



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week we hosted Youth Speaks the Apprenticeship event and held our own Year 9 to 10 Options Evening. The Options Evening allowed parents, carers and students to consider what subjects the Year 9 students will be studying for the next two academic years. All subjects were represented so students were able to hear more about these subjects which are optional and those which all students will study. It was a very busy evening with a really convivial atmosphere. It was made extra special due to a number of current Year 10 and 11 students who volunteered to stay behind at school till 8.00 p.m. to help explain the subjects from a student's perspective. I would like to thank them and all the staff who made the evening so successful. Earlier in the week, we hosted the Pickering and District Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition. We entered a team in each of the three categories, and, whilst we didn't win in each group, the students performed really well and we all had an enjoyable evening. I would like to thank Mr O'Cleirigh and Mr Wilks for accompanying the teams and the students for taking apart and speaking so well: Juniors were **Sam Crabbe, Grace Clark** and **Curt Hoggarth**; intermediates were **James Howlett, Cara Blackburne-Brace** and **James McNally** and seniors were **Keir Barnet, Eddie Davey** and **Mert Evirgen**. Richard Bramley

Lady Lumley's School Ski Trip – Bormio 2015

At lunchtime on Friday 13th February, the ski coach rolled out of the school car park, departing on its 1000 mile road and sea conquering journey to Bormio in the Italian Alps. Despite the 30 hour journey, we were all excited and enjoyed the smooth ride to resort. Once the coach had arrived at the Hotel Nazionale in Bormio, we all got settled in for an early start in the morning.

The weeks skiing was amazing, all students received five hours' worth of lessons each day, from well experienced instructors. Alberto, Giuseppe and Vittoria provided us with a high level of knowledge and reasoning behind skiing technique.

Students were continually encouraged to analyse their own and their peers performance, which assisted us in making a vast amount of progress during the week. Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Walton and Mr. Wilson, who had unselfishly given up their half-term holiday to provide us with this fantastic opportunity, were helpful and kind throughout the week, making an already great trip even more enjoyable. The hotel provided spa facilities, a relaxing atmosphere and lovely food prior to our après ski activities. By the end of the week; nobody wanted to return home, we had all loved it so much. It was a brilliant educational trip and I would definitely recommend the Lady Lumley's School ski trip to anyone, whether you are an expert skier or a complete beginner. Report written by Ellie Pearce.



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT WEEK LADY LUMLEY SCHOOL
FROM CONTEA SKI SCHOOL

Staff received numerous comments from other schools, hotel staff and the public on how well behaved and well-mannered LLS students were. All students conducted themselves impeccably and were an absolute credit to Lady Lumley's School. Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Walton and Mr. Wilson would like to extend their thanks to all students for making the visit a fantastic and memorable experience. The 2016 ski trip is now under preparation, so be sure to keep an eye out for more details.

TV and Film Week thank you!

On behalf of the year 13 travel group, we would like to thank you for your participation in our TV and Film Week event before half-term. We raised £720.58 for both our charities, Water Aid and Cancer Research, which from your generosity has enabled them to help many people across the world. We would also like to thank the teachers for helping us throughout the week, with equipment and helping us set up the different events especially in the hall. We really hope you enjoyed the week, as much as we did planning and running it, and from this you've helped two great charities improve many lives.



The Lady Lumley's Pals Battlefields Experience 2015

Day One

On the first day of the battlefields experience we visited the Southern lip of the Ypres Salient. Margaret, our guide explained about the Messines mines – the effect of these 18 explosions was obvious in the surrounding countryside. Two of these craters have been preserved, yet are very different – The Pool of Peace is now a place of stillness and natural beauty, whilst Hill 60 is next to a German pill box and bunker. Three more mines were delayed one of which later blew up a single cow in a field!

The excursion to Messines Church was especially poignant and reinforced the message of the week which was to 'learn the lessons'. Monsieur Albert, who lived in the village of Messines and worked tirelessly for the church, wished for young people to understand the equality of all people, enemy or ally. He would be pleased to know that his words were heeded.

Another significant event of the day was the stop at the Christmas Truce memorial, where during Christmas 1914 British and German soldiers ceased fire before playing football and exchanging gifts. **Major Cutler** even left his beloved Bradford City scarf there as a special mark of remembrance.

