



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week Year 12 experienced the Drive Alive event, an incredibly important day where the dangers associated with young drivers are highlighted. Families, friends and the community have suffered heart-breaking losses in the past and we want to do all we can to prevent any further tragedies.

The half-term ends tomorrow with the Sponsored Walk. As I write this, the sun is shining and I hope it continues to do so on Friday. Students have been made aware of the clothes etc. they need for the walk and we should all have an enjoyable day and successfully raise funds to help further improve the facilities at the school.

I hope everyone who has a half-term break has a restful one, and if you have trial examinations coming soon, a productive one!

The last of the five actions on the school's Key Priorities is personalisation. This is where staff use their subject and pedagogical knowledge alongside information they have about their students to make the lessons as relevant and accessible as possible to every learner in the classroom. Personalisation begins in the schemes of learning. When teachers work together on these, they consider different activities for different groups of students. In educational jargon, this is known as differentiation. The next stage for the teacher is to take the scheme of learning and fine-tune this, knowing their class and their responses to the work covered so far. In terms of 'knowing your class', this obviously develops over time, but we helped the process speed up with the recent INSET day on 3rd October. On the day, staff spent time discussing the learning needs of all the students in the school, sharing information and strategies used to support students in their lessons. This information will help create Strategic Seating and Interaction Plans for every class, making the information readily available to teachers to inform lesson planning. Richard Bramley

Alumni News

Rachel Lund, a former pupil of Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, has won a £1000 scholarship, at the University of Worcester, in recognition for outstanding academic achievement throughout the academic year of 2013/14. Rachel was presented with the scholarship by the University's Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, Professor David Green, during a ceremony at the University of Worcester Arena last week.



After receiving her scholarship, Rachel, a second-year Sports Therapy student, said: "I was really overwhelmed to receive this award; getting the results I did last year was pleasing enough for me. However, gaining recognition from the University for the work I put in last year was appreciated, and for a student, money is always a great incentive to maintain my grades this year!"

Professor Green added: "Congratulations to Rachel on her achievement. Commitment combined with ability produces outstanding results and we are delighted that Rachel is thriving here at Worcester. These scholarships are supported by generous philanthropists and the University's distinguished Honorary Fellows. The award of a scholarship is excellent for a student's job prospects as well as providing welcome practical support."



**Please support the Sponsored Walk
Friday 24th October 2014**



North Yorkshire School's Football Association

Four Lady Lumley's School students have been selected to represent North Yorkshire Schools Football Association. The U18s started their season with a 3-2 win over Cleveland, whilst the U16s were narrowly beaten by Cleveland on the same night. The U16s were then unfortunately beaten 2-1 by a very strong County Durham side in the Northern Inter-Counties Trophy. The U18s next fixture is away to Lincolnshire in the ESFA trophy; time and venue to be confirmed. Congratulations to the students on being selected to represent our county and good luck for the remainder of the season.

North Yorkshire Schools Football Association Fixtures:

Saturday 15th November - North Yorkshire U18's v Northumberland at Thirsk 11am

Saturday 22nd November - North Yorkshire U16 & 18's v South Yorkshire at Thirsk 11am

Saturday 29th November - North Yorkshire U16's v Northumberland at Thirsk 11am

Saturday 6th December - North Yorkshire U16 & 18's v Durham at Chester-Le-Street – 11am



**Joe Durnett (NYSFA U16s),
Christian Nicholson,
Kieran Bowes and
Oliver Varey (NYSFA U18s).**

Friday night is *Fright-Night* in Rosedale



On Friday evening in a dark and brooding Rosedale, Paul Holbrook led a team of English teaching staff in planning the first stage of the exciting, and often nail-biting, planning for a writing



residential course to be offered to Lady Lumleys' students later in this academic year. Paul, whose darker gothic horror writing is already very popular with Lady Lumley's School students, and who has established the highly-successful Writers' Club, has designed a chilling and haunting adventure which will linger long in the minds and imaginations of those students *brave* enough to accept the 'Rosedale Writers Challenge'. Watch this space

Harvest

Harvest gift donations have been taken to the Ryedale Food Bank - photo shows from left to right Lesley Hurley, Anthony Jones (Head Boy), Brenda Cunliffe, Duncan Allen (Deputy Head Boy), Daphne Bowes and Jess Voicu (Head Girl)



They very much appreciated our contributions to support the work done by the food bank in the Ryedale area.

Parents' Forum

On Tuesday we held our first Parents' Forum meeting of this academic year. Discussions were mainly focused around our whole-school key priorities for this year with, as always, valuable feedback and contributions from parents. Minutes of the meeting can be found on our school website and our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th December**. Brian Davis

Exchange Visit to Bordeaux (October 10th-17th)

On a very dark Friday morning at 6:30am, a group of Year 9 and 10 students gathered in the carpark at Lady Lumleys to board the minibus for the trip to Luton airport-destination Bordeaux in France! It was the start of a week-long exchange visit, during which the students would be totally immersed in French family routine and the life of a French Secondary school-College Camille Claudel in Latresnes.

