



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are posting this last newsletter of the term home to all parents as we want to make sure that you get to see the important information contained therein. Remember the Newsletter is published every Friday and every student receives a copy, so please ask to see it each week. Copies are also posted on the school's website.

There is loads of useful, and current, information on the school's website, so please keep an eye on it at <http://www.ladylumleys.n-yorks.sch.uk>. Make it your homepage or just search for Lady Lumley's using any decent search engine.

With this newsletter is an A4 single sided document you may wish to keep handy and visible during next year. It has information which I hope will ensure that all students get off to a great start for the 2014 academic year. It does look like a list of 'do nots' so I asked for it to be copied on coloured paper to cheer it up a bit!

2013 -14 has been a fantastic year. We started off on a high with the best ever examination results in the summer, and have done everything possible to keep the school moving forward and developing. The change to the school day with three longer lessons has gone incredibly smoothly with the majority of staff and students really happy with the system. We have tables in groups, round tables and much more co-operative learning (all good things despite some consumer resistance). Tutor time last thing in the afternoon has not worked particularly well, so we have moved it back to where it was a few years ago and will now be straight after lunch. In order that the new Year 11 will benefit from increased pastoral care at this important stage in their education, we have been able to divide the five tutor groups in Year 10 into six. This will not affect any subject classes, but will mean Year 11 tutor groups are smaller and the students can have more individualised attention.

We were on "Ofsted watch" for a while earlier in the year (they are due at any time from September 2013 to July 2016!) but I think we have become more relaxed about the impending visit. We know we are doing a good job for the students in the school, and, since that *is* our job, we should be fine.

We had a relatively quiet summer last time for building developments, with the sixth form café area (which proved to be a major success) being the biggest change. This year, a bit more is planned, with grand designs on an open-plan area for ICT between the café and the library. This should be up-and-running by the Open Day in October.

As every year, we are saying goodbye to a few staff (see last week's Newsletter) and looking forward to welcoming new ones. In addition to the staff mentioned in last week's Newsletter we are also losing Rebecca Hornsey, Claire Jackson, Jo Fowler, Elaine Penley-Martin from the supporting student team. Miss Hornsey is going to teach equine studies at Bishop Burton College, Mrs Jackson is joining Brompton Hall School as a child care officer, Mrs Fowler is joining St. Joseph's Primary School as a general teaching assistant and Mrs Penley-Martin will be the Business Administrator at Sinnington Primary School. From the teaching staff we are also losing Bob Chisholm. Mr Chisholm has been a great asset in the design and technology department for the last two years and will be missed by both students and staff. Maren Blume joins us as a teacher of languages, David Heaton will teach in the history department, and Kathryn Weatherburn will be teaching product design in the technology department. Anusha Simha will be joining the school as head of science and Imogen Lloyd will be joining us as second in the mathematics department. We were also pleased to welcome back Diane Hammond who will be here to teach her first love, food technology. Bethany Mclean, Jeni Loosley, Gary Parker join the ATS team at Lady Lumley's and Ruth Miller and Helen English are joining the staff at ROOSE.

We have a new School Improvement Plan which will be on the website soon (which may be updated), are expanding Parents' Forum and are continuing to look at new ways of increasing the impact of student voice. Sporting success and our Learning Outside the Classroom (including DofE) activities go from strength to strength and we continue to run a huge number of extra-curricular activities across the school.

Lady Lumley's Loves Learning and the staff team will always do all we can to ensure every student receives the support and challenge they need to get the best from the precious years of secondary education.

Richard Bramley

Outstanding cricket performances for Lady Lumley's

The Year 9 cricket team missed out on a dramatic last over win against Bedale School, in the North Yorkshire County Cup Final. After **Luke Balderson** and **James Mudd** played an outstanding innings of 116 for the opening partnership, the Bedale team had one player that turned the game. Scoring 77 put Lady Lumley's on the back foot, but with tight fielding from **Sam Beal** and **Lewis Pickering**, the score soon slowed. **Michael Kipling** came into the attack and soon had the wickets tumbling, but the Bedale team held onto win with only two balls to spare but with five wickets down. This was a fantastic effort by the Lumley's boys, who were well captained by Luke Balderson and this is the second time that they had reached a county final in three years.



Lady Lumley's have had Years 7, 8 and 9 in County Cup finals this season. The only school in North Yorkshire to do so and a feat not achieved certainly within the last twenty years!!! A big thank you must go to all the local club teams for providing the opportunities for cricket to flourish in this area. Richard Buckley

Music Department News

Congratulations to the following students who all passed recent Associated Board of the Royal School of Music exams for performance. All the students passed with high marks, some bordering on Merits and others on distinctions (as well as those achieving these levels).

