



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I said last week that there has been a really positive start to the term and that feeling has continued this week. This feeling has been echoed by recent visitors to school. Yesterday, Dr Paula Mountford who is in charge of the initial teacher training programme at the University of York, came to see me at the school. We have a very good relationship with the University and have benefitted from the excellent training they provide, with a number of teachers at Lady Lumley's having been post-graduate students at York. Paula has known the school for a considerable time, but has not had the grand tour for some years. She was really impressed by the fabric of the school, the developments we have made and, of course, by the wonderful students she met in lessons. As part of her role in teacher training, Paula visits many schools and so her warm and complimentary views on Lady Lumley's are based on a great deal of experience. We are intending, as in previous years, to offer training places to PGCE students in the Autumn and Spring terms as part of our commitment to developing new teachers and continuing to strengthen the teaching workforce.

Another nice thing yesterday was a phone call from Chris Speedy, a driver with Fletchers coaches. The coach Chris was driving on Thursday morning had been used late on Wednesday evening to collect a party of Norwegian students on a school trip. In the dark, one of the young Norwegians left an expensive mobile phone on the bus. In the morning, one of our students, **Hannah Ellam** found the phone and immediately handed it to Mr Speedy, the driver. Mr Speedy called the school yesterday afternoon to tell me the story and to praise the honest and sensible behaviour shown by Hannah, which reflects really well on her and her fellow students. Well done Hannah.
Richard Bramley

Governor News

The Governors' Strategy Committee met on Tuesday evening. This was the first meeting of the year and one where we welcomed our new clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jane-Ann Castleton. Mrs Castleton replaces Mrs Rosie Dobson who retired from the position of clerk after many years' loyal service. The strategy committee has the task of planning out the term's governors' meetings and allocating agenda items to the most appropriate meetings. The first full governors' meetings will be on October 6th where the emphasis will be on matters pertaining to teaching and learning. Agenda items will include the annual review of the examination results, the school's self-evaluation and the school improvements plan. Richard Bramley

Ayton Library Writing Competition

Finn Bricusse (Y7) entered Ayton Library's essay writing competition with other 11 - 16 year olds, whilst attending Sherburn School. Students had to write 750 words on the topic of a Scottish Island. Finn was shortlisted to receive a certificate in recognition of his work. His essay was chosen for its structure and consistency by the Library's judging panel. Finn's work will be on display in Ayton Library for a couple of weeks should anyone like to go and see it. Congratulations Finn.



Lady Lumley's School, Pickering

Open Evening
Wednesday 7th October
18:30 - 21:00

For prospective students and parents of years 5 and 6



For further information call **01751 472846**
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Summer in Austria

This summer **Josh Spittal** (Y12) and **Keir Barnet** (Y13) went on an Austrian adventure. Both students study German at A level and wanted to experience life in a German speaking country. Franziska Lipp, from our partner school in Austria, organises a two week summer camp for young Austrians to learn English. The boys worked on the camp as native speakers, helping students with their pronunciation, cultural understanding and also helping with teaching classes such as tennis. They were also involved with evening activities like Blind Date! Both of the boys had been to Austria previously on the exchange visit which we run for students in Years 10-13 and enjoyed it so much that they wanted to go back. Keir loved Austria so much that he decided to spend a term at our partner school in Weiz. After the camp he spent two weeks relaxing and visiting the area and he started school in Y13 this week. He will attend lessons and complete home learning just like the other students. His aim is to become even more fluent than he already is. He will return to Lady Lumley's after Christmas. If anyone would like any more information about the Austrian exchange or our links with Austria please contact Miss Mark.

Parent Forums

The forum will meet on the following dates at 6:30pm:

20th October 2015
1st December 2015
9th February 2016
15th March 2016
26th April 2016
21st June 2016

Further details regarding forum agendas will be provided in the newsletter. Brian Davis

Sixth Form Induction Day

On Wednesday 9th September, the new Year 12 and Year 13 students enjoyed an induction afternoon. Students enjoyed a free lunch of hog roast rolls complete with crackling and apple sauce. The vegetarians were treated to delicious spinach and feta quiche and an assortment of salads. After lunch, an afternoon of different activities was organised for all students which encouraged everyone to get to know new people whilst having some fun! Activities included a quiz in the common room, dodgeball in the sports hall and orienteering challenges around the school grounds. Many thanks to all the staff who helped out on the day.

Some of our Year 12 students commented on the day:
'It encouraged everyone to get to know each other!' (Chloe)
'It was fun to interact with new people and also people we already knew' (Lily)
'As a new student to Lumley's 6th Form, it was nice to get to know the school and the teachers!' (George)
'I found it enjoyable and it was good to feel informed about what the 6th form had to offer' (Harriet)
'It was good to be in the new surroundings of the 6th Form, and the induction into the subjects was enjoyable' (Hannah)

Pickering 10k and 5k events - Sunday 20th September 2015

The annual Pickering 10k and 5k events take place this Sunday. Both courses are multi terrain following country roads, fields and footpaths. The 5k is suitable for runners 11 years and over and starts at 10am. The 10k is open to runners 15 years and over and starts at 11am. Registration for both events takes place from 9:15am at St. Joseph's Primary School, Swainsea Lane. Both events start in front of Lady Lumley's School and finish at St. Joseph's School. More information is available at www.pickering10k.co.uk or www.runbritain.com

European Refugee Aid

To support the local appeal for European Refugee Aid, the Ryedale Adult Learning office have organised a collection box for anyone who would like to donate a bar of soap, toothbrush or toothpaste, all items very much in need. If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring to Reception at school by Monday 28th September. It is a small item to carry, cheap to buy and will be delivered as part of the convoy leaving from Ryedale over the next few weeks. Many thanks.

Uniform

Some uniform has managed to get mixed up in the boys changing room this week. A white school shirt and a pair of black trousers. Both are clearly named. Please can you check uniform at home and if you do have any items that are not yours, please bring them to Mrs Smith in Learning Support. Many thanks.

Word of the work - Dissolution

In science - the dissolving of a material in a liquid.
Example: The salt solution was made by the dissolution of salt in water.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st September

Y12/13 DofE Expedition, Yorkshire Dales (18th to 21st)

Tuesday 22nd September

Y7/8 Bae Systems & RAF Roadshow (am)
Y7/8/9 Netball v Eskdale & Caedmon, Eskdale
Y7/8/9 Football v Ryedale, LLS

Wednesday 23rd September

U18 District Hockey Tournament, LLS & SC
Y7 7-a-side Football, Malton
Y9/10 Football v Scalby, LLS
KS3 Prizegiving 6:45 for 7pm start
KS5 MFL Teambuilding, Rosedale (overnight)

Thursday 24th September

Y11 Partnership Netball, CCW 1:30pm
Y8/10 Football, Ryedale

Forthcoming Event...

30th September - Y10 Information Evening
2nd October - Y10 DofE Training (2nd to 3rd)
7th October - Y5/6 Open Evening
9th October - Y13 History Academic Skills Conference
9th October - Y9-11 French Exchange Trip (9th to 16th)
12th October - Ugandan Choir workshops & performance
14th October - House Cross Country
14th October - Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening
14th October - Y12 Information Evening