



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Really well done to the Year 11 students who have managed an intensive week of trial GCSE examinations and behaved in an exemplary fashion. Staff are already marking the examination papers and the results will be given to the students at lunchtime on Friday 20th of November. This will be a rehearsal for how it will be in August when they come into school to collect their actual GCSE results. We had a very positive consultation evening with Year 11 students and their parents and carers just before half term and I am certain that continued effort and commitment on behalf of all of us will lead to very positive results in the summer.

I would also like to say thank you to Mr Silburn for inviting me on the theatre trip to watch *Dead Dog in a Suitcase* in Leeds. It was an exciting play to see and I know the students in Years 10 to 13 enjoyed it and got a great deal out of it.

Reminder: GCSE examinations in 2017 for English and mathematics will be graded on a 9 to 1 scale (9 being the highest grade) whereas all other examinations will remain, for that year, on the A* to U scale.

Good luck to Lee Blacklock, Kerry Hammond, Peter McGrath and Gary Parker who are taking part in the Dalby Dash 10K Trail Race this Sunday in aid of Help for Heroes.

Richard Bramley

Dead Dog in a Suitcase

On Wednesday night a group of GCSE and A level students went to West Yorkshire Play House to see the 'Dead Dog in a Suitcase'. We thought that the play was very good and made you think "what's the world coming to?" The emotions ran high throughout the play, the music that made us laugh and

finished with a very powerful ending that makes us question

humanity. The cast put all their energy into the show, which was

an inspiration to us as drama students and the commitment they showed is something we can also include in our own work. The West Yorkshire Play House gave us a great welcoming and put on a great show. Thank you to the drama department for taking us.

Report by Martha Mills and Annie Bates.



Governor News

On Thursday evening we had a full governors' meeting with a focus on resources. The meeting began with a presentation by Brian Davis, assistant Headteacher, on staff development and how this is linked in to the school's priorities as expressed in the 'hexagon' which I have shared with you previously. The meeting then continued with the discussion around the school's five year budget forecast and benchmarking information, where we compare ourselves with other similar schools. In terms of the budget, we have always been cautious when dealing with the school's finances and this means we are now in a secure position for the foreseeable financial future. The benchmarking information compared Lady Lumley's spending with seven other (relatively) similar schools in North Yorkshire. In nearly all of the criteria we came out about average (this is a good thing) with Lady Lumley's having smaller class sizes than most of the other schools. Richard Bramley

ParentPay - Improvements Coming Soon: What's changing for parents?

Based on your feedback, we're planning a range of improvements and new features to make paying by ParentPay quicker, easier and more convenient.

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Simplifying Login - Soon you'll need to use an **email address as your username**.

Towards the end of November, if you need to switch your username to an email address, you will be prompted when you login - **just follow the on-screen instructions**.

The email address must be verified, helping with security and making it easier to reset a forgotten password.

If you already have a registered email address linked to your Account, you'll have the option to use it as your username or choose an alternative email address.

Thank You!

Zimbabwe, a land locked country in southern Africa is rich in natural resources, has an abundance of wildlife and spectacular geographical features. Victoria Falls, one of the world's largest waterfalls, is located in the country's northwest as part of the Zambezi river.

Zimbabwe produces much of its power from hydroelectricity generated from Kariba Dam. Despite these national assets much of the population struggles for a living.

Macheke is a small town an hour and a half south east of the capital Harare. Each year I visit the primary school in Macheke where my daughter and I help in the classroom. In the afternoon I teach some older children maths. The children living in the surrounding villages walk several kilometres to school as there is no public transport. We try and take as many shoes as possible as a lot of the children do not have any footwear to go to school in. There are 1400 pupils in Macheke primary and of them over 250 are orphans. Many children do not attend school as fees have to be paid and some families simply cannot afford it.

Class sizes are big with 50 children in each class. As they do not have enough classrooms the classes rotate using the classroom for half the time and when it is being used by another class they have their lessons outside. In July, when we visit, it is surprisingly cold as Macheke is at a high altitude and it is winter in Zimbabwe so



having classes outside is not always pleasant. The native language of this part of Zimbabwe is Shona but the children study in English. Mazvita, (thank you) to those families who donated shoes and football boots for the children in Macheke, Zimbabwe. Teresa Jones

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Families can continue to support this project by sending in shoes throughout the year. A coloured bin will be placed in the reception area to school for students to drop in clean, bagged shoes. Your support is appreciated.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

There are two vacancies on the school's Governing Body for parent governors. The Governing Body plays an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school and ensuring the school continues to provide the best possible service to the students. Parents of students in Years 7 to 13 are eligible for this post. Further information about the process is on the school website on the parent tab - Letters to Parents. For further details of the role, please contact Kathryn Holbrook at school on 01751 472846 or at kholbrook@ladylumleys.net.

EYMS Scarborough 128 Duplicate Bus

The Traffic Commissioners have advised that it is no longer permissible to designate the 'duplicate' as a School Service. As of Monday 9th November the intention, therefore, is to display 128 Pickering via Lady Lumley's as the destination. However, it will take time to re-programme the electronic displays and until this is accomplished a handwritten destination board will be placed in the bottom corner of the front window showing "Via Lady Lumley's". As previously advised, all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will travel on this 'duplicate' service and Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form on the normal 'service' vehicle. Although the sign will be approximately 3 feet long and 7 inches deep you will need to look out for it. Martin Blythe

Friends of Lady Lumley's School

Christmas Shopping Trip to Meadow Hall, Sheffield on Saturday 28th November 2015

Coach will leave Lady Lumley's School car park at 8:30 a.m. returning to Pickering by 6 p.m. £10 per seat. For further information please contact Mrs Rosie Dobson (01751 473471).

Word of the Week - Gratuitous

1. Given or received without payment or obligation (i.e. free) or 2. without cause; unjustified. In the second sense "the director has used violence so effectively in his films, but here it comes off as *gratuitous* and pointless".

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 9th November

Y13 Consultation Evening
6th Form PDP Talks, L2

Tuesday 10th November

Y10 FT Trip, Chocolate Story York
District Cross Country, Duncombe Park 1:30pm

Wednesday 11th November

District Netball Trials U14 Malton, U16 LLS, U19 6th Form
College 3-5pm
Y7/8/9 Basketball v Eskdale, LLS
Lady Lumley's Education Foundation Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 12th November

Y10 Partnership Hockey, LLS
Y10/11 Partnership Rugby, Malton

Friday 13th November

Children in Need Open Mic Fundraiser - Lunchtime, Hall

Forthcoming Event...

16th November - Y11 Prizegiving
17th November - Y8-13 Opportunity Knocks Event
19th November - Travel N Tourism Paris Trip Meeting
25th November - Y12 Prizegiving (current Y13), L3
26th November - Sixth Form Open Evening
28th November - Meadow Hall Shopping Trip