Rosie Bircumshaw	Singing Grade 4 (Merit)
Grace Clark	Bb Cornet Grade 1
Jennifer Winter	Bb Cornet Grade 3
Emma Hayward	Singing Grade 4 (Merit)
Emma Hayward	Alto Sax Grade 1 (Distinction)
Niamh Rose	Singing Grade 4 (Merit)
Niamh Rose	Alto Sax Grade 1

Congratulations for all the hard work these students have put into developing these skills to reach these standards. Also a big 'thank you' to the Peripatetic music staff for their work in supporting and helping the students through these exams.

If you have a child who would like instrumental or singing lessons through school please contact me. The school offers all instrumental disciplines. September is obviously a good time to begin these lessons at the start of the new academic year.

Congratulations to the Senior Jazz group who represented the school in the National Festival of Music for Youth 'Finals' in Birmingham at the weekend. The group were in the last eight ensembles in the U.K. and their 12 minute performance was outstanding. Many people in the audience commented on the ability of our youngsters and the great achievement to play at such high levels. The standard of musicianship within the group throughout their performance was commendable to all who took part. We now wait to hear if the judges who said that their performance had been 'on a truly professional level', will get an invitation to the schools prom at the Royal Albert Hall in London in November. Many thanks to Martin Blythe for giving up his Saturday to take the group down to the Adrian Boult Hall for the event. Clive Wass

Money Matters

On Friday 11th July, a group of Year 8 students took part in a finance session. The session was led by The Money Charity, a national financial capability charity providing financial education, information and advice to young people and adults throughout the UK. The session covered issues such as why understanding and being responsible with money matters, why we all need to budget and how to do it, needs vs wants, the importance of saving and understanding credit and using it sensibly. We will be inviting The Money Charity into school in the next academic year to run sessions for other year groups as well. Ellen Steele

Rwanda Trip Update We have recently found out that we have all the funds we need for our trip this summer. It's now only two weeks until we set off! Murakoze (thank you in Kinyarwanda) to everyone who has supported me thus far. Any further donations will go towards gifts of hope for people when we are in Rwanda. If you would like any more information about my trip, please email me on cscaling20@ladylumleys.net and I will try to get back to you before I go on 2nd August. Thank you once again, Chloe Scaling, Year 12

Year 12 'Personal Statement in a Day' and Alumni Talk

On Monday 14th July two of our alumni came to talk to us in the common room about their experiences. Cameron Spittal has just finished his first year studying Law at Sheffield University, and Adam Magson is about to start a PGCE having completed his Sports' Science degree at Derby University. They talked about their experiences in sixth form and at university, and answered questions from the Year 12 students about a variety of topics. It was fantastic to hear about real experiences from some students who left Lady Lumley's not that long ago. Following on swiftly from Monday's informative talk, Wednesday 16th July was the Year 12 'Personal Statement



Josh Gorman, Adam Magson, Cameron Spittal, Lettie Simmonds

in a Day' event. This event is to ensure Year 12 students are ahead of the game in terms of applications for university or the world of work. Throughout the day, we were involved in group workshops to encourage us to reflect on our experiences and to explore our own skills and attributes. Then we began crafting our own personal statements which are an integral part of the UCAS application process. While some of us found it difficult initially to speak about ourselves, we soon realised that it is the essence of a successful personal statement. Sixth form staff were on hand throughout the day to offer expert advice and guidance.

It was an incredibly useful day in helping us start our personal statements early. Students who do not wish to go on to university found the day useful too: 'even though I want to go straight into work after school or apply for an apprenticeship, it was still good to learn how to write a personal statement, as I'll need one when applying for jobs.' Year 12 students

English Schools Track Champs - English Fell Champs

Bronwen Owen and **Emma Clapton** had a very successful weekend at National and Regional Championships. Both students represented North Yorkshire Schools at the prestigious English Track and Field Championships which were held at the Alexander Stadium Birmingham. The duo were selected only after achieving the strict qualifying standards in their event. The vast majority of current elite senior British athletes have all competed at the English Schools Championships and the meeting is seen as springboard for aspiring athletes. In the Senior Girls 3000 metres final, Bronwen was the silver medal winner in a time of 9 minutes 38 seconds, and in the Intermediate Girls' final Emma Clapton was 8th of 25 in a personal best time of 10 minutes seven seconds.



24 hours after the track championships, Emma competed in the final round of the English Junior Fell Racing Championships, which incorporated the Yorkshire and Humberside Championships. Emma won the Under-16 girls championship race outright, and was crowned Yorkshire and Humberside Champion for the third consecutive year, after previously winning two Under-14 titles.

