



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I was going to start this Newsletter with "there is a Chinese curse '*may you live in interesting times*'". I have now carried out a little research (Google and Wikipedia) and discovered that the phrase, whilst known as the Chinese Curse is apocryphal (i.e. of doubtful authenticity). Nevertheless, the idea remains the same and "interesting times" can be very difficult to live through.

I wrote in last week's Newsletter about the Government's plans to force all schools to become academies by 2022. I did say this was a rapidly changing situation and within a few hours of printing, the news came through of a "Government U-turn on English schools to Academies plan". Of course, when reading the small print, things turn out not to be as simple as they could appear. In most people's opinion, the Government's intention, that all schools will become academies, has not changed. It is also inevitable that the role of the local authority will also change. How long Lady Lumley's can remain a local authority school is simply not known. The meeting of the primary and secondary schools in the Ryedale area still took place last night and was very well attended by headteachers and school governors. There were also senior staff from the local authority, including the assistant director for education and skills, Jill Hodges. There was much discussion about the future of education locally and attendees were able to share their current views and intentions. At the moment, with so much unknown and such a changeable situation, most of us attending just wanted some certainty about how the Government's intentions will affect our schools and our neighbouring schools. The good news is that the focus of the meeting last night was on the children and how any changes would affect the young people in our schools. Whatever the future educational landscape may be, the children come first. All of the schools recognise this and all of the schools will continue to work together to help their students do as well as possible. These are "interesting times", but as long as we keep the students at the centre of everything we do, we will all get through this and come out stronger on the other side.

Meanwhile, back at the normal life of the school, the main block of formal examinations begin next week. I would like to wish all the best to the students in Years 11, 12 and 13 taking these important examinations and I know that their hard work and commitment will pay dividends.

Richard Bramley

Coffee Afternoon for a 'Wheely' worthy Cause

Posters have been created, Invites sent and cakes are about to be baked in preparation for next week's Coffee Afternoon in Learning Support hosted by the Year 10 CoPE group. The event, which is an annual event, promises to be a real treat for all those who love coffee and cake.

Everybody is welcome to attend and donations will be collected to raise funds for 'Stan's Wheels' a fundraising incentive aimed at providing Stan, the son of a Lady Lumley's staff member, with a new all-terrain wheelchair which will enable him to enjoy the outdoors.

So come along for some tasty treats and help to raise money for this 'really wheely' worthy cause.

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



Scarborough Area Music Centre

Open Day: Saturday 21st May

Open Evening Tuesday 24th May (Ebony & Jazz Train)

Scarborough Area Music Centre has 11 different ensembles for musicians of all ages and abilities and all instruments.

Come along for a look round and see what you think.

Bring your instrument and have a sit in and play with a real band or orchestra!

Open day Saturday 21st May, doors open at 10.30am.

Open Evening Tuesday 24th May: doors open 7.15pm.

Refreshments available on the Saturday.



Year 13 Student Finance Applications

Year 13 students who have applied to university for 2016 entry should have a reminder from UCAS to complete the online application for student finance. This application should be done by 27th May. Go to

www.gov.uk/student-finance. If the application is late, monies may not be in place for the beginning of the academic term. For additional support or advice, please go to www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Virtual reference group invitation

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) would like to invite parents and carers to take part in a virtual reference group for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, their parents, carers and families.

NYCC plan to be in touch occasionally via email to give you updates on work that is happening and any new developments such as:

- Updates on opportunities and up & coming events;
- Consulting with you on specific areas of work so that you can influence developments; and
- Providing an opportunity to speak to OFSTED / CQC inspectors on how they are doing (NYCC will be inspected every 5 years).

You can then respond with feedback and comments which NYCC can capture and consider in taking things further.

If you are interested, please email

Linda Steel, Senior Planning & Development officer at:

linda.steel@northyorks.gov.uk

Full invitation letter available on the school website under parents tab - letters to parents section.

Trainee Opportunity

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing individual to join our friendly front of house team as a trainee. The White Swan Inn has twenty one bedrooms and a thriving food & beverage operation.



If you are keen to learn and gain some good experience we would be very interested in hearing from you. The position will be varied but will give a good grounding in front of house duties (waiting, bar and cellar) and in time reception (with some marketing and event organising).

Full in house training and the opportunity to enrol on an NVQ is offered for the right candidate. Salary to be discussed but it will be a 'living' wage and not an apprentice wage.

Please email your CV and a covering letter to:

marion@white-swan.co.uk. The White Swan Inn, Market Place, Pickering, YO18 7AA Tel: 01751 472288

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT REMINDER

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 due to 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

www.scarboroughareamusiccentre.co.uk



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2016

If you have any Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 vouchers at home, we would be grateful if you could donate them to school. We are looking to invest in some cooking equipment for the food tech rooms. Please send in vouchers to school Reception by the end of term. Many thanks for your support.

Word of the Week - Autonomy

Meaning *independence or freedom*. "As manager of the football team, Sam had the autonomy to decide who played in the match". So Sam had the freedom to choose which players she wanted. Autonomy also means *the right to self-government*. "In a federal system, each state has a great deal of autonomy". The stem of the word comes from "autos" meaning *self*. There are many common words that begin with "auto" and they derive from the same root: e.g. *autobiography: an account of a person's life written by that person (yourself); automobile: a way of making yourself mobile; autograph: your signature, from self and written; automatic: a machine that works by itself.*

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th May

AS & GCSE Exams start (until 29th & 27th June)

Tuesday 17th May

Visits to Primary Feeder Schools (17th to 19th)

Y7-10 School's Biathlon, Whitby

Primary Tag Rugby, LLS 1:30-3pm

Wednesday 18th May

Y8 Rounders Tournament

Y8 Cricket, Norton

Primary Drax Cricket, LLS 1:30-3pm

Thursday 19th May

Primary Kwick Cricket, LLS 1:30-3pm

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

Upcoming Events...

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