



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Well done to **Marcus Allen** and **Sam Crabbe** who gave an excellent presentation to staff this morning on the work of the Student Voice team during this year. Well done to everybody who has been involved in the huge range of activities over the past few weeks. Also well done to Janet Walton and Valerie Todd who have nearly completed checking the book stock in the school library. Unusually, we are 114 books missing, so can you please check in your child's room, bags etc. and if you find a school library book, send it back next week. Thank you.

Richard Bramley

**Year 11 Prom Photos** - available to view and purchase from <http://studio8photo.strikingly.com/>

**"... there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."**

Last week our Year 11 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver assessment expedition by canoe. The expedition took place on the River Derwent and involved 3 days canoeing with all equipment. The students got their first experience of wild camping and stayed at some beautiful riverside locations including Howsham Mill. Well done to all involved!



### Year 10 DofE week

Well done to a fantastic group of students for completing our annual four day DofE expedition week. Despite extremely hot temperatures and torrential rain, 48 of our students passed their Bronze DofE expedition section. The week involved training in map reading, navigation, campcraft, emergency procedures and first aid. The week is a challenging week, but, without doubt, develops resilience and grit! It was an excellent week for all involved!



### Year 12 Gold DofE Expedition

Year 12 students were also out this week, completing a challenging expedition on the high plateaus of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. These students had been training for their Gold assessment expedition, which is in September and will be based in the Yorkshire Dales. Successful completion of the September assessment expedition will allow the students to pass the prestigious Gold Award and collect their Award from the Duke himself at one of the Royal Palaces!



## Busy last weeks for Year 12

As we head to the summer holidays, the Year 12 students have hardly caught their breath. With the Year 13 students gone, not only have Year 12 been reclaiming new seats in the common room, but have been immersed in information about their 'progression pathways' after life in sixth form. In amongst this, Year 12 have also enjoyed 'Wear White for Wimbledon' during enrichment, where money was raised for Ryedale Special Families and students enjoyed strawberries and ice-cream while watching the tennis. The final week was wrapped up on Monday with a 'Review of the Year' quiz with cake in the common room. Phew! We're all ready for the summer holidays and hoping results day is a good one!

## Newcastle University and Northumbria University: Guest Speakers and Open Day Visit

The Year 12 visit to Newcastle and Northumbria this year was preceded by a talk from Graduate Ambassadors from both universities on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Students Georgia and Jemima commented that: 'The talk was very helpful, especially as we need to soon choose what university we want to go to. There is so much choice regarding universities and courses, and they gave us information from the perspective of actual recent students'. Freddie added: 'I am thankful for the information as I now feel more confident in making a decision regarding university'.

The following Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we journeyed north to Newcastle, where Year 12 were able to see both universities for themselves at the open day. Students were given a programme which allowed them to choose subject talks and departments to visit. It was an exciting day, and an eye-opener to undergraduate life. On the coaches back, the overall opinion was of an incredibly useful and interesting day which had helped to focus many students on which course they might apply for.

## Interview Skills from the Interviewers Themselves

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, HR Director Andy Woolley and HR Advisor Rob Macnaught from Rosti, were guest speakers to Year 12. Speaking from first hand experience, they revealed exactly how businesses recruit to get the best person for a job. It was made clear that recruitment is a form of discrimination, where employers are sifting out people using different criteria. They emphasised the key factors employers are looking for: attitude, personality, team dynamics and potential being as important as required formal qualifications.

In addition to the presentation, our guests put volunteer student Luke Dixon through a mock interview, where they grilled him with an array of questioning including competency-based questions, hypothetical questions, aggressive questions and ice-breakers. The students were then put into small groups to organise their own mock interviews: taking it in turn to be interviewer and job candidate.

The session allowed the students to improve their interview technique. It also enabled them to self-analyse strengths and weaknesses to prepare for any future interview situations: whether for university, an apprenticeship or job.

