



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It was a privilege to be in the audience last night for the GCSE assessed drama practicals. The students performed in 4 short plays ranging from a harrowing tale of the deportations and extermination of Jews in World War 2 and the jailing of a political prisoner in Paraguay in the 1960s, to moving tales closer to home of working life for four young women and the death of a teenager in a stabbing incident. It is difficult to convey in a few words how effectively the students portrayed their characters and how they brought the drama in these scenarios so vividly to life. The students involved were: **Rebecca Bland, Holly Calder, Rebecca Cash-Archer, Bradley Guest-Hodgson, Emma Hayward, Katie Henson, Rory Hobkinson, Bradley Hodgson, Annie Inman, Rhianna Jarvis, Danielle Long, Jack Potter, Rebecca Redgate, Niamh Rose, Hollie Stephenson, James Weldon-Bee and Anna Wrench.** And, as with the excellent A level performances earlier, all this was made possible by the support from Mr Silburn and Mrs Pearson and a big thank you to Mrs Strachan who came back into school to help film the students.

We are properly into the examination season now. Tuesday saw the first big examination with the first English paper and we have already had drama examinations and deadlines for practical subjects. I would just like to echo some advice from the guide to GCSEs we gave to all Year 11 students (and this applies to A level as well): "useful revision involves **DOING SOMETHING** with the information you are trying to learn and remember". Revision is an active process and your brain remembers things when you have to think. Things to try: spider diagrams and mind maps, turning words and ideas into pictures, reminders of things you have to remember all over the house, quizzes (test yourself or get others to test you or go online), explain things to someone else, flash cards and hide and seek. Even if you reading a page of notes, close your eyes and try to recall what you have read. Condense what you have read to 5 sentences or 10 words. The more active you are with your revision, the more will stick. And please, do not leave it until the last minute. You forget about 80% of what you have done in 24 hours unless it is reinforced and properly learnt. Simply: more effort in = better results out. Richard Bramley

## Governor News

There was a full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday of this week. As well as the usual recurring items, Governors discussed the impact upon the school of the Government's announcement that all schools should be academies by 2022. This decision has clearly caused a great deal of debate nationally and a simple search of the words "DFE Academy" for the last month brings up headlines varying from "Turbocharged academies programme gives better education" to "Academy plans pose 'significant risk' to government finances". The first article refers to suspiciously refined sets of statistics (see last week's newsletter) and Governors are fully aware they need to take a very wary view of the promises being made about academy conversion. At the moment, it does appear inevitable that the role of the local authority will diminish and that schools will have to look elsewhere for the support and challenge a local authority can bring. Governors are keeping abreast of all the possible developments in this rapidly changing situation and will base any decisions, as always, on what is best for the young people who attend Lady Lumley's School. As part of further fact finding, the headteacher and chair of governors are attending a meeting next week to which all primary and secondary schools in the Ryedale are have been invited.

Richard Bramley

## Open Afternoon planned for a great cause

The Year 10 CoPE group will be hosting a **Coffee Afternoon** in Learning Support on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2-3:15pm**. The event which is raising money for 'Stan's Wheels' promises to be a real treat, with cakes, biscuits and treats available to anyone who wishes to come. The group have been frantically planning for a couple of weeks now and will be using all of their baking expertise to ensure that the event is a great success. 'Stan's Wheels' is a fundraising initiative which is raising money towards getting a special wheelchair for Stan, the son of one of Lady Lumley's staff. Please take the time to come along and support us and this worthy cause.

