's experience of the uprising in Syria, was the most outstanding entry in a very strong field. Awards and certificates were presented for each of the Key Stage 3 year groups.

The year group winners were as follows:

Year 7 winner – **Ellen Jeffreys**

Year 7 runner up – **Luke Armstrong**

Year 8 winner – **William Vickers**

Year 8 runner up – **Alex Skaife**

Year 9 winner – **Katie Henson**

Year 9 runner up – **Jade Hughes**



All of the stories submitted will appear in this year's Lady Lumley's anthology, which will be produced in both printed and e-book formats and available later this year.

For those that were not involved in the competition but still wish to have their writing included in the anthology it is not too late. Submissions are being accepted for short stories, poems or any other pieces of creative writing.

This call for writing is open to students from any year group as well as to teachers and support staff at Lady Lumley's. The deadline is 25th July 2014. For more information on having your work included please see Mr O'Cleirigh or Mr Holbrook. All entries should be e-mailed to pholbrook@ladylumleys.net.

Sixth Form Guest Speaker- Julia Ebdon

As a sixth form we are truly blessed in terms of the quality of our guest speakers and the thought-provoking ideas they give to us about our future. I understand first-hand about the pressures of choosing the right career options and university course that suits the individual; so we need all the help we can get!

On Monday 30th June, Julia Ebdon from 'Speakers 4 Schools' was gracious enough to talk to Yr12 about accountancy and her personal journey. Speakers 4 Schools is an independent UK Charity that provides speakers from a range of industry leading professionals and academics. It was set up by BBC Journalist Robert Peston. Our speaker Julia had a very tough childhood: losing her mother when she was only four years old and facing harsh criticism about her future options from her bullying father. Her younger brother spent most of his life in a psychiatric hospital. Because of her unhappy childhood and her unsupportive father, she felt as though she had ruined her chance of a decent career. But through hard work, a positive 'can do' attitude and a good education, she became a well-travelled accountant who has lived in far-flung places such as Cape Town and Perth Western Australia. One of the most inspiring quotes Julia gave us was: "**Don't let others limit your beliefs**" and to always believe that you can fulfil your dreams. Hopefully, this quote has inspired us to figure out our own limits in life, and that dedication pays off in the end. She also shared the fact that countries such as India and China are emerging as economic powers partly because they have huge populations who have the courage and the hunger to try out new ideas.

On behalf of Yr12, I would like to thank Julia, and the Sixth Form Team for giving us this opportunity. Chloe Marwood Year 12

Saint Catherine's Hospice Sponsored Walk

We are doing a sponsored 10 mile walk in Scarborough on the 3rd of August. We are doing this because when we saw the film "The Fault In Our Star" it made us realise how life threatening conditions can affect individuals and their families.

Saint Catherine's Hospice is a place where people with terminal illnesses go to be cared for. Support is also offered to their families. We visited the hospice on Sunday the 29th of June and it felt very homely with caring staff. Unlike hospitals, Saint Catherine's Hospice allows friends and families to see the patients any time they want. Pets can even come to make the patients feel more at home. They also have a chapel, gardens and an exercise room to make them feel more confident when they go home.

Patients don't have to pay to come in, but £5,000,000 has to be raised each year to keep the hospice running. We will be going round school in tutor time on Wednesday the 9th July with a sponsor form or you can visit our Just Giving page - just look for Jennie Winter. Please donate if you can. Many thanks. Jennie Winter and Rachel Heath.



Possible Strike Action and Impact on the School

There is strike action proposed by members of UNISON, UNITE, GMB and NUT on Thursday 10th July. Whilst this will affect very few teachers in the school, it will affect large numbers of non-teaching staff who are essential for the safe and effective running of the school. At the time of writing, school will remain open but please keep an eye on the school website and we will inform students if any change occurs. Richard Bramley

Solar Boat Challenge at the Inspirations STEM Fair

On Thursday 26th June three teams of students, one from Year 8, one from Year 9 and one from Year 10, attended the Inspirations STEM Fair at Elvington Air Museum.

After many weeks of planning and building their solar powered boats, they finally put them to the test against over forty other teams from across Yorkshire.

Although they did not make the leader board, all had a great time and on the way home the teams were already planning their designs for the challenge next year!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7th July

Yr 10 Work Experience Week
Yr 8 Beverley Park Week
Y 12/13 DofE Gold Award all week
Austrian exchange students in school all week

Tuesday 8th July

Yr 7/8 District Tennis, LLS
Yr 12 Travel & Tourism Trip, Flamingo Land
Yr 6 Transition Evening, 6:30pm

Wednesday 9th July

Yr 12 Personal Statement in a Day
Yr 9 Spanish Fast Track Day

Thursday 10th July

Yr 9 & 10 District Tennis, LLS

Saturday 13th July

Yr 7 Let's Get Global Trip 12th-18th July