Students gave their opinions following the session:

*"The talk was really useful and interesting. It gave us a good insight into the world of work and how real interviews actually operate. I feel that I can go into an interview situation now with a better understanding of what the interviewers are thinking and looking for". (Michael Scott & Daniel Harper)*

*"I particularly enjoyed the interactive session: it was extremely useful as I have never had a job interview before. The speakers were confident and informative: professional yet relaxed". (Madison Bedford)*



Andy Woolley, Jemima Ward, Luke Dixon, Rob MacNaught



Scott McMullan (Northumbria University), Katie Richmond (Y12), Tatam Eves (Y12), Luke Dixon (Y12) and Felicity Mortimer (Newcastle University)

## Year 9 Careers in Languages Day at York St John University (July 3rd)

Last Friday 27 year 9 students took part in various workshops at York St John university, organised by Routes into Languages. We have taken part in this day for the last 2 years and it has been a real eye-opener for students intending to study languages at GCSE. During the day we worked in two groups and students took part in the following sessions; a Japanese taster lesson, an introduction to Arabic, a talk from a head of a successful hotel chain, languages and marketing and international communication. The aim of all sessions was to show students the value of language learning for future careers, and the many opportunities this can offer in terms of learning new languages not usually taught in schools. Students really enjoyed taking part and many came away buzzing with enthusiasm about travel, working abroad and learning new languages in the future. Miss Wilson

## Aiming for Oxford

Last week four prospective Oxford students from Lady Lumley's School were lucky enough to be invited to stay at Brasenose College and attend the Oxford University open day.



The colleges were stunning, with architecture reminiscent of stately homes and palaces. Think something from a Disney castle, with stone turrets and winding staircases. Brasenose dining hall, in particular, reminded us of something from a film rather than from a place of education! The traditional 'quads' we encountered frequently, with some colleges having over three, but they could rarely be walked upon. One tradition, revealed to us by our tour guide, was to walk backwards around the quad drinking port whenever the clocks go back! We agreed that we'd all enjoy such bizarre traditions.

It wasn't all aesthetics though. The facilities were fantastic, as we found out by taking part in a mock tutorial. This system is what sets Oxbridge apart from the crowd, because students are able to debate and discuss topics with the best in their field, thus making their university experience more personal and stimulating.

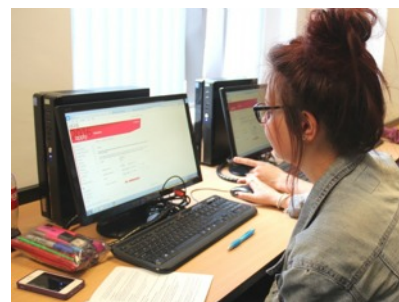
Following the talks, we were given a tour of the college by a friendly undergraduate- a highlight was the Brasenose underground café which was transformed into a bar come evening- and a pint was a mere £1.70 (if only I was old enough to drink!) Another highlight was the Christ Church library, in which the entire East Wing was dedicated to history books only. For one of our prospective history students, this was a dream come true! We visited five colleges in all (out of a grand total of 38!) but all stayed loyal to Brasenose: it was the friendly atmosphere there that enticed us most, along with the quality of their tutors. However, with 33 colleges still unvisited, we wouldn't rule out a further visit! **Rosie Cousins**

## 'Personal Statement & Starting the UCAS Application Day'

Wednesday was the annual day when all Year 12 students start the university application process through UCAS. Students were off timetable for the whole day, and after a brief presentation and overview in the common room, were ensconced in front of the computers in IT6 for the remainder of the day.

Students all registered with UCAS and started filling in the online application form. Students also had time to browse universities and courses on UCAS to find out which course they were most interested in. Sixth Form staff were on hand to help and advise, and students were also given a comprehensive booklet to help guide them through the process. Students also started writing their Personal Statements, which is always a challenge when asked to write about yourself and 'big yourself up'! By the end of the day, students agreed that it felt good to have made a good start to the UCAS process which will continue next term. Students who were not intending to go through the UCAS process were also supported including being given a focused advice and guidance booklet about jobs, apprenticeships, CVs and covering letters.

Ellen Griffin commented: "It was really useful to have the booklet which explained everything really well, and helped me to make a start to my Personal Statement".



## Rounders Report

On Sunday 5th July, Miss Hammond travelled with the Year 8 & 9 students who were representing the Whitby and Ryedale area at the School Games. There was some good fielding and batting from the whole team. The team played very well, finishing in 2nd place overall. The team consisted of: **Katie Thompson, April Wardell, Christy Thompson, Amy Newman, Holly Lealman, Grace Buckland, Lily Crabtree-Craft, Hannah Smith, Eve Shelton and Abbie Davison**. Thank you to Mr Blythe who transported the team to the event and a big thank you to Miss Hammond and Mr Park who made the day happen. Amy Newman and April Wardell



## Austrian Visit

Yesterday morning we said farewell to our Austrian visitors. Two members of staff and 16 students spent 6 days staying with host families from Lady Lumley's. The students who hosted were from Years 9-12. While the group were here they spent a day in school, a day in York and a day at the coast, as well as spending the weekend with their host families. They even experienced real British summer weather in Whitby and had to buy disposable ponchos! Everyone seemed to enjoy their visit and look forward to keeping in touch with their new English friends in the future. Next year's trip to Austria is from 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December and is open to all students in Years 10 – 13 who study German. Please see me for more information and a letter. Miss Mark

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE LUMLEY'S PALLADIUM!

