



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

A lot less room for me to write as a lot going on so I will pause in explaining the school's priorities and I will pick it up again next issue. Yesterday we had the Art trip to Liverpool and the English/Drama trip to see 'Regeneration' at York Theatre Royal but I want to talk about our in-house event this week, the Key Stage 3 prizegiving evening on Wednesday. The evening celebrated the achievements of students in last year's Years 7, 8 and 9. The certificates were presented by Lindsay Burr MBE, who some may know as a local councillor but who is better known to us from her role in the Academy of Hair and Beauty. We have a long relationship with the Academy and students in Years 10 and 11 continue to benefit from the excellent vocational courses on offer there. During the prizegiving ceremony, a grand total of 258 certificates were awarded to the students to celebrate their attainment, achievement and attitude to learning. In that number were also Tutor Group Awards, voted for by the tutor group to acknowledge the students who have best embodied the spirit of that group. It was a lovely occasion and a great opportunity to say well done to so many young people. At the end of the evening we invited parents to see the library and café area if they hadn't had chance to see them before and to take a sneak preview at the new, open-plan computer suite. I think I overheard one youngster saying the new suite is only for the sixth form, and I am pleased to be able to correct her; the suite is for all students to use and it will be a fantastic new addition to the school's facilities. Richard Bramley

## Discover Parliament – Sixth Form Tour and Workshop Visit

There's nothing like running for a train to wake you up on a Friday morning, and as sixteen students from Lady Lumley's sixth form raced through the underpass at York station, as the tannoy announced a last minute platform change, maybe some reflected on the fact that Referendum Result Day was an auspicious time to be visiting the seat of power in the U.K.

Others, such as myself and Miss Heyes were reflecting more on how difficult it is to do a head count at speed, in rush hour, whilst ensuring that everyone got on the correct carriage, but in the end we were all safely settled in our seats ready for a day trip to Westminster.

During the hours that followed we took a trip on the London Eye, were taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament and took part in a workshop with other schools role-playing the decisions of an MP of the fictional 'United Party' as they tried to juggle their own beliefs with the wishes of their party whip and of different constituents.

Standing next to the despatch box in the House of Commons was a powerful moment as we were able to feel the weight of history in the exact spot where votes have been taken that have started wars, brought in a welfare state, shut coal mines and given equal pay to women – to pick a few examples at random. Our tour also took us into the 'no' voting lobby, through the central lobby, past MPs offices, and then to the House of Lords – of which the general opinion seemed to be 'too bling'.

Following our workshop we headed up Whitehall, past Downing Street and then on to the event that the students had been looking forward to more than any other – an evening meal at Nando's. Following that, a brush with a slightly saucy mime artist in Covent Garden was our last excitement of the day – until our arrival at York where, again, we had to race for our connection due to a last minute platform change – and everyone made it home safe and sound having had an experience that I know will make their studies of government & politics and British political history so much more real in the weeks and terms to follow. Michael Cutler



## Exit pursued by Bear!

Last week the A level drama and English literature students took to Stratford upon Avon for an action-packed theatre extravaganza! We managed to cram in a superb production of John Webster's bloody revenge tragedy "The White Devil" followed by a late night post show Q+A with the cast. A walking tour of Stratford's literary sights and a backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre were also on the agenda. Mrs Bartlett and Mr Silburn made sure we had enough time to visit the dressing up box in the theatre and we all duly complied to the surprised looks of passers by. One of the highlights of the trip was the full morning workshop with an actor/director from the RSC who made the play even more fun and accessible.



## Ryedale School Post-16 Information Evening

On Wednesday evening I was pleased to be able to take Mrs Ward and our Head Girl and Head Boy, Jessica Voicu and Anthony Jones to the post-16 event at Ryedale School. During the evening, Ryedale students in Years 10 and 11 had the chance to talk to a range of post-16 providers including local schools and colleges. We were really busy all evening with the students at Ryedale asking excellent questions about the opportunities at Lady Lumley's. Jessica and Anthony (an ex-Ryedale lad himself) were outstanding ambassadors for the sixth form and managed, better than any adult could, to convey the 'feel' of life as a student in Lady Lumley's sixth form. I hope we meet many of the Ryedale students again at our Open Evening on **Thursday December 4th** where they can see the school at first hand and make the most informed choice about their future destination. James Ambrose



## Baking at Botham's

On Thursday 18th September, the food technology Year 13 group went on a very informative visit to the Bakery at Enterprise Way in Whitby. Jonathan Botham showed us around the production line, and explained how he sources the quality ingredients used, the free-flow system, making, baking and packaging. We also learned of the fascinating history behind this family run craft bakers, and in particular

Elizabeth Botham, a mother of 10 children, who started the business from a market stall in Whitby. Botham's now export their products all around the world. An inspiration to us all, and hopefully a good starting point to the student's coursework. Diana Hammond



Congratulations to **Christian Nicholson, Kieran Bowes** and **Oliver Varey** who have been selected to play for the U18 North Yorkshire County Football Team. Well done!

## Word of the Week - 'Paradox'

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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## European Day of Languages events

September 26th is a day on which languages are celebrated in educational establishments up and down the country to raise



awareness of the importance of language learning, and this week we have been celebrating language diversity around the world in school.

This week we have been focussing on languages by doing language related quizzes in tutor time, and there have been a range of activities on offer led by Miss Blume, Mr Mann, Mr Fairclough, Ms Robson and Mr Davies, from Russian lessons to Taekwondo practice!

On Wednesday evening, Miss Wilson and Miss Mark took a group of Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to York St John university for a language taster event. Six languages were on offer, including Japanese and British Sign Language, and the students had 20 minutes taster sessions in three languages. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience language learning in a different context outside of school, and also work alongside some of the international students attending York St John. Rachel Wilson

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Tuesday 30th September

U14 District Netball Trails, Scalby 3pm  
U16 District Netball Trials, LLS 3pm

### Wednesday 1st October

Y8 & Y10 Football, Ryedale  
U18 District Hockey, LLS

### Y5 and Y6 Open Evening 6:30pm

### Thursday 2nd October

Y10 & Y11 Football Cup, Scalby  
Y7 & Y9 Football Vs Ryedale, LLS  
Y9 District Netball Tournament, Scalby 1:30pm

### Friday 2nd October

### SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING DAY

Y12 Duke of Edinburgh Award Training  
Assessment weekend

### Saturday 4th October Regional Netball Trials

### Coming Up...

### Wednesday 8th October

Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening  
Y12 Information Evening

### Wednesday 15th October

Y10 Information Evening