



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I have just returned from the penultimate Year 6 to 7 roadshow at Thornton Dale Primary School, only the out of area show on Thursday 30th April to go. We had four ex-Thornton Dale students, Lucy Howlett, Daisy Hawkins, Charles Harrison and Harry Lunn, speaking about life at Lady Lumley's. All spoke really well and the boys gave a vivid demonstration of the daily equipment check which has now become part of the routine of the school.

The Year 10 History Battlefields trip returned on Wednesday evening and, by all accounts, it was an extremely successful, worthwhile and moving experience for all involved. Staff have told me that the Year 10 students were a credit to their school and their country. The staff at Lady Lumley's give willingly of their time to allow students such experiences and I would like to express thanks to Mick Cutler, Karen Cornforth, Christine Farrell, Paul Holbrook, Terry Rutherford and the team leader Sarah Thompson.

In memory of Betsy Hill - a true and loyal friend of Lady Lumley's School.

Former School Governor, County Councillor and Member of North York Moors National Park Authority, Betsy, passed away on Sunday 8th February. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Betsy was a strong supporter of, and indeed the driving force behind, many projects and initiatives which have benefited the community and countless young people in Pickering and the Ryedale Area. These have included;

- At Lady Lumley's - The Northern Ryedale Leisure Centre, Astro turf Pitch, Modern Language Area, the Sixth form area and adult learning provision.
- In the wider community - the accommodation and training facility of the YMCA in Malton, The Ryedale Detached Youth Work Project and the transformation of Pickering Magistrates Court into a youth provision.

As a County Councillor Betsy led the Council, on Education matters. Working with the Director of Education, helping to guide schools through the minefield of government legislation, initiatives and funding.

Betsy was a staunch advocate for Lady Lumley's School and for the Youth of Ryedale both at a local and County Council level, sometimes in the background but always a formidable force. She had particular concern for disadvantaged, vulnerable and 'wayward' young people, recognising that they had endless potential if given the right opportunities, support and guidance.

I am sure you join me and the whole school in offering our sincere condolences to husband Bernard and family for their sad loss.

John Garbutt (Chair of Governors)

Today, at school, we held a celebration to say thank you and farewell to David Warin who has been an important part of Lady Lumley's School for so many years. David has supported staff and students in a wide variety of roles, from one-to-one mentoring through to the annual Drive Alive day for lower sixth students. David has worked with many students who have benefited from his individual care and attention and especially the guidance David has given regarding career pathways after school. Drive Alive, which promotes driver and passenger safety, has become an integral and important part of the sixth form experience at Lady Lumley's. It is farewell, rather than goodbye, as, although his commitments to the school will reduce, David will still be associated with the school as an invigilator and a scribe working with particular students. All of us at the school have benefited in some way from David's quiet and caring manner and we wish him all the very best for the future.



Governor News

The Government has published rules on how schools' governing bodies should be organised and all schools will have to reconstitute their governing bodies in the new academic year. The Lady Lumley's governors are ahead of the game on these changes. As part of the move to a new structure, we had a Full Governors meeting at the school on Tuesday night as opposed to a sub-committee meeting. Governors have decided to move away from the traditional full governor and sub-committee meetings structure and instead have more full governing body meetings. Whilst this involves individual governors in more meetings, it is hoped that there would be an even better flow of information and less need to repeat items already discussed. Each meeting will have an identified theme and on Tuesday this was student progress. Governors discussed particular groups of students involved in the Year 7 catch-up programme and those with special educational needs. Governors also heard back from colleagues who had attended the consultation meeting in Scarborough about the proposed University Technical College to be built in the town. The meeting concluded with a review of the school's most recent examination data as displayed in the RAISE online document. Stuart Cleary led governors through the complexities of this very detailed and comprehensive document. After 65 pages of tables and graphs, the statistics clearly paint a very positive picture of the school's performance.

Leeds Theatre Trip

On Thursday 5th February a group of year 11 drama students and sixth formers saw 'Broke' at Leeds West Yorkshire Playhouse. Devised by Paper Birds, the play explored the topic of poverty using the words of real people from throughout the UK.

It was an amazing experience which made us reflect upon how people on the front line of poverty and debt struggle through everyday situations. It was a thoroughly enjoyable yet touching piece of theatre. Thanks to the drama department for organising this lovely trip.

Written by **Rachael Eddon, Anna Parker, Victoria Woodhead** and **Nikita Whitehead**

British Athletics Cross Challenge at Milton Keynes

Two Lady Lumley's School students continued their most impressive run of results at championship races, when they competed in the third and penultimate race of the British Athletics Cross Challenge series at Milton Keynes. **Bronwen Owen** and **Emma Clapton** have achieved medal winning performances at all four of their cross country championship races this year, at county, area and national level.

The Thornton le Dale based duo, who are members of Scarborough Athletic Club, both improved their overall standing in the Cross Challenge series. Bronwen was the runner up in the Women's Under 20 and Emma was the third in the Women's Under 17 event. These splendid results auger well for the national championships in two weeks time. Bronwen will be competing in the Welsh Championships for the first time, after a previous win at the English National, and Emma will run in the English Championships at Hampstead Heath London.



Red Noses will be on sale from Monday 23 February price £1
Part of Comic Relief - Friday 13 March 2015
Event details to follow

Word of the Week - exasperating

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23rd February
Students return to School
Red Noses on sale from today

Tuesday 24th February
Yr 9 - 13 Apprenticeship/Vocational Event
Youth Speaks Out Event

Wednesday 25th February
Year 9 Options Evening

Coming Up...

W/c 9th March - Comic Relief Events
11th March - Yr10 Consultation Evening

See web site for full school and at a glance calendars