



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I hope everyone has a happy and well earned Easter break. For Years 11, 12 and 13, please make the very best use of the fortnight ahead to revise for the forthcoming exams. School re-opens for students on Tuesday 14th April. Richard Bramley

Musical Success

National Festival of Music for Youth - The school choir and Jazz group recently performed in the first round of the National Festival of Music for Youth. This took place in Hull at the Albermarle Centre.

There were many schools from our region there. Some impressive and large choirs from various private schools in the Hull area made us apprehensive about performing in such a prestigious event. The choir should not have worried though as the adjudicators were very positive about our performance commenting on the success of our boys who impressed them with their singing. The choir sang well with some impressive 'close harmony singing' which the judges commented on.

Then the sixth form A level musicians along with some of the GCSE music students performed two original compositions in the 'Urban category'. The judges raved about this group commenting on the quality of vocals in the opening of the first song. The group had some amazing improvisation solos from **Sam Wilbor** and **Rory Hobkinson** in particular. We look forward to an invitation to the next stage of the festival which will take place in Birmingham. Verity Hancock & Miranda Hartley.

The Jazz group which won awards at the National Festival of Youth for Music have been asked by the organisers if they would like to play for the NUT Conference in Harrogate at the Conference Centre on Tuesday 4th July. The group are performing 2 slots, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The NUT is one of the biggest sponsors of the festival. It is a great honour to be asked and even though the group have left and gone on to higher education they are representing Lady Lumley's at this event. The group includes **Ethan Sherwin**, **Bron Bury**, **Sam Marks**, **Tom Wrench**, **Mark Fortnum**, and **Jack Hodgson**.

Congratulations to Rory Hobkinson who passed his Grade 5 Alto Sax Jazz exam with a Merit.

Year 7 boys football team are district champions

Playing on away soil at Caedmon school, **Max Harland** smashed a thirty yard free kick high into the corner of the goal, deep into extra time, to secure a well earned victory. This was a superb all round team effort that was well appreciated by the number of parents that made the trip to support the team. Man of the match **Harry Edwards** made a string of remarkable saves to keep Lumley's in contention until the very end. The year seven boys are now rugby and football district champions. Bring on the cricket season!

Max Harland, Jamie Atkinson, Tommy Stockdale, Dalton Downie, Owen Ellis, Toby Dale, Morgan Kendrew, Isaac Finch, Sam Booth, David Hayward (c), Ben Cameron and Harry Edwards.



New Head Boy Dan Peace and Head Girl Beth Rose give their thoughts on their new roles: "It is a



real honour to be appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl at Lady Lumley's School. As our school ethos states 'Lady Lumley's has the capability and desire to be even better'. Our senior student positions give us the opportunity to become an active part of this process. It also gives us the chance to participate in decisions and discussions which affect us and our fellow students. We are looking forward to working with both the school and the local community to represent Lady Lumley's School."

Dreaming of the Spires of Oxbridge – by Rosie Cousins

On Tuesday a group of Year 12s from Lady Lumley's Sixth Form had the opportunity to attend an Oxbridge workshop at Malton School. Led by Professor Joe Organ and two current students from Brasenose College at Oxford, we were given their top tips on Oxbridge personal statements and how to be successful in the application process to these highly competitive universities. Professor Organ was very knowledgeable about the UCAS process, and by reading through a past personal statement of an Oxbridge applicant with us, we learned exactly what these universities are looking for. The anecdotes of the Brasenose students made the experience much more personal, and by sharing their experiences with us we were able to understand more about Oxbridge, from both the academic and social points of view. It was also very reassuring to know that it's not all work and no play: apparently their freshers' week is notorious! On the whole, it was a very informative and helpful morning. There was great feedback from our students and it definitely put our minds at ease. Let's hope that Lady Lumley's students can continue to be represented at these prestigious universities!

