



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Newsletter of 2015. Students in Years 12 and 13 returned to school to face their trial examinations and some students in Year 11 had external examinations as well. We entered a brave new world this week with totally electronic tests for students following the BTEC PE qualification. The students had to answer the examination 'paper' on-line and it was automatically submitted to the examination board. This could, one day, mean an end to the serried ranks of desks in the examination halls and the bundling together of huge packs of examination papers sent all over the country to anonymous markers. I think I can feel a bit of premature nostalgia creeping up on me, so I'll change the topic. Assemblies this week were taken by James Ambrose, who spoke about New Year resolutions from a personal perspective. Apparently, nearly half the people who make resolutions don't think they are going to carry them out even as they make their promises! And only 12% of resolutions are carried through to completion. Mr Ambrose spoke about his own resolution to compete in a triathlon, a promise he kept and now plans to exceed with two more events in the summer. He shared with students some of the keys to success; the SMART targets and making your resolution public so friends and family can help you meet your goals. Mr Ambrose challenged the audiences in his assemblies to set their own goals this year and to use the advice given to meet these. Mine is to get the Newsletter written on time and not to stress the excellent editorial and publication team. I wonder how long it will last!

Richard Bramley

Austrian Exchange

The week before the Christmas holidays Miss Mark and Miss Blume took 18 students from Years 10-13 to Weiz in Austria where our partner school is.

This was the third time this trip has taken place and for five of the students in the group it was their second trip as they enjoyed the first time so much! After a very long journey the students were met by their host families and were taken home to spend the weekend with them. Unfortunately, there was no snow this time so skiing was out of the question. Students still had fun, with some travelling as far as Salzburg in the north of Austria at the weekend.

Monday to Thursday the group went on a variety of trips which included a walking tour of Graz, an afternoon at a spa, a tour of a chocolate factory and a visit to the famous Lipizzaner horses. Of course we also spent some time in lessons with our exchange partners to experience school in a different country.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were made very welcome by their host families. The Austrian students will come back to England in the summer and we look forward to welcoming them in Yorkshire. The exchange will take place again next year and is open to all students in Years 10-13 who study German. For more information see Miss Mark in La2.



Year 9 Options

As part of the Year 9 options process, in the next few weeks students will be given information in lessons about the courses offered for Key Stage 4.

There will be special assemblies and lunchtime drop-in sessions offered to students to explain more about subjects which are new to them such as Business Studies and Health and Social Care. In addition, students will be given the Options Booklet which gives further details about each course offered.

The **Options Evening** for parents, carers and students is on **Wednesday 25th February at 6:30pm.**

If you have any questions at the moment, please contact Mrs Phippen at the school.

Lorraine Phippen

Year 7 Learning Evening - Wednesday 14th January at 7pm. All Year 7 parents/carers should have received a letter this week regarding the Learning Evening with a reply slip to return to school.

Any queries about the evening, please contact Kathy Robson at krobson@ladylumleys.net.

Sixth Form - Year 11 Interviews

Interviews will begin on Monday 12th January - for all Year 11 students - with senior members of staff here at school. Each student is given a fifteen minute appointment during which we aim to offer advice and guidance to help our students make the most informed decisions about what they would like to do following their GCSE examinations. This is a fantastic process that complements the work already done by tutors and all teaching and support staff. It is always an experience that the senior staff look forward to and allows us to support all our students who have given so much already to the school community. Each appointment will consider the skills and attributes of the student, their hobbies and interests and the potential career preferences of the student. We will look at the most recent progress report from school, historical information, as well as considering our careers package, apprenticeship information and even the UCAS website for some students. It will also be an opportunity for the student to ask any questions that they might have. James Ambrose, Head of Sixth Form

Alumni News

Former Lady Lumley's student **Tom Chamberlain** is now playing football for Pickering Town, both the First team and U19 team. Under 16s are admitted free to all League matches at Mill Lane.

Christmas quiz raises money for local charity

The Christmas quiz that was run by the Year 10 cope group raised a grand total of £66.40. The money raised will be going to Ryedale Special Families, a locally based charity which provides support and respite for lots of families in Ryedale. Thank you to everyone that took part and bought a quiz. It took a long time to mark them all and the standard was very high. The winner was Mr R.J. Palmer from Thornton Le Dale with close runners up being Erica and Ollie from Lady Lumley's sixth form.

Prizes to both the winner and runners up will be given out in the next week.

Bradley Guest-Hodgson and Oliver Hadley

Sixth Form - UCAS

Students who have applied through UCAS for 2015 entry are already receiving offers! A final reminder to any other Year 13 students - if you do wish to apply for university, the deadline for your UCAS application is 18:00 on Thursday 15th January. This is the non-negotiable UCAS deadline – miss it and miss out!
James Ambrose, Head of Sixth Form

Yorkshire County Cross Country Championships

Lady Lumley's students will be competing at the Yorkshire County Cross Country Championships at Lightwater Valley Park this weekend. Good luck to **Bronwen Owen** in the U20 division, **Emma Clapton** in the U17 race and **Sophie Boddy** who is debuting in the U13 race.

Word of the Week - Premeditate

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 12th January

Monday-Thursday Y12/13 Trial Exams
Y11 Interviews all week

Tuesday 13th January

Y8/9 Football, LLS
Y10 7-a-side Football, Malton
Y11 Partnership Hockey, LLS 1:30pm
Y7/8 Netball, LLS 4pm

Wednesday 14th January

Y9 Basketball, LLS
Y12/13 Netball, WCC 1:30pm
Y7 Learning Evening, 7pm Common Room

Thursday 15th January

Y8 Basketball, Malton
Y10 Partnership Netball, Ryedale 1:30pm
Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm
Battlefields Trip Meeting, 6:30pm Common Room

Coming Up...

21st January - Y8 Consultation Evening 4:30pm
22nd January - Y6 Roadshow Rosedale 7pm
28th January - Y13 Drama Exam Performance
29th January - Y6 Roadshow, St. Joseph's 7pm

YMCA Productions proudly presents



Fancy a Part in the show?

FREE WORKSHOP: Come along and find out more about the show and the different roles - **Sunday 11th January 2pm-4pm** in the Theatre.

AUDITIONS: Mon 12th January - Principal roles
Tues 13th January - Dancers/Ensemble roles
Weds 14th January - Call-backs
All 6pm-9:30pm. Age 12 upwards.

Download an Audition Form from our website:

www.scarborough.ymca.org.uk, or collect from YMCA Reception

Our House Performance Dates

April 2015: 9th-11th at 7:30pm, 12th at 2pm

TICKETS: On sale from 12th January

Box Office 01723 506750

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St Thomas Street
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