



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Cares and Friends

At the Year 11 parents' evening just before half-term a few parents expressed their concerns about the time taken for equipment checks to be made in every lesson. This echoes the questions raised in the Parents' Forum meeting and from the students in the School Council meeting in the same week. I do not think anyone has an issue with the need for students to bring the required equipment with them for all of their lessons, and we ensure this happens by expecting they have all the equipment with them every time. I spoke to parents and students about the time previously wasted in lessons where students were unable to carry out activities (e.g. making individual contributions on their whiteboards) and the subsequent disruption whilst equipment was borrowed. This loss of time was often unacknowledged and unrecorded, but the frustration caused by the interruption to the flow of the lesson was felt by all. I also spoke of seeing Year 11 students entering examinations where calculators were needed and having to borrow unfamiliar machines and operate these for the first time in absolutely crucial examinations. Every student in Years 10 and 11 needs a scientific calculator, and the school will sell these at cost, refunding any money spent at school on the very basic model. It was necessary to be strict in the first half-term of the year in order to ensure all students in Years 7 to 11 had the right equipment every lesson. We are now in a situation where expectations are clear and where, as a consequence, almost every student has the right equipment every time. From November 10<sup>th</sup>, equipment will be checked in the 5 minutes of registration time before Period 1 (and upon entry for any students who are late). Students without equipment will report to reception as before and a "three strikes" policy implemented. There is no reason why any student should not have the right equipment for Periods 1, 2 and 3, due to the equipment check during morning registration. Therefore, any student without equipment in Periods 2 and 3 will have to replace the equipment (as now) and there will be an immediate lunchtime detention. The equipment shop will still be running in the morning in the link corridor and this gives students the opportunity to purchase any missing kit before the first lesson. Richard Bramley

## 1 week to go!

We are one week away from the **biggest event of the year** at Lady Lumley's. The world famous performance group *The Young Americans* will be running workshops and a **performance** next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the school. The event has proved hugely popular and we are able to offer further places to join in this once in a lifetime 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 **15<sup>th</sup> November 2014**.

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. It's not too late to be involved and interested students should take a letter from drama and return a signed slip with a cheque.

Those who have already secured a place will need to pay the remaining amount by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The Young Americans have a busy tour schedule and are now fully booked until 2017 so it will be at least 3 years until we are able to offer this exciting opportunity. **Don't miss out!**

For more information visit: <http://www.youngamericans.org/>

To book your place, please contact Julie Middleton or Chris Silburn at school.



## Numeracy Visit to Pickering Community Junior School

On Wednesday 5th November Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Steele visited Pickering Community Junior School and met with one of their numeracy coordinators to discuss how we teach maths at Primary and Secondary. As many of our students here at Lady Lumley's come from the Junior School, we need to make sure that we are teaching and using the same methods for key numeracy skills. We also discussed the new KS2 curriculum and how we can work together to share our teaching expertise and experience across our Schools. We felt it was a really useful experience and we all learnt a lot! We look forward to working with the Junior School over the course of this year. Ellen Steele

## Sponsored Walk

Very many thanks to everyone who took part and supported the school's Sponsored Walk event on 24th October. Please can students continue to collect and return the sponsorship money. If you wish to take a look at photos from the day please log on to Fronter and take a look at

[https://fronter.com/northyorks/links/files.phtml/544ada0d5abf3.1815383030\\$403605392\\$/This+Rooms+Resources/Photos/2014\\_10\\_Sponsored+Walk/index.html](https://fronter.com/northyorks/links/files.phtml/544ada0d5abf3.1815383030$403605392$/This+Rooms+Resources/Photos/2014_10_Sponsored+Walk/index.html)

### Sixth Form

**Attendance** - The link between high attendance and academic attainment and achievement is well documented. I would like to take this opportunity to revisit this important issue.

Punctual attendance at all timetabled sessions, including: formal lessons, enrichment, timetabled study periods, service periods, PDP, registration/assembly, whole school curriculum days and occasional additionally arranged sessions (e.g. Newcastle/Northumbria University Open Day or the sponsored walk). Students should note that their percentage attendance may be quoted on a reference if requested.

