



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

A lot of students (hopefully the vast majority) will have spent time over Easter revising for external or internal examinations and some students in the sixth form and Year 11 were also able to benefit from sessions run in school during the break. These next few weeks are a crucial time for the students sitting external examinations and I hope they take advantage of all the support being given to them in school and the encouragement given at home. GCSE PE students are already taking part in activities which count 60% towards their final mark and we wish all the best to those students and staff taking part in the trekking activity around Rosedale this weekend.

Richard Bramley

## AS Drama Exam Performance

Year 12 drama students put on three fantastic directed pieces; for our exam on Wednesday evening. We've worked hard over the past three days, coming in on the training day and spending two full school days off time-table to rehearse, but was worth it in the end! The three plays performed were; *Ernest and the Pale Moon*, a sinister story about obsession and mental illness in a disturbed and nightmarish style, Ernest stabs Gwendoline and his mother then stores his mother's body in the wall and begins to lose his mental stability, ending in him unable to deal with the guilt. *Alice*, an adaptation of Alice in Wonderland which told the story about a young girl who is dealing with the loss of her brother and being in touch with her heart, the play told of her journey confronting the different issues associated with grief and the ways we deal with it. Lastly, *Tristan and Yseult* a classic love story where the Cornish King Mark sent his friend, Tristan on a journey to retrieve his bride, Yseult, but on the journey back Tristan fell in love with Yseult, the plot takes a dark twist as their affair begins to strain their friendship, coming to a finish with an emotional ending! All the groups performed exceptionally well and should be very proud! We all want to say a big thank you to Mr Silburn and Mrs Pearson for giving up their time to support and direct the students. Beth Stilborn and Courtney Brown



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold canoe expedition

The Easter holidays saw a group of fourteen Year 12 Lady Lumley's School students head off on their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold canoe practice expedition. The expedition was a three day canoeing expedition on the River Ure and Ouse, starting at Ripon and finishing at York. The expedition was truly self-sufficient and students had to carry all their food and equipment throughout the expedition. Well done to all involved and we are now looking forward to planning our prestigious Gold assessment expedition in the coming months. Dave Mann



## Spanish Exchange

Our Spanish partner school in Colmenar Viejo near Madrid have been visiting us this week for the return part of our exchange. 16 students have been staying with Y10, 11 and 12 students and have been taking part in trips during the day to York and Whitby, and spending evenings and weekends with their host families. Students have visited the Castle Museum, walked the walls, visited the National Railway Museum, and in Whitby have had an action packed day working their way through plates of fish and chips and visiting the Abbey among other things. On Tuesday the Spanish students spent a day in school, joining in with lessons with their host partners, and also having the opportunity to spend a lesson in Food Technology, baking scones and cakes with Mrs Hammond. This was a highlight for the students as they do not study this subject in Spain, so they really enjoyed it and will hopefully go home with some recipes to share with their families! Many thanks to Mrs Hammond, who accompanied the exchange in January, for making this happen.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the students and their families who have taken part in this exchange, we would not be able to run this without your enthusiasm, support and willingness to take the big step of spending time in another country or welcoming students into your homes. Huge thanks also to Ana Perez and Gema Sejas, the teachers who have organised the exchange visit from Spain, again, it is always a pleasure to work with such committed and enthusiastic colleagues. The Spanish Exchange is open to any student in Year 10 and above taking Spanish at either GCSE or A-level. We go to Colmenar in Spain for a week in late January, and the Spaniards return in April. If anyone is interested in taking part in this fantastic opportunity next year, please see Miss Wilson. Information letters will be coming out in May. Rachel Wilson



### Pony Club Quiz

The Friars Hill Pony Club quiz team made the long journey down to Buckinghamshire for the NFU Mutual Pony Club National Quiz Finals on Saturday, 2nd April. The team consisting of, **Fiona**



**Hardman, Amy Newman, Charlotte Beal and Sophie Lunn** arrived at Addington Manor in good time to settle themselves down for the days events. There were special rosettes and goody bags on the tables for all 120 competitors. The girls were up against some stiff competition from 11 other centre based pony clubs from around the UK.

At the half time lunch break, the girls emerged from the quiz room a bit bamboozled but quite positive, by the time lunch was over the scores were up. They were in 2nd place 10.5 points behind the leaders; all to play for.