After a weekend getting to know the families we were staying with, we met up in school at 8:30am on Monday and took a public bus to Bordeaux. We were lucky enough to see the departure of a tall ship, l'Hermione, complete with sailors in the rigging and sails unfurled and were astounded by the echoes of cannon fire as the replica of Lafayette's ship set off along the Garonne. We spent the day sightseeing, shopping and budgeting to buy our mid-day meal. Bordeaux really seems to be a mini Paris.

The day in school was an interesting experience and highlighted differences between French and English classrooms. Our students sat in on lessons and helped where they were able. They were the stars of the English lessons and answered numerous questions and helped Year 7 students write letters to Lady Lumley's students back home.

There were outings aplenty- to caves once inhabited by pre-historic families, to a supermarket, to a citadel at Blaye, now famous for wine production, to the tallest sand dune in Europe and to the chic seaside town of Arcachon. The weather wasn't always kind but it didn't dampen spirits.

By the time we had to leave on Friday afternoon to return to England many firm friendships had been made and invitations to return to visit the French families had been extended.

Here is one lasting impression a student has of the trip; "I have been overjoyed and impressed with my family and the people I have met. Bordeaux is a beautiful place to have been able to experience all the great memories I've made. My family welcomed me into their home and made me feel "at home." I wish I could stay." And a final comment from another student; "I enjoyed a tremendous trip to Bordeaux which I would recommend. It is a great opportunity to experience the world.



Chocolate Story in York

The Year 10 food technology students had a great time on Tuesday at York's Chocolate Factory. We had a tour of the attraction, and learnt all about the history of chocolate, and its importance to York. We discovered the raw materials



used and the processes applied today. The students were taught how to conduct a professional sensory evaluation,



and make their own designer chocolate bars and truffles. We then designed packaging for our own new range of handmade chocolates. A very tasty and informative day! I was very proud of our students as their behaviour was impeccable. Diana Hammond

Attendance

In order to further improve the way that attendance is recorded in school, we will be making some changes to our attendance procedures.

If a student is going to be absent from school for any reason, it is essential that a parent/carer calls the Attendance Officer on 01751 470065 before 9am on the first day of absence and any subsequent day of absence, unless the Attendance Officer has already been informed of how long the absence will last.

If a student is not present at registration in lesson 1, the Attendance Officer will contact you if no call has been received. Please ensure that you have provided school with home, mobile and work telephone numbers. If contact with parents cannot be made, the school will try any other contact numbers you have provided, including emergency contacts, until we can determine a reason for absence.

If a student arrives late to school, or needs to leave during the school day for any reason, they must sign in/out at reception and provide a reason for absence. Natalie Lazenby

Marking Update

Just a reminder to all students and parents/carers about the 'colour scheme' for marking work. Teachers will mark in green and students should respond to this marking in purple. Peer marking should be in an alternative colour to the original work (e.g. black pen for work in blue). It also helps if the peer marker puts their name on the marking. Teachers will highlight particular areas of success in pink and students can do the same using yellow highlighter when peer marking. I know this seem complicated at first, but every exercise book has these instructions in and it does make a positive difference to students' learning. Richard Bramley

Friends of Lady Lumley's School

Forthcoming Events...

Pub Quiz ???????
at the Working Men's Club, Pickering on
Friday 14th November 2014 at 7:30pm.
Entry £2:00 per person
(Maximum of 5 per team)

Family Barn Dance
at Lady Lumley's School Hall
on
Saturday 22nd November
2014 at 7:30pm.

Tickets £6:00 adults, £4:00 children
to include Pork Pie and Pea Supper.
Licensed bar.

Christmas Shopping Trip
to Meadow Hall, Sheffield on
Saturday 29th November.
Coach will leave Lady Lumley's School car
park at 8:30am returning to Pickering by 6pm.
£10:00 per seat.

Contact Rosie Dobson at school
for further details.
Tel: 01751 472846



Word of the Week - 'Field'

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3rd November
Return to School
Y11 Trial Exams 3rd - 11th November

Tuesday 4th November
Y7/8/9 Basketball, LLS
Y8 Partnership Hockey, Caedmon

Wednesday 5th November
Y13 Geography Fieldwork Residential, Lake District
Y11 7-a-side Football, Malton
U19 District Netball Trials, LLS

Thursday 6th November
KS5 UKMT Maths Challenge
Y9/10 Basketball, LLS
Y10 District Netball, Ryedale

Saturday 8th November
U14/16/19 Netball County Round, Ashville College

Coming Up...

12th November - Y13 Consultation Evening
12th to 15th November - Young Americans Project
17th November - Y11 Prizegiving 7pm (current Y12)
19th November - Opportunity Knocks Event