



Lady Lumley's School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Lady Lumley's is among an increasing number of schools who are embracing something called the "growth mindset". This is a phrase based on the work of an American psychologist, Carol Dweck who has researched the way people learn for many years. Simply, Doctor Dweck divides the world into those people who believe that human qualities are carved in stone and cannot be changed and those who believe human qualities can be developed. Those people who believe human qualities can be developed are said to have a "growth mindset". Those who believe you are born with innate qualities that you can never change have a "fixed mindset". The growth mindset idea is not a new one. Alfred Binet, the inventor of the IQ test, wrote in 1911 that people's intelligence was not a fixed quantity, but with practice and training we can "become more intelligent than we were before". The comprehensive system is based on the fact that all young people deserve high quality education because all children can succeed.

In her book "Mindset – how you can fulfil your potential" Doctor Dweck poses a set of questions to help you decide if you have a fixed or growth mindset. Read each statement and decide if you mostly agree or mostly disagree with it.

1. Your intelligence is something very basic about you that you can't change very much.
2. You can learn new things, but you can't really change how intelligent you are.
3. No matter how much intelligence you have, you can always change it quite a bit.
4. You can always substantially change how intelligent you are.

If you mainly agree with statements 1 and 2, you have a fixed mindset. If you agreed more with statements 3 and 4, you have a growth mindset. The really cool thing is, even if you currently have a fixed mindset, it can be changed and you can develop a growth mindset instead.

If intelligence was fixed, and people could not change, there would be no point in having schools. At Lady Lumley's we believe that "cleverness" is something that is learnt, not something that you are born with. Everybody can learn and great teaching and the right attitude can make everybody more intelligent than they are now - that's why we are here.

Richard Bramley

Picasso and 20th Century Spain

On Wednesday 22nd April, we attended a talk in Spanish about the artist Pablo Ruiz Picasso, which was put on by York St. John University. Two native speakers spoke about Picasso's life and work, mainly showing how his landscape paintings were different depending on where he was living at the time, as the colours reflect the architecture of the cities he found himself in (including Málaga, Coruña, Barcelona and Madrid).

Our speakers also spoke a lot about 'Guernica', perhaps Picasso's most famous work, which is his interpretation of the horrific bombing of the civilian population of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. This was particularly useful, as we study the Civil War as part of our A2 Spanish course here at Lady Lumley's.

Overall, the talk was very informative and helped to improve my Spanish skills, though it was very difficult to listen, as our speakers were talking very fast!

Thanks to Miss Mark and Miss Wilson for organising the trip.

Chloe Scaling



Tour de Yorkshire

Students were able to watch the cyclists during the first stage of the Tour de Yorkshire, last Friday. Please see link on the Student Entrance Hall on Fronter for further photos.



Gymnastics Success

After attending a British Gymnastics training camp in Edinburgh in April, **Abbie Avison** (Y9) has been selected for phase 1 training with the Northern TeamGym Zonal Squad. This will take place in Scarborough and Crewe, and involves disciplines including tumble, trampette, floor and trampette-vault. If selected, Abbie will then complete further training throughout the year, with the end goal being selected to represent team GB at the 2016 European Championships! Abbie is a dedicated gymnast who is a member of Scarborough Gymnastics Academy. Good luck Abbie!

Irish Dancing Success

Alice Rose (Y7) will be dancing as part of an Irish duet in the British Arts Finals in Hammersmith, London on Sunday 9th May. The British Arts Awards is an annual International Dance, Singing and Drama Competition with the Finals being held over two weekends. On Saturday 23rd May, sisters **Beth Rose** (Y12), **Imogen Rose** (Y10) and Alice will be dancing as part of a large Irish dancing group. Good luck girls.

North York Moors Railway Visit

On Tuesday a Year 8 class went down to Pickering station to learn about the restoration of an original Victorian dining carriage. The carriage, which currently is a shell, had been in service from the 1890s to the 1920s, serving customers on the East coast line. Following decommission it was bought by a pig farmer and suffered as a consequence. A group of enthusiastic volunteers are now lovingly restoring the carriage to its former glory, using the evidence available to find out what it used to be like. Lady Lumley's students are going to work with the Railway to create stories and educational resources which can be used for other students to learn about life on the Victorian Railway. The educational team will be coming into school to work with students in their lessons. We will look at newspapers from the archives which document court cases, significant events and the scandals surrounding the railway. We hope to take other classes and have more students involved as the project evolves. Sarah Thompson, Head of History

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

Please note that next week's 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 - Proportional

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th May

GCSE Exams all week
AS Exams all week

Tuesday 12th May

District Athletics Trials, Ryedale
Parents' Forum - 6:30pm

Tuesday 13th May

Y8 Partnership Rounders, Eskdale

Wednesday 14th May

A2 Photography Exam - am

Coming Up...

22nd May - School closes for Half Term
1st June - Students return to school
3rd June - Austria Information Evening 6:30pm
10th June - Y6 Induction Day
11th June - Y6 Induction Day
22nd June - Sports Day
29th June - Y10 Work Experience Prep Day
29th June - Y10 Prizegiving - L3