At Sanctuary Wood trenches, we tried to emulate the experiences of the soldiers and reflect upon their thoughts and feelings. This was a very sobering experience; however our singing in the dark communication tunnel soon reinstated the earlier camaraderie.

All in all this day was an eye opening start to the trip – a day of mixed emotions.

Sixth Form team

Day Two

As were woken by the sound of a joyous song from the war, our second day of the Battlefields experience began. After a delicious, early-start breakfast we set off to see the historical monuments and graves of the Somme. On the journey we sang along to the famous war songs of the time as well as practicing for our future competition of 'Sister Suzie!'

Our first stop was Beaumont-Hamel, where we visited the German and Allied trenches, and were amazed by just how close they actually were to each other! During the visit we took the time to look at the Canadian graves reflecting on the amount of people that were killed there.

After this, Thiepval, a huge monument listing the names of all missing soldiers from the Somme. We were given the time to search for names close to our hearts or even just the chance to take in the huge amount of soldiers that had fallen but whose bodies were never found.

After a filling lunch and overwhelming visit before, we went to what was said to be the most emotional cemetery of the Western Front, Dartmoor Cemetery. It was filled with stories of individual soldiers, which showed us the pain that war can bring and just how destroying it must have been for their families to cope with their loss of their loved ones.

Next we visited Lochnagar Crater; this was the site of a mine that was blown up by the allies. This huge hole in the ground amazed us by how much it had changed the landscape, proving just how much damage and impact the explosion had created.



Our final visit of the day was to another monument created by the Canadians called Vimy Ridge. This was set up in memory of those who lost their lives taking Vimy Ridge from the Germans. There were a lot of reactions to this monument, some said that it was beautiful and it showed a lot of respect for the Canadians. Not only was there a historical reasoning to the building but also the impact of the structure made a deep impression. To some people they felt the monument was strong and bold, striking and impressive.

Overall, day two of the Battlefields experience and our visit to the Somme filled us with mixed emotions. As more of our jigsaw to the

Great War unfolded we encountered stories of many soldiers and took time to reflect on the important events of the Somme story.

The day was certainly engaging and inspirational with a moving touch to it.

Anna Wrench



Day Three

On our final day we went all around the northern lip of the Ypres salient. Firstly we visited Essex Farm Cemetery where we learned about John McCrae, and probably one of the most famous war poems ever, 'In Flanders Field'.

We then went on to Poelcapelle, where we were all asked to stand in front of an unknown soldier and come up with an appearance, and a personality and age for him. We then drove to the Saint Julien Memorial, before **Captain Cornforth** put us all in rank and file and we marched to Tyne Cot cemetery singing First World War songs as we went.

Once at Tyne Cot we picked out the name of a missing man and gave it to our unknown soldier. Most people were struck by the vast quantity of graves there were, as they seemed to stretch as far as the eye could see.



After lunch we went on to Langemark cemetery, one of only four German cemeteries in Belgium. For many it was one of the saddest places, as many of the graves held up to forty men most of them unknown. The atmosphere here was bleak and dark; there was no colour in the graveyard and it hadn't been taken care of to the same extent as the British ones we visited.

We then spent the afternoon walking around Ypres, going around and in many shops, and most of us buying souvenirs of chocolate to take home with us!

After dinner and we packed our bags for home and got ready to go to the Menin Gate, to attend the nightly memorial service and pay our respects to the missing. It was an emotional time and afterwards we returned to Essex Farm Cemetery to have our own private memorial by candlelight. Both of coach groups, Companies A and B, wrote a personal little message on a wreath;

From Company A,

'For these individuals who fought and fell for our future, we thank you. You showed overwhelming courage when you entered the unknown and so will be forever in our hearts.'

And from Company B,

'In remembrance of the fallen who are gone but not forgotten, even as the days roll on, not on the moors, nor the dales, and not in our hearts.'

Most people felt emotional during the memorial, and many cried, but we were all reminded that these soldiers fought and died for our futures to be better places, and for that, we will remember them always.

A huge thank you to **Colonel Thompson, Colonel Holbrook, Major Farrell, Major Cutler, Captain Cornforth** and **Captain Rutherford** for taking us and giving up their time to organise this amazing opportunity and experience.