Wednesday 15th July - 7pm

Lady Lumley's School Hall

Students throughout the school will be performing in our end of year variety 'WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE LUMLEY'S PALLADIUM!' An evening for our school to showcase our students talents on the stage, we have a wide variety of ages and performances to entertain you and celebrate the end of the school year. The students have put in so much effort and time, rehearsing and perfecting their acts, all we need now is an audience! Tickets will be available in school, and from the students participating and these are priced at £2 for adults and £1 for concessions. Tickets will also be available on the door. This is also a fundraising event for Ryedale Special Families, a local charity which supports children and young people with disabilities and health issues, and their families by providing respite and days out. Please come along and support the students, the school, and the charity!

#### Footballers needed!

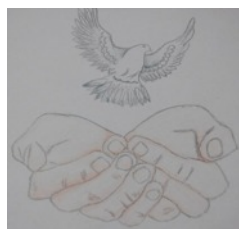
Pickering Town Junior Football Club are urgently looking for students currently in school Year 8 at to join their U14 team for the coming season. They are also on the hunt for a new coach for the team and will provide fully funded FA training to anyone interested in the role. Anyone interested in playing or coaching should contact club chairman Jon Cooper at [jonnycoops@btinternet.com](mailto:jonnycoops@btinternet.com) or on 07702 646121.

#### Go Ride Bike Racing for Kids - 12th July

at McCains Sports Ground, Osgodby Lane, between Cayton and Osgodby. Age Groups: U8/U10/U12/U14/U16 , plus Women's Race. Course: Grass and tracks. Bike: Most types OK, riders must wear helmets/gloves advised. 3 Races. Enter on the day. Sign on 10:30am. Finish by 1pm. Event entry fee: £2. Event organizer - Bryden Simpson, Richard's Cycle Club, Scarborough. Email: [info@bshygiene.co.uk](mailto:info@bshygiene.co.uk), Tel: 01723 513773

#### Art Competition

Students from year 7 and 8 have been involved in producing artwork on the theme of 'Peace'. The contributions have been enthusiastic, creative, varied in content and sometimes quite moving. 12 images will be shortlisted



to receive the first Dorothy Cohoe art prize. The winning entry will be selected over the Summer holidays and the award ceremony will take place on October 9th.

Dorothy Cohoe 1921-2013 an Australian citizen lived in this country since 1951. A Quaker who attended and served Pickering Meetings for many years, she was a trained artist and craft teacher. She had a lifelong love of painting, spinning, weaving and was creative and innovative in her work. Dorothy was involved with working and living with children through most of her life. On her death she left Pickering Quaker Meeting a small legacy and the decision was made that the money would be used to set up The Dorothy Cohoe Art prize, an annual prize for artwork produced from local schools which should be focused on a theme connected with Quaker values.



Many of the entries and the shortlisted 12 will be on display at Pickering Meeting House from 9th - 19th October. Any last minute entries need to be handed to Mr McGrath by Monday 13th July.

#### Word of the Week - Precision

##### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846  
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Specialist School Nurse: 01751 472652

##### IMPORTANT DATES

###### Monday 13th July

Y9/10 House Matches (girls rounders, boys tennis)  
1:00-3:30pm  
Y7 French Theatre Show, L3

###### Tuesday 14th July

Variety Show Rehearsals  
Y9/10 House Matches (boys cricket and girls tennis)  
1:00-3:30pm

###### Wednesday 15th July

SEND Sports Hall Athletics, 1:30-3:30pm  
Variety Show, LLS 7pm

###### Friday 17th July

End of Term Assembly, L3

###### End of Term

###### Coming Up...

7th September - Staff Training Day  
8th September - Y7 & Y12/13 only  
9th September - All students return to school  
9th September - Y12/13 Induction Day  
14th September - School Photographs  
18th September - Y12/13 DofE (4 days)  
23rd September - KS3 Prizegiving  
30th September - Y10 Information Evening