Both Bronwen and Emma will be in action at the next round of the British Triathlon Championships at Liverpool on 10th August, when Bronwen will be competing for a place in the Junior World Championships. Emma has already competed for Great Britain at the World Youth Championships earlier this year. Congratulations to both girls on their outstanding achievements!

Austrian Visit

Last week we were visited by 28 Austrian students from our partner school in Weiz, southern Austria. They came to us after 5 days in Eastbourne, where they had spent two days visiting London. The group was hosted by Lady Lumley's students so that they could experience life in a British family. During their stay they visited York and walked around the city walls and visited the railway museum, went to Whitby and Robin Hood's bay and also spent a day in lessons at Lady Lumley's. They were particularly interested in seeing lessons like art, business studies and drama, which are subjects which they do not have at their school as it is a grammar school. The students spent the weekend with their host families and some went to Scarborough for the day and others to Flamingo Land. The feedback from our visitors was extremely positive and I am sure some lifelong friendships have been formed. We look forward to visiting them again in December, where students of German from Years 10-13 are welcome to take part. The trip in December 2013 was so popular that some students want to come along again next time. If anyone would like any further information please contact me.
Andrea Mark.

Summer Events at Dalby Forest

No Ego Challenge - Saturday 19th July

Conquer the Forest – 10k or half marathon run around the fantastic setting of Dalby Forest. Choose your distance and enter online.

For more information visit www.noegochallenge.com

Picnic Cinema – The Blair Witch Project (15) - Wednesday 23rd July from 6pm

Are you brave enough to experience the showing of this classic horror film in the heart of the forest? Camping and non-camping tickets are available for this event.

For more information visit www.picniccinema.co.uk

Discovery Club - Woodland Experience Wednesday 6th August, drop in between 1-4pm

Explore your senses...Learn to see like a rabbit or hear like a fox!

£3.00 per child, Free for Discovery Pass Holders (max 2 free places per pass)

Discovery Club - Woodland Art Attack! Wednesday 13th August, drop in between 1-4pm

Sculptures, clay faces and leaf print...Let your imagination run wild!

£3.00 per child, Free for Discovery Pass Holders (max 2 free places per pass)

Discovery Club – Woodland Adventure! Wednesday 20th August, drop in between 1-4pm

Make mini-shelters and try your hand at tracking and camouflage.

£3.00 per child, Free for Discovery Pass Holders (max 2 free places per pass)

Bank Holiday Monday Bug Bonanza Enchanted Woodland, Adderstone Field 25th August, 11am-4pm

Join the Friends of Dalby Forest for a fun filled day including story telling, bug hunting, bug trails, tombola and many more things to keep the kids amused! Charges may apply for some activities. Forest Vehicle entrance charge applies.

Discovery Club – Woodland Wonders! Wednesday 27th August, drop in between 1-4pm

Find out fascinating facts about our forests and marvellous minibeasts.

£3.00 per child, Free for Discovery Pass Holders (max 2 free places per pass)

Dalby Activity Centre – Archery Lessons Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August and 4th September, 9.30 - 10.30am

Come and learn the ancient sport of archery. £7.00 per person per session.

Suitable for age 8 yrs plus.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL –

Contact Dalby Activity Centre on 07765 243672 or by email on info@dalbyactivitycentre.co.uk

Call 01751 460295 for further details or email learning.yorkshire@forestry.gov.uk

Richardson's Cycle Club event to British Cycling Go Ride format and to tie in with Le Tour Scarborough Youth MTB Series 2014 Round 5

Go Ride Kids Bike Race is on the 20th July Venue: McCains John Young Sports Ground, Osgodby Lane, Cayton

Great event for beginners/novices. Classes for U8/U10/U12/U14/U16 plus new for 2014 - women/ladies races on the same track.

Arrive to sign on at 9.30am. First Run at 10:15am. All finished by 1pm.

Format off road races for each age group on a grass course. Three races for each age group/course on grass and mud track (all rollable/no drops). Any bike suitable. Must have working brakes. Rider must wear helmet (gloves advised).

Entry fee only £2 (covers insurance etc)

For any info call 01723 513 773 (evening) or email info@bshygiene.co.uk



Parents' Forum

We had our final Parents' Forum of the year on Tuesday where we reviewed this academic year and looked ahead to next year. I'd like to thank all the parents/carers who have attended the meetings this year for their valuable contributions to key discussions about the school.

Brian Davis

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1st September
STAFF TRAINING DAY

Tuesday 2nd September
Year 13 enrolment 9 am - 12:30 pm
Year 7 arrive 12 noon
Year 12 enrolment 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 3rd September
RETURN TO SCHOOL