Ines Jeffreys

Student Voice

Four Lady Lumley's School students recently attended a student leadership event in Northallerton. After meeting in the foyer of the County Council halls, the students were led into the magnificent chambers, very similar to those in Parliament. There, the students were asked to introduce themselves and which school they were representing. In total, there was a good turnout, with fifteen schools from across North Yorkshire being present.

Speeches were given by Tony Hall, Pete Dwyer and Janet Shepherdson, three important figures in North Yorkshires' education system. Students were then led into the grand meeting room, where each school evaluated their student council and student voices. The youngest female mayor in the UK (21), Rosie Corrigan, mayor of Selby, delivered an inspirational speech, prior to lunch. During the afternoon, students had a choice of two workshops and Miss. Turner was invited to a workshop specifically for teachers. The workshops were designed to assist in the creation and delivery of successful student voices.

The event closed in the grand meeting room with a final evaluation of the day. Overall, the event was extremely useful and informative; many thanks to Miss. Turner for taking the students to the event.

Rosie Corrigan finished her brilliant speech with a great quote by Abraham Lincoln, 'It isn't the years in your life that are important, but the life in our years', a perfectly appropriate sentence which provided encouragement and belief when endeavouring to achieve your dreams.

Reported by Ellen Jeffreys and Samuel Crabbe.

Athletics Success

Bronwen Owen and **Emma Clapton** both achieved excellent results at National cross country championships. Bronwen won the Wales Under-20 Championship and Emma was 14th overall of 235 and the third North of England finisher at the English Championships.

At the Yorkshire Combined Regional Finals of Sportshall Athletics, held in Hull, **Jacob Head, Sophie Boddy, Katie Tomlinson and Hannah Ellam** represented North Yorkshire. Jacob was successful in winning the Under 13 Boys 6 Lap race and Vertical Jump and was also a member of the winning team in the 8 Lap Parlauf race. Sophie was a member of the winning Under 13 Girls, 4 x 2 lap relay race (including Katie and Hannah), and was 5th in the Standing Long Jump. Her team won the event, finishing ahead of a strong team from West Yorkshire, and she will now compete in the National Finals at Sportcity Manchester in April. Congratulations to all involved.



@LadyLumleysDLs present to full PCJS Governors

Well done to Curt and Sam for presenting to the full PCJS Governors last night. Few schools in the country have a Digital Leader's programme at both primary and secondary level. Curt and Sam did a great job explaining our joined up thinking with the new computing curriculum including using Raspberry Pi computers; using the Makewaves Social Media Platform; and of course Digital Leaders. A credit to the work that Mrs Gow and PCJS DLs do as well as @LadyLumleysDLs. click on Students > Digital Leaders to see the latest on Makewaves from the Digital Leaders including full slides and speaker notes.

Next week, news about an exciting international trip for @LadyLumleysDLs. Mr Sharples



Careers Event

On Tuesday, we had 24 local employers and training providers in school. This was a fantastic opportunity for students from Year 9 upwards to hear about



what is on offer in the local area, from apprenticeships to graduate opportunities. We are very thankful to NYBEP and Ryedale District Council for making this event possible. They have also sponsored an event for Year 7 students, taking place in July.

Host Families plea

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have a group visiting from our partner school near Bordeaux from 10th - 17th April. We still need to find host families for 7 boys. Please contact Kathy Robson or Rachel Wilson for further details asap if you could help.

Wanted: an unwanted wardrobe for an art project

Is anyone able to help an A level art student who needs a wardrobe to transform for an art installation?

If you have one, please contact Mr McGrath at school. Ideally, this is needed asap. Many thanks.

Word of the Week - Ambidextrous

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2nd March

Y8 County Basketball Final, York College
U14 District Hockey Training, Scarborough College
U16 District Hockey Training, LLS
Y10 Maths, Bootham School 1-4pm
GCSE Art Exam (PMC)

Tuesday 3rd March

GCSE Art Exam (ACH)
Y7/8/9 Football, Eskdale
Y10 7-a-side Football, Ryedale

Wednesday 4th March

U19 'B' Football, LLS 2pm
U13/15 East Yorkshire Girls Rugby Finals
Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation Meeting

Thursday 5th March

Y12 County Basketball Final, York College
Y8 Partnership Netball, Malton 1:30pm

Coming Up...

11th March - Y10 Consultation Evening
13th March - Comic Relief Day
17th March - Parent Forum 6:30pm