



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It has been a week of firsts for me this week. It has been my first boiler breakdown (something that all headteachers fear and hope will never happen to them), but thankfully we have fantastic staff and students who stoically withstood the low temperatures in half the school today and thus enabled the school to remain open. I would like say a big thank you to the excellent site supervisors, the canteen staff who managed without running hot water and Mr Cleary, who managed to get a team of contractors out rapidly who have already sorted the problem.

Another first was the first contested parent governor election during my time at Lady Lumley's. I would like to thank the candidates who put themselves forward and all those parents and carers who voted in the election. We had 247 eligible votes, the results were very close and the two new parent governors elected are Mr Cheetham and Mrs Edgar.

My final first of the week was to be able to attend house assemblies, ably led by Kerry Hammond and the new heads of house: Mr Parker (Feversham), Mr Silburn (Hainsworth), Miss Sudlow (Acland) and Miss Weatherburn (Highfield). The houses in the school have a long and proud history but more recently have probably not had the high-profile they should. The initiative to return the house system to a more eminent position within the school has come from the staff and students and this week's assemblies were an opportunity to make the whole school aware of this initiative.

And not a first, but always a pleasure, was a drop-in I made to a maths lesson this week where Mrs Lloyd had set an intriguing problem as a starter to the lesson. The students were asked to make the numbers 1 to 20 using all of the numbers in 2016 and any mathematical operator they needed. It was a real joy to see the Year 10 students using their mathematical knowledge and ingenuity to solve the problem. This is definitely one for all the family and I wish you all the best of luck with 15 to 20. Richard Bramley

## The Archbishop of York's Visit

We were delighted to have the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu visit school today as part of his pilgrimage around the Deanery. He took the time to talk with a group of senior students and take a brief tour of the school.



The students said "it was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to meet with him" and how "he was so down to earth". The Archbishop also met with Harry Oyston, a talented art student in Year 12. The Archbishop kindly agreed to pose for photos so that Harry can do a portrait of him.

## Guten Tag!!

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon, we went to Leeds to the Christkindlmarkt with Frau Mark and Herr Mann. We arrived by minibus and Herr Mann bought some shoes. After the absence of a guide due to some miscommunication, we had a tour of the market in German which was done by the boss of the German brewery. He gave us samples of Bratwurst and Käsewurst, but unfortunately no samples of mulled wine were given to us. Instead we got Heiße Schokolade which was lecker lecker! We were then given time to browse the stalls and purchase hand-crafted goods. We then made our way to the station, almost getting lost once more and made our way home. Tschüs! (°\_°).



### **Lady Lumley's House System**

The aims of the house system were shared with staff and students this week:

- To give students a supportive and secure environment in which they have a sense of pride and identity.
- The system will foster a close rapport between students and staff while providing positive competition.
- The House system will also help new students and staff to settle into the community of Lady Lumley's School.

The core values embodied in the House system are respect, determination, courage, equality, inspiration and cooperation. There will be a range of house activities and new competitions alongside the established sporting competitions. Students will be awarded House Points for cooperation, contribution to house events, peer coaching and upholding the core values of the house system.

The first new events were announced this week.

Students have been challenged to design a **House Logo**. It must create an instantly recognisable house badge considering the house colours and the history of the house. The best design for each house will become the new house logos. Then there is the **LLS Bake Off** – three rounds of baking culminating in a show stopper. Round 1 is individual and rounds 2 and 3 will require students (and possibly staff!) to work in teams. The winning team and therefore house will be crowned Bake Off Champions. And all this will be recorded and videos presented by the **House Media Teams**. Their role will be to video and provide media coverage of the various events throughout the year, starting with Bake Off.

As part of the new House System, there are 4 new posts being created for General House Captains. This will be one person from each year group and the posts are open to any student who has an enthusiastic approach and can work well with others. Students can apply by writing an application letter (½ to 1 side of A4) to their head of house by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Shoes Needed!**

We are collecting second hand pairs of school shoes/football boots to be taken out to a school in Zimbabwe over the Summer. If you have recently invested in new schools shoes over the Christmas period, and are now clearing out of old shoes, please feel free to donate your outgoing shoes to the project. Please bring any shoe donations to Reception at school. Many thanks.

### **Word of the Week: Reactionary**

This is a word which may not mean what you think it might mean. If you try to break it down (usually a good thing to do) the word 'react' may sound like quite an active word. In fact somebody who is described as reactionary is somebody who resists change. Collins English Dictionary (online) gives the following definition: *A reactionary person or group tries to prevent changes in the political or social system of their country.* Example "It became clear to everyone that the chairman was too reactionary, too blinkered". Synonyms of reactionary are conservative, old fashioned, unprogressive.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Monday 11th January**

Y13 Trial Exams

#### **Tuesday 12th January**

Y13 Trial Exams

Y11 Partnership Hockey, LLS

Y8/9 Basketball, CCW

Y10 Partnership Basketball, LLS

#### **Wednesday 13th January**

Y13 Trial Exams

Y11 Partnership Basketball, Norton

#### **Thursday 14th January**

Y13 Trial Exams

Y7/8 Netball, Y9 Hockey v Malton, LLS

Y8 Partnership Basketball, Malton

Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm

#### **Friday 15th January**

Y7/8 'Smashed' Production & Workshop, L3

#### **Forthcoming Event...**

21 January - Y8 Consultation Evening

21 January - Y6 Roadshow, Rosedale 7pm

22 January - Y10-12 Spanish Exchange departs

27 January - Y12 Biology Science Live, Birmingham

28 January - Y6 Roadshow, St. Joseph's 7pm

1 February - Y12 Physics Live, Birmingham

4 February - Y7 Consultation Evening

4 February - Y6 Roadshow, Sinnington 7pm

5 February - History Battlefields Trip departs