



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Regular readers will know that I have banned myself from using the word busy when describing a week at Lady Lumley's school, but I think it is the only adjective that can describe the last few days. It's been a busy week at Lady Lumley's. Those of you who have read the blog on the school's website, Tuesday was a really exciting day for the school. We had two winning teams in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition, one at intermediate and one at senior level. Every February since 2008 I have sat in the audience at Youth Speaks and, whilst enjoying the speeches made by all the teams, I have never before had the pleasure of being there when a team from Lady Lumley's was announced as the winner. Very well done to all those involved and also well done to the junior team who put up a commendable display in their competition.

And if that wasn't enough excitement on Tuesday, we also had the very successful Year 10 mock interviews in the library all morning. This event was organised by NYBEP and involved 15 local employers interviewing each of the Year 10 students as part of their careers education programme and also as preparation for work experience later in the year. Feedback from the students about the event was incredibly positive (see below) and also feedback from the employers about the students at Lady Lumley's was just as positive. Everybody involved in the event found it a useful and enjoyable process and I would like to thank NYBEP for organising this and all the employers for giving up their time so generously.

Wednesday night involved the Year 9 students and their parents or carers in the Options Evening at the school. Each subject that the students will meet in Years 10 and 11 was represented that evening, and students and their families had the opportunity to find out more information about the subject from the teachers and from Year 10 students who are already following the courses. The atmosphere during the evening was really nice and the vast majority of the Year 9 cohort was able to attend the evening and will therefore be able to make the most informed choice about their future options.

During the week we had assemblies delivered by Chris Sharples on the subject of using the Internet safely. Straw polls taken during each assembly show just how many students use social media in each of the year groups and this further reinforced the fact that students need to be made aware of how to use the technology available to them in a safe and sensible manner. Mr Sharples' assemblies contained a graphic account of a young man who was tricked into meeting someone he had only met online; with fatal consequences. Mr Sharples also pointed out the possible implications of leaving a legacy on the Internet that, in future years you would not be pleased to see again. The assemblies made it absolutely clear how important it is to follow a few simple rules when using computers and I would urge all parents and carers to have a chat to their children about staying safe online.

Richard Bramley

Year 10 Mock Interview Feedback

On Tuesday 23rd February Year 10 students attended mock interviews with a mixed group of companies/employers. I was lucky enough to have John Brockett from Derwent Training, who really talked me through the process of becoming an engineer. I found the morning to be very useful and put me on the right path for becoming an engineer. I especially enjoyed it when he told me about the apprenticeships I could do within his company. Chloe Gallagher

Before the mock interview I think a lot of people were quite nervous as they didn't know who they were facing and what to expect during the interview as this was for most people the first time they had ever been interviewed. As soon as the candidates got to meet the interviewers it became evident that the interviewers understood the occasion and pressure that the candidates were being put under, and this really helped us get through the interview easily.

I also had the opportunity of a second interview which I had requested because I had already decided that I want to be a police officer when I'm older, and, as it happened, one of the interviewers was a woman police officer and she helped me in the sense that I now know how to gain a lot of experience in becoming a police officer.

If I were going to give Year 9 students advice, I believe that, from the start of the interview, it's really important to maintain eye contact, speak confidently, but most importantly, be prepared, as you will give a poor impression if you turn up for your interview and you have nothing to say. Lewis Tillotson

Student Voice

On Friday the 12th of February, two members of the Student Voice team visited County Hall at Northallerton, for a student leadership event. One of the activities took place in the grand council chambers, the venue was magnificent!

Everyone had the opportunity to share how student voice works in their school and how it could be improved. Also students and teachers had the chance to speak to members of parliament (including Rishi Sunak MP for Richmond). It was an enjoyable event for everyone and we hope to transfer the skills we have learnt into our Student Voice work in school.

Alice Rose and Megan O'Neill

Jumping for Joy

Both **James Cousins** and **Alfie Roberts** (Year 7), have recently taken part in an international trampolining competition in Portugal. They competed in individual categories: Alfie came 2nd in the 11-12 age group, and James was in the 13 -16 age group and came an amazing 25th out of 60.

For the first time, they both competed in synchronised trampolining and gained 3rd place, which is fantastic. It was a long event, lasting 4 days with training and competing. Well done lads! Great effort!

Dad's Army stars from Lady Lumley's

Daniel Hellman, **Gregory Howard** and **Luke Hornby** (Year 10), **Anna Wrench** (Year 11) and **Oliver Fearn** and **William Wrench** (Year 13) starred in the New 'Dad's Army' film as extras when the parade was shot in Bridlington in November 2014.

They had to wear old scout uniforms and cheer as the parade went past. This took a whole day of filming and they all enjoyed the experience.

But, it was a very cold day, so at one point they had to wear a bin bag to keep warm between shots.

The Royal Society of Biology is holding a Biology Challenge, an online competition between students throughout Great Britain.

Anyone in Year 9 or 10 can enter, just let Dr Simha or any of the science department know by 27th February. You can tell us in person or send an email to us via Fronter. (Sorry about the short notice!)

The competition consists of two 30 minute online papers which will mean you would have to miss half an hour of two different lessons, so you should be prepared to catch up with missed learning.

We hope to see many of you taking up this opportunity. Good luck! – The Science Team

Biology Challenge

Encouraging an interest in biology beyond the school curriculum
Stimulating curiosity about the natural world



Governor News

Thursday evening was the governing body's resources meeting. Governors met to discuss a range of policies, the school budget, to receive an update on current and future premises work, student attendance and how well students are currently performing and expected outturns for the summer.

Word of the Week

Breaking with tradition, the WoftW this week is not a word and there are two of them.

Inter- and intra- are prefixes (a part of longer word at the beginning of the word). Inter- means *between, among, together and during*. Intra – means *within, inside*.

Inter- comes from medieval Latin "interrare" meaning to "put in the earth or bury". You may recognise "terre" as the modern French word for earth and Earth. Examples: International (*between* nations), *interdental* (between your teeth). Examples for intra- are less common e.g. the injection was given intravenously (meaning *within* a vein).

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29th February

U13/15 District Hockey Training

Tuesday 1st March

AS Unit 2A Drama Performance Prep Day

Y10 7-a-side Football, Ryedale 1pm

Y8 Netball Tournament

Wednesday 2nd March

U13/15 Girls' Rugby Finals, Drifffield

Y12/13b Football v Fyling Hall, LLS 2pm

Peru Meeting 3-8pm

AS Unit 2B Drama Exam Performance 6:30pm

Thursday 3rd March

Y10 Hockey Match, Y7 Netball

Y8 Netball Cup Match v Scalby

Y7/8 Football, CCW

Y9 Basketball, Eskdale

Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm

Forthcoming Event...

7th March - Head Boy/Girl Hustings

10th March - Y9-13 Apprenticeship Event

10th March - Y10 Consultation Evening 4:30pm

w/c 14th March - House Matches

15th March - Y10 Invisible Man Productions Event

15th March - Parent Forum 6:30pm

16th March - Easter School Concert

21st March - Non-Uniform Day £1