



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

On Monday of this week we had a non-uniform day in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Care. This is a special charity in the heart of the school as it reminds us of the untimely passing of Judith Prickett last year. Students donated a pound to be in non-uniform and the sixth formers went that extra mile by wearing fancy dress for the day. On Tuesday we had an inspirational assembly given by Sharon Maddison from NYBEP to the Year 11 students. This assembly was timed to coincide with the beginning of the Easter break and to set the students off in good spirits for the intensive revision period lying ahead of them. GCSE results are so very important for the students and I do hope they make the best use of the next two weeks. They will have already been given a lot of support and there will be much more on Fronter. And of course Year 10 have internal examinations as soon as they return from the Easter break, and I know their teachers will have given them useful material to use over the holiday period.

The report following the recent Ofsted inspection is due to be published today and can be accessed from the school's website or directly from the Ofsted site. If anybody has difficulty downloading a copy just let the school know and a printed version can be sent home. The report confirmed that Lady Lumley's is a good school with good quality teaching, high expectations, a collaborative learning culture and a culture of mutual respect encouraging students to be actively involved in their lessons.

Richard Bramley

Ofsted

At the meeting of the Governing Body on Tuesday evening we received the report from the OFSTED Inspectors following their recent visit. Governors were proud to read that the school had secured the judgement that Lady Lumley's is a 'Good School'. This judgement rewards the sustained efforts of students, parents, teachers, support staff and governors to create a secure, safe and sustainable learning environment where students can achieve and develop. It is all the more satisfying as it has been gained in the face of relentless change and financial pressures. The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community, parents and carers for their contribution to the positive progress that has been achieved in order to sustain the quality and high standards of the school. Governors are confident that this firm foundation places the school favourably to meet the evolving challenges of the future. **John Garbutt, Chair of Governors**

Flying Scotsman Steams Over the Moors

The world's most famous locomotive came to the NYMR from the 12th to the 20th of March creating a frenzy of excitement all along the route of the Flying Scotsman's journey across the Moors. As volunteers on the railway my brother Matt and I couldn't believe that this iconic locomotive, with its famous history, was running on our railway and passing within earshot distance of our school.

We turned up with our dad on the first Sunday to take our seats which we had booked weeks in advance, on the second train of the day (Scotsman ran three times a day on each of seven days) in anticipation of what was going to be a memorable and rewarding day. We were not disappointed. Crowds of people lined the platforms at Grosmont as the beautiful green engine set off on its journey to Pickering. All the way down the line photographers and onlookers crammed for space to get a glimpse of the engine, and the excellent weather contributed to a memorable scene.

It was worth reflecting that Flying Scotsman had been built in 1923 and had been all over the world to the United States and Australia in particular. It was the first engine to do 100 mph in 1934 and regularly ran from Edinburgh to London Kings Cross on the East Coast main line. Yet here it was on the North Yorkshire Moors.

A week later our excitement was even greater when we had the opportunity of working on the train for a full day as part of our volunteer training. It was the last day of running and we were given the task of selling books to the eager passengers as well as clipping their tickets and other tasks. We enjoyed talking to the passengers and giving them important information about the Flying Scotsman and our railway. The day was so successful that we sold out of the books.

The passengers were curious to know which school we came from and we were pleased to tell them we were at Lady Lumley's in Pickering itself, hoping we were good ambassadors for our school. We are now looking forward to contributing as volunteers this summer on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, and we will never forget our experience of working and travelling on the Flying Scotsman at the NYMR. **Edward and Matthew Rose (11CFA)**



Senior Sixth Form Team

Congratulations to all the students who did so well in the hustings and the interviews for the senior student team, and especially to Lady Lumley's new senior student team.

From left to right: **Amy Paterson (deputy head girl), Hannah Woodward (head girl), Josh Spittal (head boy) and Josh Davies (deputy head boy).**

"It's a great honour to be given this opportunity as a member of the senior student team, and we feel we can make a big impact as head girl and boy this coming year. We are both excited to share and listen to other students' ideas and will endeavour to improve the school further. Thank you for this opportunity." Hannah and Josh



NFU National Pony Club Finalists!

