



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had a lovely lunchtime yesterday with the sixth form running a Christmas Fair in the school hall. There were stalls with mulled apple juice, cakes, quizzes, competitive Wii games on the big screen and more cakes with all money raised (£250) going to the Teenage Cancer Trust. This whole event was organised by the sixth form students and was an impressive display of their get-up-and-go and teamwork.

On Wednesday evening we held the Year 9 Parents' Consultation evening. As usual, there was an excellent turn-out of parents, carers and their children and a very positive atmosphere in the hall. The consultation evening followed the Year 9 progress reports where we used new assessment grades for the first time. We provided an information sheet for parents and carers about the assessment system and this is summarised below. The full information sheet is available from my blog on the school's website.

The Parents' Forum met on Tuesday night and Brian Davis and I were able to share the information in the school's RAISE document, published that day. RAISE is a hugely important document, produced annually by the Government for every school in the country. The document details the school's performance in the GCSE examinations, analysed in forensic detail, and we are really pleased that the assessment of the school's performance is extremely (and consistently) positive.

Richard Bramley



Assessment and Reporting (full article on the website)

In June 2013, the DfE removed the current system of 'levels', as they felt the system encouraged teachers to focus on a pupil's current level, rather than consider more broadly what the pupil can actually do. At Lady Lumley's, we approach assessment, recording and reporting in an holistic fashion. We have full written reports once a year, consultation evenings and progress checks. We also emphasise the impact of marking in the students' books as this is on-going assessment on a week-by-week basis. The key indicator for any student (and their parents or carers) is how much progress the student is making and teachers make a professional judgment on each student they teach, reporting this home in the termly progress checks.

Young Ambassadors

On Tuesday 2nd December a group of Lady Lumley's students went to the Gold Young Ambassador training day at Hull University. The students attending were sports leaders who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to volunteering with primary school sports events over the past few years. The role of the Gold Young Ambassador is:

- To increase participation in PE, and promote healthy lifestyles in their school.
- To train Silver and Bronze Young Ambassadors.
- To be an ambassador and role model, advocating PE and school sport.
- To manage the Sports Leaders and other Young Ambassadors.
- To promote the Olympic and Paralympic values.

During the day they linked with other students from Ryedale and Whitby, discussing ideas of how to develop their role in both Lady Lumley's and within the Ryedale and Whitby School Sport Partnership. The students will commence their role in the new year with an initial task of introducing a volleyball club at Lady Lumley's.

The students also got the opportunity to work with Daniel Caines, the former Great Britain 400 metre runner. Daniel also voted our students as winners on the day for the best Gold Ambassadors development plan for. Students attending: **Issy Haythorne, Molly Abbot, Macauley Gibson, Toby Gonella, Rosie Grewer and Luke Dixon.** Andy Park, Director of Community Sport



Student Voice

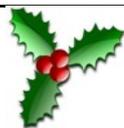
On Saturday the 29th of November, student voice members **Molly Vance, Sam Crabbe and Ellen Jeffreys** attended the North Yorkshire Youth Voice Summit. During the day, we were involved in three work shops that helped us to develop the following skills: team building, public speaking and opinion making. We also learnt a lot about other companies who contribute to youth voice. We took part in a lot of activities and we have taken a lot of knowledge away to bring back to the class room and we will hopefully be able to put to use soon. Also many thanks to Miss Turner for making the trip possible. Molly Vance.

North Eastern Swimming Championships

Five students from Lady Lumley's qualified to compete in the North Eastern Championships, held at Sunderland Aquatics Centre on the 6 and 7th December. This prestigious event attracts the top age group swimmers in the region. For **Emily Robson** (11) and **Chris Cook** (15) this was their first time competing at this level. They were joined by **Alex Lynn** (15), **Jason Robson** (11) and **Joe Kelly** (11). Personal Best swims were recorded by all five swimmers, with Joe earning a pleasing 4th place in his 200m and 100m Breaststroke races and Jason winning an impressive 2 Bronze Medals and 6 Silver Medals in his events. Congratulations to all the swimmers on their achievements.

Year 9 Options

It was good to see so many parents/carers and students at the Consultation Evening on Wednesday. At the start of next term, students will be given information about the option process including an Options Book detailing the different courses available. We also host an Information Evening for students and parents/carers. This is on Wednesday 25th February 2015. More details to follow next term. Please contact Mrs Phippen at school if you have any questions or concerns about the options process.



Non Uniform Day - Monday 15th December
We are supporting **CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young**. Please donate a £1 if you are able. Many thanks for your support.

Word of the Week - 'Perseverance'

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th November
Non-uniform Day
Year 7 Christmas Party L3

Tuesday 16th December
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December
U19 Football, Malton School 2pm
Town Carol Service 6:30pm

Thursday 18th December
Year 13 Prizegiving (Y13 Leavers)

Friday 19th December
KS3 Carol Concert L3
Austrian Exchange Trip students return
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

Coming Up...

5th January - Staff Training Day
6th January - Return to School
6th January - Y12/13 Trial Exams start
7th January - Spanish Trip Parent Meeting 6pm
14th January - Y7 Learning Evening
15th January - Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm
15th January - Battlefields Trip Meeting 6:30pm