



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening took place on Monday evening with, as always, a very good turnout of parents and students and a really good feel to the event. Many of the students have been with the school for nearly 7 years and many of their teachers have known them for that long. The nature of sixth form teaching means that we also feel very close to those students who were new to Lady Lumley's 14 months ago. As this is the students' last consultation evening, there is a certain poignancy about the evening as well as optimism about the future laying ahead of the young people for whom we care so much. They are all aware that it is 'nose to the grindstone' for the next few months and that all the hard work they put in now will be worth it.

And talking of sixth form, the current Year 11 students, many of whom who will be considering studying A levels here, get their trial examination results a week today. For the past few years we have used the lunchtime session to act as a rehearsal for that Thursday in August when the actual results are given out. For some, next week will be celebration; for others a wake-up call. And, as this is a rehearsal, there is time to fill any gaps and make things better for the 'real thing' in the summer. Richard Bramley

Y13 Geography Field Work Trip

After squeezing ourselves and all of our luggage into the transit we set off for the Lakes, ready for our three days of beautifully scenic fieldwork. Once we had arrived and learnt how to "make a bed", we gathered our equipment to do some random sampling in St John's beck. By kick sampling we discovered many detritivores and wet socks, as half the group found holes in their wellies. Arriving back at the Blencathra FSC, a regenerated hospital which previously had believed in the powers of fresh air, thankfully windows are now favourable at the centre. After consolidating our results with a Mann Whitney U test we sat down for a locally sourced evening meal; Cumberland sausage and sticky toffee pudding, however there



was no custard to Mrs Pye's disappointment. Thursday was wet and soggy, but that was no surprise so we kitted ourselves up in bobble hats and waterproofs and travelled to Carrock Fell scree slope to complete an interrupted belt transect. Data collection proved interesting as temperamental apparatus gave readings of 25°C and 85% humidity, how we wished we were in the tropics! After lunch by the stream, we finished with a "GPS walk and talk". At the centre we did statistical tests through the form of Spearman's Rank, hoping to reject our null hypotheses. After chilli and apple crumble for tea followed by a midnight fire alarm evacuation, we packed our bags and set off for Keswick to study the causes and effects of the 2009 Cumbria floods. With the human geography complete, half drowned looking again, we thanked Mr Gwillam and set off home. Special thanks to Mr Burns for being our last minute chauffeur, despite the transit stalling on occasion. Last but not least, thank you especially to Mrs Pye for organising the whole trip, we hope she enjoyed our humorous company. Evie Sellars

National School Equestrian Championships

During the holidays, the school entered a team to go down to Addington Manor, near Oxford, to compete in 80 cm jumping with style national school championships. There were teams from England, Scotland and Wales. The riders had to complete a course of show jumps and then go straight on to complete a round of rustic/cross country jumps showing a change in style and pace. The team was jumping at nearly 8 o'clock thus showing great composure under immense pressure. **Millie Newton** had an unfortunate 4 faults early on, but went on to complete a very stylish round, **Molly Vance** also completed a nice round, but she too had an unfortunate four faults. The team had two rather stylish clears, though, from **Lauren McNichol** and **Sophie Lunn** (who also had an individual clear in the 70cm). The team had a very good style mark; however, time just let them down. But the team still came in at a very respectable 23rd out of 48.

So the team came away buzzing and hope to qualify, along with a few others, to go again next year.

Written by Lauren McNichol

Y10 Food Tech Chocolate Story

The Chocolate Story was so good, we learnt about a lot of things, like how they make chocolate. They gave us different chocolate to taste and they explained how chocolate was created and also how we can do a slogan. We all had a great experience and the best thing was when we got to make chocolate lollies and decorate them with as many different new things as we could. The trip has given us really good ideas to come back to school with. Carlota Gesteiro



Y8 Hockey Report

On Tuesday 3rd November, nine Year 8 girls travelled to Caedmon College Whitby for a hockey tournament. These girls were: **Atlanta Dowkes, Chelsea Pepper, Holly Philps, Aimee Hunt, Katie Harper, Katie Tomlinson, Sophie Boddy, Caitlin Wilson** and a special well done to our amazing goalkeeper **Hannah Ellam**. After some amazing goals and cracking saves we came joint 2nd with Ryedale. Thanks to Miss Hammond and Mr Blythe for taking us. Report by: Chelsea Pepper and Holly Philps

Opportunity Knocks - Wednesday 18th November

We will have over 40 local employers present. Students from Year 8 upwards will have the opportunity to visit the employer stands and speak with staff. Students from Malton, Norton College and Ryedale Schools will also be attending the event.

Potter Hill Playgroup - Playgroup Assistant

We currently have vacancies for playgroup assistants to start working in 2016. We are looking for enthusiastic, flexible and reliable people to join our small friendly team. Minimum Level 2 qualification in childcare required. Available hours are Monday to Friday between 8:40am and 1:25pm. For further information and an application form please contact Martha Callaghan Tel: 07900681395, Email: potterhillplaygroup@hotmail.com. Deadline is Friday 4th December 2015

Word of the Week - Poignant: the meaning depends on context. As used in the first article in the Newsletter: "a certain poignancy about the evening" it was used to mean 'affecting the emotions'. A synonym of poignant is 'heartfelt'.

Chippy Youth Club

Thursday 19th November 6-7pm

Come along and put your ideas about what you'd like to do in the coming months. For Years 6,7 & 8.

Thornton Dale Fish & Chip Shop
(inside, in the backroom)



Bike Safety Family Fun Day - Saturday 21st November 2015 11am - 1pm at Pickering Library

Pickering library is encouraging families to bring their bikes and helmets along to the library on Saturday 21st November between 11am and 1pm to receive a free Green Bike Health Check from Dalby Bike Barn's bike mechanics.

This family fun day is also jam packed with lots more Road Safety activities; Families can meet Pickering's Safer Neighbourhoods Officer PC Tracey Rogers who will be offering advice on cycle security. The North Yorkshire Road Safety Team will also be joining in the fun with lots of road safety activities and freebies. Library staff will be promoting the message 'Be Safe, Be Seen' with cycle helmet and t-shirt craft activities.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th November

Y11 Prizegiving 7pm

Tuesday 17th November

Y12/13 Drama Trip, Salford Theatre
Y7 Partnership Netball, LLS 1:30pm
Y11 Rugby 7s, Scarborough RFU

Wednesday 18th November

Opportunity Knocks Event
Y9 7-a-side Football, Malton

Thursday 19th November

Y7/8 Netball v Eskdale, Y10 Netball v CCW, LLS
Y7 District 5-a-side Final, Pindar
Business/Travel & Tourism Paris Trip Meeting 6pm

Friday 20th November

Y11 Trial Exam Results issued, lunchtime

Forthcoming Event...

25th November - Y12 Prizegiving (current Y13), L3
26th November - Sixth Form Open Evening
28th November - Meadow Hall Shopping Trip
30th November - Bus/Travel & Tourism Paris Trip
1st December - Parent Forum 6:30pm
3rd December - Y9 Consultation Evening