**Corey Murray, Ben Watson & Liam Elliott**

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

The North York Moors National Park Authority are currently advertising for a Business Administration Apprentice and a Conservation Apprentice which may be of interest to Year 11 and sixth form leavers. For further information please see:

### Conservation:

<http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/jobs/conservation-apprentice>

### Business Admin:

<http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/jobs/business-administration-apprentice2>



### MindEd for Families

MindEd offers free, completely open access, online education in over 300 topics. Their aim is to provide simple, clear guidance on children and young people's mental health, wellbeing and development to any adult working with children, young people and families, to help them support the development of young healthy minds. Please visit:

<http://minded.e-lfh.org.uk/families/index.html>

Rosemary Cannell, Safeguarding Officer  
(Education/LADO)

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Unit, Tel: 01609 534974

### North Yorkshire County Council

#### SEND Inspection Briefing: Important information for parents and carers



From May 2016, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission will begin inspecting how well partners across North Yorkshire meet the needs of children and young people aged 0-25 who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Following the introduction of the Children & Families Act in 2014, the government has now asked Ofsted and the CQC to find out how well the new law is working and to say what more needs to be done to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The inspections are expected to take place over the next five years but at this stage the Local Authority does not know when North Yorkshire will be inspected.

Parents and carers can send feedback to [SEND@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:SEND@northyorks.gov.uk).

*Full briefing and further links available on the school website under parents tab - letters to parents section.*

### CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Fundraiser for Scarborough Area Music Centre (SAMC) Transport Fund

**Thursday 19th May 2016**

at

**The Sun Inn, Pickering**

**7.30 for 8pm start**

Cost £5 per team (max 5 players)

SAMC has developed young musicians from Scarborough and Ryedale for over 30 years.

North Yorkshire County Council used to operate a dedicated bus service from Malton, via Pickering every Saturday morning. Unfortunately this service was axed because of Government funding cuts, but with a lot of hard work and support we have managed to keep it going ourselves.

Please come and support us, and if you know an ex SAMC member, make sure they come too! Further details:

[www.thesuninn-pickering.co.uk](http://www.thesuninn-pickering.co.uk)

[www.scarboroughareamusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.scarboroughareamusiccentre.co.uk)



### Word of the Week - Bias

In a week where much of the country had elections and the debate about in or out of the European Community continues, I thought bias might be a useful word to explore.

Bias has many meanings, but the relevant one today is "a particular tendency, trend, inclination, feeling, or opinion, especially one that is preconceived or unreasoned" (Dictionary.com). The key parts are the "preconceived and unreasoned". Everyone has preferences, likes and dislikes, but bias is not based on reason or experience. "I don't like French people" is a biased view if you have never met a French person or know nothing about the country and its people. "I hate Marmite" is not a biased view if you have tried it and really do not like it. Newspapers are often accused of bias as they will report the same things differently depending on their political views. As an exercise, read up on this week's local government elections in the Daily Mirror and the Daily Mail to see this in action.

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846

Attendance Officer: 01751 472846

Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043

Specialist School Nurse: 01609 798150/146

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 9th May

AS Photography Exam

#### Tuesday 10th May

Partnership Field Athletics & District Trials, Caedmon 4pm

#### Thursday 12th May

Partnership Track Athletics & District Trials, Ryedale 4pm

### Forthcoming Events

16th May - AS Exams start (until 29th June)

16th May - GCSE Exams start (until 27th June)

17th to 19th May - Visits to Primary Feeder Schools

19th May - Y10 CoPE Open Afternoon 2-3:15pm

23rd May - Non Uniform Day

30th May to 3rd June - Half Term

6th to 10th June - Y7 Exams

8th June - A2 Exams start (until 28th June)

8th & 9th June - Y6 Induction Days

10th to 11th June - DofE Bronze Training, Dalby Forest

14th June - GCSE & A Level Art & Photography Exhibition

16th June - KS3 & KS4 Solar Boat Challenge

20th June - Y12 Newcastle & Northumbria Ambassadors

21st June - Y10 Geography Fieldwork, Sutton Bank

21st June - Parent Forum 6:30pm

23rd June - Sports Day

23rd to 30th June - French Exchange students in school

27th June to 1st July - Y8 Exams

28th to 29th June - DofE Silver Training, Dalby Forest

30th June - Y11 Prom

1st July - Y12 Newcastle & Northumbria University Trip

1st to 7th July - Austrian Students in school

4th to 8th July - Y7/8 House Matches