



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The week started with **Ed Davey** (our very own David Dimbleby) chairing a question time session with the 8 candidates for local and national political office in front of the entire sixth form student body. The students were in no way over-awed by the occasion and asked probing and intelligent questions of the candidates, demonstrating a good knowledge of current affairs and a deep commitment to the welfare of others. The young people at Lady Lumley's really are remarkable, and, reinforcing this I received a lovely e-mail on Tuesday from a member of the public who wanted to say how impressed he was with our students. He was waiting with other 'oldies' (his words!) at the Ropery for the 128 Eastbound bus and the Lady Lumley's students there acted in a "thoroughly pleasant manner", were extremely polite and held back until all the older people had climbed aboard. I thought it was nice of the gentleman to contact us and tell us about the exemplary behaviour of our students. On Tuesday and Wednesday night the Year 11 drama students performed their assessed examination pieces to parents and friends. I was only able to see the Wednesday night shows (which were magnificent) but I also heard really good things about the earlier performances. The external examiner was in school on Thursday and I believe all went well; the students have worked really hard and deserve every success. It was the last Year 6 to 7 roadshow on Thursday night. We had to change venue to the larger common room as we had so many parents and pupils from out of area. Carolyn Willet gave the Year 6 pupils her reassuring and informative talk on the transition process and showed a short presentation on a day in the life of a Year 7 student. We also heard from five current Year 7 students: **Jack Cleary, Max Fowler, Emily Holbrook, Michael Humphriss and Daniel Metcalfe** who gave an entertaining students'-eye perspective on the school. Richard Bramley

UKMT Maths Challenge

On Tuesday this week, **Catherine Bryant, Harriet Evans, Arthur Patch and Jacob Head** attended the regional final of the UKMT maths team challenge at The Mount School in York. The students competed against 27 other teams from a range of schools in the area on a collection of tricky problem solving maths questions. This event was a real success that was enjoyed by all the students. Although we did not win the event, the students performed very well and did a brilliant job representing the school, the 'cross number' round being a particular success. This is the last of these events for this school year but speak to your maths teacher if you want to be involved in the future. Dr Jones

General Election Question Time in the Sixth Form

All the candidates for the Thirsk & Malton Constituency were our guests on Monday 27th April for a General Election Hustings in the main School Hall. Year 12 and Year 13 students had a fantastic opportunity to pose questions directly to our prospective MPs. The debate was lively; with a wide range of questions including Tuition Fees, Housing, the NHS and Human Rights. **Ed Davey**, a Year 13 Government & Politics student, was highly professional in ensuring



Steve Varey (Asst. Head of Sixth Form) introduces the candidates (Ed Davey 4th from RHS).

that the event ran smoothly: keeping time-checks on the candidates and ringing a small bell when their time was up!

The feedback from students afterwards was very positive, with one Year 12 student saying: 'it was really interesting to hear what they all had to say: it explained many issues to me that I did not know much about before and has engaged me in politics'. We now await the outcome of the General Election itself, to find out which one of the candidates has been successful and will sit as our MP in the House of Commons.



L to R: Dinah Keal (Lib Dem), Kevin Hollinrake (Con), Ed Davey, Chris Newsam (Green), Alan Avery (Lab), Toby Horton (UKIP), Philip Tait (Ind)

A Level Music Recital

On Thursday 30th April, Year 11 (**Miranda Hartley, Verity Hancock, Jonnie Bayes, and Tyler Gaines**) and Year 12 musicians of Lady Lumley's School and Ryedale School



came together to showcase their talents in a recital evening. The concert was to give A Level musicians; **Rhona Hunter, Sam Wilbor, Tom Middleton, Ollie Fearn, Hannah Richardson and Elise Symes-Turnbull**, an opportunity to record their pieces in front of a live audience as part of the performance area of the AS music course. Both Mr Moxon of Ryedale School, and Mr Wass of Lady Lumley's School, accompanied some of the musicians during their performances, and both graded the performances on the night. It was nice that both schools could join together for the evening to provide a large range of pieces of music from different genres and styles. Overall I found the evening enjoyable because we could listen to the other musicians performing; as well as performing our own pieces to a live audience.

Elise Symes-Turnbull

"There were some outstanding performances from all students on the night. They were a credit to both schools as well as themselves to prepare work to such a high standard." Clive Wass

Marie Curie Cancer Care - The £610 raised from our recent non uniform day in memory of Miss Prickett, went to the local Marie Cure Cancer Care Group. They have asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who contributed. The money will be used in our local area to provide free home nursing for people with cancer and other terminal illnesses.

Year 9 County Cup - Lady Lumley's School v High Tunstell
High Tunstell scored 86 runs from 20 overs, **Harrison Wood** bowled excellently. **Will Hutchinson** and **Joe Harland** batted really well and Lady Lumley's School managed to reach the target after just 14 overs. The Year 10 team were narrowly beaten by David Byas' (Ex Yorkshire Opening Batsman) Pocklington School team in the County Cup. **Will Hutchinson** (playing up a year) and **Tom Poor** put on a late charge, but could not quite reach the target. The lads were chasing 82, but Lady Lumley's School only managed to reach 81 after all the overs had elapsed.

Parents' Forum - Tuesday 12th May, 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the next meeting of the Parents' Forum will focus on Sixth Form education and is scheduled for 12th May at 6:30 p.m. in the Sixth Form café area above reception. We have found the discussion with parents and carers really valuable and it would be wonderful if more parents and carers were able to attend this event.

The meetings are informal and friendly and I can promise you an opportunity to air your views, ask questions and have direct feedback from senior staff. I can also promise you coffee or tea and a reasonable selection of biscuits! Mr Ambrose

Word of the Week - Fortification

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5th May

GCSE English Exam - pm

AS Art Exam - all day

Y8 History Trip, Pickering NYM Railway Station

Wednesday 6th May

A2 Art Exam - am

AS Art Exam - pm

District Athletics Trials, Ryedale

Thursday 7th May

AS Photography Exam - am

AS Art Exam - pm

District High Jump Trials, LLS

Friday 8th May

AS Photography Exam - all day

Coming Up...

12th May - Parent Forum - 6:30pm

22nd May - School closes for Half Term

3rd June - Austria Information Evening

10th June - Y6 Induction Day

11th June - Y6 Induction Day



24 April 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT: RENEWAL OF RYEDALE AND CRAVEN AREA SERVICES

The Council's Integrated Passenger Transport Team is responsible for arranging home to school and public transport services throughout the county.

We have an established programme to review contracts for transport services and they are renewed by tender through a four year rolling programme. I am writing to let you know that a contract renewal programme is being undertaken in your area during 2015 for implementation in April 2016. All taxi and bus routes will be renewed and new contracts implemented as necessary.

Route scheduling is now underway and I am writing to advise that this may mean a change to operator, route and timings of your transport from April 2016. We are hoping to minimise change as much as possible but where we propose a significant change to a service we will notify you separately.

Should you wish to make any comments concerning the renewal of contracts please go to www.nyschoolbus.info and complete the School Transport Feedback form.

Yours Sincerely

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