World Cross Country hopeful

As a result of **Bronwen Owen's** continued success and outstanding results this season, when she was placed second in the selection race for the World Championships, Bronwen gained immediate selection for the Great Britain Junior Team at the World Championships, which will be held in China on Saturday 28th March. Steve Cram will be commentating on the event which will be broadcast on BBC 2 (via the red button) later on the day. Bronwen met Steve recently when she was at a track training session, and he wished her well for her World Championship debut. This will be the second time that Bronwen has represented Great Britain at cross country, and she has also represented Great Britain last year at international Triathlon and Track events.



Bronwen with Steve Cram in 2010

Duke of Edinburgh's Success

We are absolutely delighted with the hard work and effort put in by our Duke of Edinburgh's Award students over the past few months. We have a huge cohort of students involved in Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE at the school and I am pleased to give further details of their success.

Well done to the following students for completing Bronze:

Helen Barr, Matthew Barwick, Jonathan Boyd, James Howlett, Ellie Pearce, Becky Alvey, Tally Costello, Nathan Bates, Joe Dunnett, Cara Blackburne-Brace, Mary Hebron, Tyler Gaines, Thomas Snowden, Oliver Hammond, Rachael Eddon, Ellie Lealman, Georgia Jennings, Sam Cooper, Alex Bostock, Joshua Greaves, Ethan Lowe, Jo Thompson. Congratulations to the following students who completed Silver:

Damien Swithenbank, Estella Harrowing Jacob Pepper, Beth Rose, Charlotte Tarry, Evie Sellars, Lauren Boak, Lucy Rose, Ted Moloney, Luke Dixon.

We had an impressive array of activities completed including: Youth leadership, Roller blading, animal management, climbing, English tutoring and much more. The Year 11 students are now looking forwards to their Easter canoe training expedition next week. Dave Mann

Technology Success

Congratulations to Year 11 students **Callum Thorsby, Tyler Gaines, Chris Cook and Dan Calvert** who took part in the tenth York Rotary Club National Technology Tournament at the Railway Museum last week. The team came third in the intermediate section.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Friday 20th March, the Year 7 and 8s were treated to a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' put on by some students from York College. With a warm welcome and lots of laughter, the show went down a treat, then Mr O'Cleirigh asked some very insightful questions about Shakespeare and life at college and what courses are available. It was a really good experience that was enjoyed by all there. A big thank you to Mr O'Cleirigh and Mrs Harvey for organising the event. Grace Clark

North Riding Eagles Volleyball

North Riding Eagles are planning to develop their club by offering three volleyball sessions, on a Thursday during term time, after Easter.

They plan to run three sessions:

Transition Club (Years 5-8) - 4pm-4.50pm

Secondary School Club (Years 9-10) - 4.50pm-5.50pm

Open Age Club (Year 11 onwards/members of local community) - 5.50pm-6.50pm

There will be no initial cost for these clubs. If you are interested then please email aparkssco@gmail.com with your details, or just turn up for the appropriate club.

Andy Park, Director of Community Sport, Lady Lumley's School

The Judith Prickett Memorial Fund

On behalf of students past and present, we are hoping to raise some money to buy a bench and, if funds allow, a tree, in memory of Miss Prickett, who sadly passed away at the beginning of this month.

You can donate via our 'Go Get Funding' page which we have set up for this. Fundraising will end on 17th April.

Link for donating online: gogetfunding.com/project/judith-prickett-memorial-fund

We hope that you will be able to help us create a fitting memorial to an outstanding teacher. Thank you in anticipation for your support. Ollie Burton and Tom Wrench.

Young Footballers - Pickering Town Junior Football Club are looking for current Year 7 boys to join their squad for next season. If you are interested please contact Keith Johnson on 07960 372101.

Word of the Week - Tangential

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th April

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 14th April

Students return to school

French exchange students in school

Spanish exchange students arrive

Wednesday 15th April

Y11 science trial exam, 1:15pm

Thursday 16th April

Y11 Partnership Rounders

Coming Up...

20th April - Y9 trial exams start

30th April - Out of Area Roadshow, LLS 7pm

4th May - Bank Holiday

12th May - Parent Forum 6:30pm

22nd May - School Closes for Half Term