Sixth form students are expected to be in attendance on the school site at all times and we provide fantastic study facilities for use of time outside lessons. In Year 13 students may negotiate to use some of their non-contact and/or study periods to study at home in-line with the agreement in the sixth form planner. Non-contact periods may be spent in the common room.

Sixth form attendance has generally been good this year so far and some of you will have received postcards home from the sixth form office celebrating 100 per cent. Our students had a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate what a significant and integral part of the whole school community that they are by acting as role models and mentors to the wider school community. Many thanks to all those students who demonstrated their community spirit!

**Progression Pathways** - If you are a student in Year 13 and applying through UCAS for a place at university it is well worth investigating in advance if there will be any scholarship, bursary or other funds available to apply for at your preferred university. This is a big investment and every little helps!

James Ambrose

### Netball Success

The U14 and U19 netball teams have qualified for the County Round at Ashville College, Harrogate on Saturday 8th November. Good luck girls!

### Year 10 Netball

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October saw Lady Lumley's Year 10 Netball team start their year on a high, playing in their first game of the season against Ryedale. Solid defending by **Rosie Bircumshaw**, **Rachel Mo** and **Maisy Skinner** restricted Ryedale to few chances. Quick, powerful passing from **Jenny Roberts** and **Evie Wright** in the centre third provided **Imogen Rose** and **Olivia Webster** with some fantastic shooting opportunities. Lady Lumley's dominated the game, the final score being an impressive 24-3 victory. Well played girls! Report by Amy Cook.

### Show Jumping Team

We had a fantastic time on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Friar's Hill Stables, Sinnington. Practice has begun for our upcoming show jumping fixtures.

There was a good turnout of people who all did fantastic; **Holly Shepherdson**, **Fiona Hardman**, **Matthew Grayson**, **Ceri Owen**, **Millie Newton**, **Jess Earp**, **Hester Hardy** and **Charli Parker**.

We are all looking forward to the next practice on November 19<sup>th</sup> and are excited to compete for school at Northallerton on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Also, a big thank you goes to Mrs Taylor and Alison Brown for organising the practice.

### Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate food for the Ryedale Food Bank. The food you donated weighed in at 46kg. This would feed on average 6.5 people for 3 days each. Lorraine Phippen

### Police Warning

**Please be aware that it has been reported that a man in a small blue car derived van possibly a Ford, in the local area, has attempted to get children to accompany him into his vehicle. Please be vigilant.**

### Borneo Expedition Fundraising Event

Students at Lady Lumley's are busy raising money for the trip to Borneo in the coming summer. There is a fundraising event at the Downe Arms in Wykeham on the **28th November at 6.30 p.m.** Tickets are £20 each and that includes a three course meal and a disco. The evening also contains an auction with prizes of a spa treatment for two, family ticket on the NYMR, and various bundles (e.g. pamper bundle, parents night out etc.) Support if you can. Sam Bryant. For tickets, please contact the sixth form office.

### Opportunity Knocks Event

During the day on **19th November**, students will have the opportunity to speak with local employers and organisations and visit their stands. Parents and students can also attend with students in the evening from **5-7pm**. Lorraine Phippen

### Word of the Week - 'juxtaposition'

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 10th November

Y11 Trial Exams

#### Tuesday 11th November

Y11 Trial Exams

Y12/13 Senior Maths Challenge, Fulford School

Y9/10 Basketball, Norton

District Cross Country, Duncombe Park 1:30pm

#### Wednesday 12th November

Sixth Form Football, Malton

Y13 Consultation Evening, Hall 4:30pm

#### Thursday 13th November

Y10/11 Rugby Tournament, Malton

Y10 Partnership Hockey, LLS

Young American Workshops (evening)

#### Friday 14th November

Young American Workshops (all day)

#### Saturday 14th November

Young American Workshops & Performance 7pm

FOLLS Quiz, Pickering Working Men's Club, 7:30pm

### Coming Up...

**17th-21st November** - Anti-Bullying Week

**17th November** - Y11 Prizegiving (current Y12) 7pm

**18th November** - Ski Trip Meeting 6:30pm

**19th November** - Opportunity Knocks Event

**22nd November** - FOLLS Barn Dance, LLS 7:30pm

**26th November** - Y12 Consultation Evening