The girls really pulled it out of the hat in the second half, which included the often difficult, practical round and 'All the Queens Horses' round. By the end of the quiz they had pulled back to just 3.5 points behind the eventual winners - Silvermere EC from Area 13 (Hampshire & Isle of Wight) and pushing last year's 2nd placed team Tumpy Green (Area 9 Gloucestershire) into 3rd place. The girls have worked incredibly hard to get the success they so rightly deserved. They came away from Addington with beautiful rosettes, smart boot bags and big smiles. It rounded off an amazingly successful Easter holidays for the riders and Pony Club members of Friars Hill Stables, Sinnington.

### Lady Lumley's School Ski Trip 2016

Lady Lumley's annual ski trip travelled to the Milky Way region of Italy. The trip took 35 students and 4 staff of varying ski abilities and arrived on a beautiful sunny day to



the town of Claviere. The weather during the week varied from sunny climbs to heavy cloud and snowfall making the ski conditions varied and challenging throughout the week.

The first day students donned their ski wear, met their instructors and headed for the slopes. The beginners progressed quickly to move from the nursery slopes into the red and blue runs of the mountain. The advanced skiers travelled further afield and encountered some steep blacks and challenging off piste.

The food within the hotel was excellent and very student friendly. We travelled with both deputy head girls, with Evie Sellers commenting regularly on the hotels desserts, particularly the chocolate cake. All students enjoyed a hot lunch and evening meal.

During the week we watched an evening ski show, enjoyed a pizza night, bum boarded and fully immersed themselves in a karaoke night. Along with singing along to our reps guitar playing in the hotel. Thanks to all the students for their impeccable behaviour throughout the week. This enjoyable, challenging and cultural visit will soon be advertising for next year.

**Word of the Week: Complacent.** According to Dictionary.com "pleased, especially with oneself or one's merits, advantages, situation, etc., often without awareness of some potential danger or defect". For example "*Alfred felt very complacent about his preparation for his examinations*". So Alfred felt everything was going well but was unaware that he had not done enough (the danger ahead).

### Parents' Forum - Tuesday 26th April

The meeting will focus on how you can support your child with feedback they receive during lessons, with a particular focus on written feedback in exercise books and folders.

Will be great to see you there on Tuesday 26th April at 6:30pm in the sixth form café area. Brian Davis

### Candle Lighters Event - 17th April 5pm til late at The Engine Shed Restaurant at Steam & Moorland Garden Centre

Please come along to a fantastic night of live music, raffle prizes, great food & drink to raise money for Candles (supporting families with their fight against children's cancer). Tickets £10 available to buy at the Garden Centre.

Our very own **Martha Mills** (10ILD) will be singing and their will also be live music from staff member **Fliss (Barker)** and The Stopouts. Again, please support this community event if you are free!

### Vacancies at School

**INVIGILATORS** - Invigilators required for the exam season. Adhoc sessions, £7.30 per hour. Please contact Pat Watson 01751 472846 or email [pwatson@ladylumleys.net](mailto:pwatson@ladylumleys.net) if interested.

**CLEANER – LEISURE CENTRE** - To carry out cleaning and associated duties in the leisure centre. 10 hours per week (Mon-Fri 6:30-8:30 am). 52 weeks per year, £7.20 per hour.

### Required as soon as possible

For an application pack please contact Kathryn Holbrook on 01751 472846 or email [kholbrook@ladylumleys.net](mailto:kholbrook@ladylumleys.net).

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Friday 15th April

GCSE PE Practical Assessments (15th to 27th)

#### Monday 18th April

Y9 Exams (18th to 22nd)

Y8 Cricket Trials, LLS

#### Wednesday 20th April

Y12 Language Speaking Event, Rosedale (20th to 21st)

#### Friday 22nd April

GCSE Art Exam Display

#### Forthcoming Event...

25th April to 13th May - A Level Art/Photography Exams

26th April - Parent Forum 6:30pm

28th April - Y7/8 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

28th April - Y6 Out of Area Roadshow 7pm

16th May - AS Exams start

23rd May - Non Uniform Day

30th May to 3rd June - Half Term

6th to 10th May - Y7 Exams

8th to 9th May - Y6 Induction Days

8th June - A2 Exams start