Fiona Hardman (10EWA), Amy Newman (10EWA), Charlotte Beal (7APY) and Sophie Lunn (7APY) are members of Friars Hill Pony Club and they have qualified for the NFU National Pony Club Quiz Final to be held on 2nd April at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire. They won the Area 3 Northern Qualifier held at Guisborough Rugby Club in February then fought off the competition last Friday at Clifford near Leeds to win the Area 3 final. The girls, as well as reserve **Amy Ring (8MHE)**, have had to learn facts about the Pony Club, Ailments, Points of the Horse and 'All the Queens Horses' as well as general facts about famous riders and UK equestrian venues. The girls will meet up with like minded members from all of the UK and Northern Ireland in the Final. Good luck girls.



Outdoor First Aid

Last week, Miss Bringloe, Mrs Farrell, Miss Mark, Mr Mann, Mr Rutherford and Miss Wilson took part in an intensive two day first aid course for outdoor professionals. The course equipped us with the skills to deal

with outdoor first aid incidents on the many outdoor education trips we run. Skills covered included CPR, dealing with bleeding, splinting broken bones, carrying injured casualties and much more. Well done to all involved.

Words of the week

As we head into the examination season and with a nod to the typographical error made in the last newsletter, let us look at **there**, **their** and **they're**. These homophones are easily confused but can also be confusing if used wrongly and could cost marks in an examination.

They're is short for "they are" as in "Jane and Bob missed the bus now they're late for school"

There is a form of the possessive case (something belongs to someone) as in "Jane and Bob looked a mess as their ties were not neatly tied"

There can be used in many ways but the commonest is to indicate a position "Jane was sat over there" If you are not saying "they are" (they're) or something belonging to someone (their) the there you want is probably spelt "there".

Governor News

The Governors' teaching and learning meeting took place on Tuesday, and alongside items such as student performance, staffing and the recent Ofsted inspection, we had a presentation by the current head girl and head boy, **Beth Rose** and **Dan Peace**. Beth and Dan spoke about their year in post, outlining the way they were selected for the positions and the actions they have taken over the last 12 months. The senior student team of Beth, Dan, **Evie Sellars**, **Rosie Collier**, **Ollie Fearn** and **Toby Mennell** have revamped the School Council meetings; ran the library project in conjunction with the local library; met the Archbishop of York; represented the school at: open evenings, Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas carol concert; compared the school's variety show; organise the Year 7 Christmas party and took part in myriad fundraising activities. This is alongside weekly meetings with the headteacher and head of sixth form where they were able to feedback views and opinions of students in the school. Looking at this list it is not surprising that Beth and Dan mentioned time management as one of the key skills necessary to be successful as head girl and head boy! The students spoke of the benefits of the role in terms of their own increased confidence in public speaking and increased awareness of their own ability to organise and manage people. The timing of this meeting was pertinent as, on the same day, the names of the new senior student team were announced. The 2015-16 team have been a joy to work with and I wish each of them the very best for whatever adventures they face in the future. Richard Bramley

Year 10 Maths Challenge

On Monday the 21st March, I went to Bootham School in York with 3 other students, **Sam Penny (10EWA)**, **Arthur Patch (10EWA)** and **Luke Hornby (10RWK)** for the Year 10 maths challenge. It was a competition to promote more students to take Further Maths at A-level. We had a good time, coming joint 1st in the Countdown round, and winning some Haribos. I'd like to thank Dr Jones and Mr Blythe for arranging this and providing transport.

Katharine Bryant (10JFU)

Spice4U Curry Night Fundraiser - 11th April, 5:30pm or 8:15pm

We are holding a curry fundraiser night at Spice 4 U to raise money for our Peru world challenge expedition in Summer 2017. Tickets cost £20 and includes a starter, poppadums and pickles, a choice of six curries, rice and a naan bread of your choice. If you would like a ticket please contact either **Caitlin Pollard, Jo Thompson**, **Harry Jowett-Spring** or **Rosie Maley** via Reception.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th April

Staff Training Day

Spanish students in school (11th to 18th)

Tuesday 12th April

Students Return to School

Y10 Exams (12th to 15th)

AS Unit 2b Drama Exam Prep Day

Wednesday 13th April

AS Unit 2b Drama Exam Performance

Thursday 14th April

Y11 Partnership Rounders, Ryedale

Friday 15th April

Y11 GCSE Trekking (15th-16th)

Forthcoming Event...

18th-22nd April - Y9 Exams

20th-21st April Y12 Language Speaking Event

26th April - Parents' Forum 6:30pm

28th April - Y7/8 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

28th April - Year 6 Out of Area Roadshow, LLS

2nd May - Bank Holiday

4th to 5th May - GCSE Unit 3 Drama Prep & Exam Days