



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are already deep into the examination season and still a week to go until May half-term. Year 11 have had examinations in biology, chemistry, English, French, ICT, RE, PE, science, and Spanish this week and are spending the rest of time in school preparing for the other examinations to come. AS examinations have begun as well and then A2s start after half-term. These are important examinations for everybody and I know parents and carers will be supporting their children as they put the finishing touches to their thorough revision programmes. Having visited Snainton primary school this week to see the Year 6 SATS take place, I am reminded that written examinations (rightly or wrongly) are a fact of life. This year we are re-introducing end of year examinations to Years 7, 8 and 9, allowing students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have learnt over the course of the year (or years). Richard Bramley

Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum met on Tuesday this week with a sixth form focus. James Ambrose, our head of sixth form, and I met with parents, most of whom had sons or daughters who are intending to study for their A levels at Lady Lumley's next year. Mr Ambrose started the evening off with a presentation about the sixth form in general, giving parents an insight into what we offer the students and what we, in turn, expect from them. Years 12 and 13 are different from earlier years as you would expect as we prepare the students for life beyond school, whether in employment or further education. Most students will study four subjects at AS level, giving them 20 taught periods out of 30 each fortnight. There are two further periods where students are with their tutors, following a taught programme leading to a qualification in general studies, and a further two periods of enrichment activities on each Wednesday afternoon. This leaves three periods each week where students are expected to study and also take part in "service periods" where they, for instance, are able to help other students in their lessons. Tuesday evening gave us the opportunity to show parents the facilities we have for the sixth form, including study spaces, the café area, the 30 plus computers dedicated to sixth form students in the new IT suite, the sixth form area in the library and the common room. As it was an evening session, we were able to spend over two hours with the parents, many of whom were new to Lady Lumley's. Insightful questions were asked (and answered!) and the feedback from parents about the evening was very positive. We are looking forward to getting to know some new families over the next two years (and continuing contact with familiar faces) and will definitely run similar events in the future. Richard Bramley

Year 10 Food Technology Project

In order to coincide with National Vegetarian Week, the Year 10 GCSE food students have been designing suitable menus to be served in the school canteen, which will comply with both cost and Nutritional Standards. The students have been working in collaboration with the Catering Manager in order to reach all standards required. On **Friday 22nd May** a group of the students will work alongside the catering staff in order to produce a meal option for sale in the school canteen. A limited number of portions will be available, please let the students have your feedback. This will form part of their GCSE coursework.

On **5th June** another group will help to present their 'Healthy Eating' menu, which will be available during National Healthy Eating week. The following week, in contrast, a third group of students will help to produce a selection of desserts. Some of the menus may become a regular option on the school menu depending upon their popularity. We hope you enjoy the new options. Diana Hammond and the Year 10 Food Technology team

Lady Lumley's Digital Leaders present at International Education Conference in Warsaw

Tomorrow morning we leave for Warsaw with Mr Sharples and Mrs Lafont. LLS DLs have been working with a Polish school, SSP nr 6 im. Jana Pawła II, during the last month. We will be presenting at the conference with dual translation (like the United Nations) on Monday afternoon. We will show a joint google slides presentation about technology and how students are using it in schools in both countries. This follows regular skypeing and collaboration with the schools and support from Digital Leaders at Pickering Community Junior School too. Our video includes using iPads in PE; the 3D printer in D&T; and the new Raspberry Pi classroom for Computer Science and Computing Club next year. We think students should be able to work digitally as we have to in our jobs in the future.

Our DLs are envious of both PCJS and SSP nr 6 im. Jana Pawła II as they both have wireless networking and connected iPads. We will report back next newsletter, but you can follow

@LadyLumleysDLs in the meantime. Sam Crabbe Y9, Curt Hoggarth Y8, Ines Jeffreys Y10 and James Norman Y8



Year 7 Examinations

Year 7 examinations will take place during the first week after the Half Term holiday. The students had an assembly about this on Monday 11th May when they were given an information booklet and revision guide which explains everything in detail. I also stressed to them that, although the examinations are important and they should prepare for them, there is no need to become worried about them. They are simply another piece of information to build up a picture of progress made throughout the year. Please have a look through the guide with your son/daughter.

Kathy Robson

Host families for Spanish students

I have had a request from a local Spanish speaker in our community, Ana Calvete, who would like to know if anyone in the area would be interested in hosting a Spanish student. The period of time could be anything from a week or two to a month. The Spanish family would be willing to pay up to £500 a month for living costs for their child to stay in a host family. If anyone is interested, please contact Ana directly. Rachel Wilson

Ana Calvete ana.calvete@gmail.com

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The food technology department is delighted to announce that due to everyone's help we are able to exchange our Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for 4 woks! This is great news as it will enable more students to complete practical work at the same time. Sainsbury's have now stopped issuing the vouchers, but we were hoping to exchange our remaining vouchers for some lemon squeezers and garlic crushers. Could we please ask everyone to check at home to see if we can gather any more vouchers, as it really will have a big impact upon our work. Many thanks.

Diana Hammond

Sponsored Cycle

Chloe Cash-Archer (Year 8) will be cycling 146 miles over two days with her parents and friends from 11th to 12th July 2015 to raise money for Ryedale Special Families. Please do support Chloe if you can by visiting www.justgiving.com/teamslowyorkshire <https://images.justgiving.com/> and making a donation. Good luck Chloe!



Unwanted residents!

We would be grateful if parents and carers could be vigilant about checking and treating the children for head lice.



History Railway Project

On Thursday morning the North Yorkshire Moors Railway came into school to work with some of the Year 8 students on the Victorian Dining Coach Restoration Project. The educational team shared newspaper articles and stories from the archives that centred around Pickering Railway in the Victorian era. Students learnt of the scandal that surrounded the railway with farmers trespassing, workers travelling without a ticket and the nine day strike after the First World War. Students have been set the challenge to create a learning resource that can be used to teach younger children about life on the railway and in particular the dining coach. Next year we look forward to more classes getting involved in the project.

All Year 8 students are starting to investigate what made Britain "great" in the Victorian era in preparation for the Great Exhibitions that will be running in history lessons in June.

Sarah Thompson

Open Auditions for YMCA Productions: Singers, Dancers & Ensemble - Monday 18th May 6pm

We are looking for singers, dancers, speciality acts and members of the ensemble. The auditions will on Monday 18th May, at the Scarborough YMCA. All audition candidates must sing a song from the 80s and will take part in a short, fun dance workshop. The rehearsals will commence on Monday 1st June. Show Dates: 4th and 5th September 2015 at 7:30pm, 6th September 2015 at 2pm.

To download an information and audition pack, visit www.scarborough.ymca.org.uk, or contact James Aconley, YMCA Productions Director, Activities and General Enquiries - 01723 374227 Theatre Box Office - 01723 506750.



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Non Uniform Day - Monday 18th May

We are supporting the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Please donate a £1 if you are able. Many thanks for your support.

Word of the Week - tedious

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 18th May NON UNIFORM DAY

GCSE and AS Level Exams all week

Tuesday 19th May Field Athletics, Eskdale

Wednesday 20th May
Student Voice Meeting, LS3 1:35pm

Thursday 21st May Track Athletics, Malton

Friday 22nd May
School closes for Half Term

Coming Up...

1st June - Students return to school
3rd June - Austria Information Evening 6:30pm
10th June - Y6 Induction Day
11th June - Y6 Induction Day
16th June - Art Exhibition 5-7pm
25th June - Sports Day
29th June - Y10 Work Experience Prep Day
29th June - Y10 Prizegiving - L3
30th June - Parents' Forum 6:30pm