



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We held two celebrations at the school on Thursday night. Staff gathered together to say farewell to Chris Head after 37 years teaching at Lady Lumley's School. Mr Head joined the school in September 1977 as an Assistant Master for Science and Rural Studies and leaves us as the longest serving member of staff at the school. Later in the evening, we held the Year 13 prizegiving evening. It was absolutely lovely to see the students again and the atmosphere in the common room was fantastic as old friends reunited and caught up with each others' news. This was a special evening for me as this was the year group that started at Lady Lumley's in September 2007, the same time as I became Headteacher of the school. Mr Ambrose invited me to present the students' certificates and prizes and to make the evening's closing remarks. I spoke to the students about the lasting impact they have had on the school and how they have left the school in a stronger position than when they started. In my speech I was able to congratulate the students for their excellent examination results, the best ever in the school's history. The results are the product of the hard work of the students, the teaching they received and the support from their families. The results also reflect on the way the school has developed during the students' time here and our determination to continue to improve. The world is constantly changing and at Lady Lumley's School we will keep abreast and even ahead of these changes and always do the best for our students.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Bramley



## Festive Cheer

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, it was the annual Christmas carol service at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Pickering. Students from Lady Lumley's, Pickering Community Junior's, Pickering Infant and Nursery's and St. Joseph's all attended the performance. The seats were full throughout, with proud parents gazing upon their offspring. There was a variety of performances, including three pieces from the junior and senior choirs, a variation on Christmas songs written by Lady Lumley's students themselves, and some more choral pieces from the primary schools. The evening also involved pieces spoken by members of the community. There was one, incredible young lady (from Pickering Junior's), with a spectacular voice. She sang 'Hallelujah' accompanied by Pickering Junior's Singing Squad, and I can assure you, God was humming along. Overall, the evening was a fabulous success and the audience and performers thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to the Lady Lumley's instrumental ensemble who accompanied the carols, Mr Wass and his crew.

A Christmas message - please remember: 'A goose never voted for an early Christmas'

Verity Hancock & Miranda Hartley

## Interhouse Swimming

Last Friday saw the annual interhouse swimming gala at Ryedale pool. The quality of the swimming was the highest it has been for a few years, resulting in three long standing school records being broken.

**Jacob Head** became the new junior boys freestyle record holder, achieving a time of 13.09 seconds, which was over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a second faster than the previous record set in 1986 by Alistair Gordon. Jacob's Acland teammates also set new records in both the medley (1.12.09) and freestyle relays (1.05.09).

Along with Jacob the other swimmers were **Joe Kelly**, **Jack Roberts** and **David Hayward**.

The girls' event was won easily by Highfield (60 points), with the other three houses only being separated by two points, resulting in Acland (42 points) placing in second. In the boys' event it was Highfield (61 points) yet again who were out in the lead with Feversham (55 points) finishing in second place. Ultimately this meant that the overall champions were Highfield for the fourth year running.

Well done to all swimmers who took part and house captains for organising their teams, enabling this event to be a huge success.

The combined overall results were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Highfield – 121 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Feversham – 96 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Acland – 85 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Hainsworth – 68 points

### North Yorkshire Cricket Club

**Adam Eustace** (Year 8), has been offered a place on the 2015 Pathways to Cricket Excellence Programme by the Yorkshire Cricket Board. Many congratulations to Adam on this achievement.

### Music Success

Congratulations to **Emma Hayward** (Year 10) who passed her Grade 2 Alto Saxophone examination with a distinction and **Niamh Rose** (Year 10) who passed her Grade 2 Alto Saxophone examination with a merit. Well done girls!

### Year 11 & 12 ICT trip to Teesside University



Year 11 and Year 12 students learned a lot about possible university life and ICT/computing courses on this recent

trip to Teesside. Here you see Dan Carter (LLS 2006-2013) explaining his experiences as a student at Teesside. Excerpts from post-trip reviews by students:  
"ICT is very useful to most careers now seeing as though almost every job uses computers now".  
"Yes I am considering an ICT degree and this visit has helped me learn more about this".  
"I am thinking of going to university, and I feel that the visit has helped me because it has allowed me to see what universities are like on the inside".  
"Having this in Year 11 is one of the best times to do this trip as it allows you to think about what A levels you may need for a course".

### Year 10 CoPE Group Christmas Quiz

A big thank you to everyone who bought one of our Christmas quizzes. We are pleased to say that we raised a grand total of £67 which will be sent to Ryedale Special Families, a locally based charity providing support and respite for children and young adults with disabilities, illness and special needs. We will now start to mark the returned quizzes and will be announcing the winner in the first week back after the Christmas holidays.

### Year 7 Learning Evening

Parents and carers of Year 7 students should have received an invitation this week to the Year 7 Learning Evening, taking place on **Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7pm** in the Hall. The purpose of the evening is give parents an insight into what happens in the classroom. Staff will also share some strategies for supporting your son/daughter with their learning. Further information will be provided in the New Year. If you have any questions about the evening, please contact Kathy Robson, Assistant Headteacher by phone on 01751 472846 or email [krobson@ladylumleys.net](mailto:krobson@ladylumleys.net).

### Word of the Week - 'Hypothesis'

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846  
Attendance Officer: 01751 470065  
Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043  
Specialist School Nurse: 01751 472652

### Adult Education Courses

#### January to April 2015

Please visit our website to view our courses available in the Ryedale area:  
[www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning).  
Ryedale Adult Education Area Office  
Tel: 01609 533918, Email:  
[ryedale.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:ryedale.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk)

### Cycling for Young People

#### Saturday 3rd January 2015

Burn off the Christmas pudding with our first race of 2015, for U8 to U16s.  
Scarborough College, Deepdale Avenue, Scarborough.  
Course: Grass and tracks.  
Bike: Most types OK. Riders must wear helmets and gloves advised. 2 races.  
Sign on from 12:30pm. First race 1:15pm.  
Entry fee £4.  
Organised by Richardson's Bike Club and registered with British Cycling.  
Bryden Simpson  
Email: [info@bshygiene.co.uk](mailto:info@bshygiene.co.uk)  
Tel: 01723 513773

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 5th January

Staff Training Day

#### Tuesday 6th January

Return to School  
Y12/13 Trial Exams (6th to 15th January)

#### Wednesday 7th January

Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting, 6pm

#### Thursday 8th January

Y7 Basketball Final, Malton

### Coming Up...

14th January - Y7 Learning Evening 7pm  
15th January - Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm  
15th January - Battlefield Trip Meeting 6:30pm  
21st January - Y8 Consultation Evening 4:30pm  
22nd January - Y6 Roadshow, Rosedale 7pm