



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

On Monday we had a fantastic assembly from Sharon Maddison of NYBEP called "What's Stopping Me?". In an instructive, challenging and amusing session she asked students to think about the unique skill set they have and how this relates to their progress in school and their employability in the future. Students found it quite hard to pinpoint their strengths when asked "what are you good at?", but would, as Sharon pointed out, have been quick to list their weaknesses. The denouement of the assembly was that the only person stopping any of us achieving our goals is ourselves. We only need to believe in ourselves in order to be able to achieve almost anything.

Sharon stayed with us to present certificates and prizes to Year 10 during the prize-giving ceremony which followed her talk. We were really pleased that this year a greater number of awards were received than ever before; an indication of the hard work and success of the current Year 10 cohort.

Sharon is employed by NYBEP, the organisation who help the school with the Year 10 work experience which the students take part in during July. The last part of the assembly was about making final preparations for work experience which starts on Monday 11th July. For many students this will be their first experience of the world of work and a great opportunity for them to find out more about potential careers. Next week we will also have most of the Year 8 students at Beverley Park, another opportunity for the young people to experience something different and meet new challenges.

It was a good week for assemblies as we also had very cerebral assemblies on art delivered by three sixth form students, **Jonnie Bayes, Harry Curtoys and Jo Thompson**. As well as the thought-provoking question "what is art?" the assemblies also celebrated some of the fantastic work produced by students at Lady Lumley's.

On Thursday night we held the Sixth Form Leavers' Ball at the Royal York Hotel and Mrs Ward did a marvellous job in organising the event. As usual, this was a lovely affair and quite a poignant one as this will be the last time we see the students in this year group before they leave Lady Lumley's to go to university, employment or gap years to see the world. All the staff at Lady Lumley's wish them every success in the future – they were a great group of students to have in the school.
Richard Bramley



Sports Leaders

On Sunday 3rd July a group of students from Lady Lumley's School volunteered to help out at the North Yorkshire Level 3 School Games at Queen Margaret's School in Easingwold. **Evie Wright, Chloe Tarry, Josh Hellmann, Dan Hellmann, Abbie Davison, Eve Shelton, Grace Buckland and Hannah Smith** worked alongside School Games Organisers, National Governing Bodies and staff from North Yorkshire Sport to ensure that this event was a success for all primary and secondary students taking part.

They had a long day ahead of them as they had to leave school at 8am, returning just after 4pm. They were involved in roles such as umpiring, photography, event management and some were even wearing the Teddy the Terrier mascot outfit.

During the event they were able to spend time with former GB swimmer Chris Cook who acknowledged the importance of volunteers in enabling competitive sport to succeed.

Well done to all leaders who took part on a weekend day in order to volunteer at a huge sporting event for North Yorkshire.
Andy Park, Head of PE



**MONDAY 18TH JULY 2016
NON UNIFORM DAY - £1 DONATION**

Y11 PROM PHOTOS - PLEASE SEE WEBSITE:
<http://studio8online.co.uk/events-gallery/>. The password is Lumley16

A busy time in the life of the Sixth Form recently...

'Personal Statement in a day day'

On Wednesday the 29th June we held our annual Personal Statement in a Day event. This allowed students to embark on the UCAS application process. By the end of the day all students had registered with UCAS and started to explore courses and universities. They were also given advice on how to develop their personal statements. The students were excellent throughout the day and gained a lot of vital insight into university applications as well as apprenticeship and career opportunities

Newcastle / Northumbria Open Day

As part of our Sixth Form Personal Development Programme all Y12 students attended the Open Day at Newcastle University and Northumbria University on Friday 1st July.

The visit offered an opportunity to confirm first-hand whether a student has a genuine interest in pursuing higher education. Our students visited university departments, assessed teaching facilities and enjoyed talks from departmental tutors and current students about the structure, content and assessment of courses. They could also gain an insight into student life; perusing accommodation and social spaces and hearing about how students cope financially.

Taster Day

On Tuesday 4th July 23 students from out of area schools attended Lady Lumley's Year 12 taster day. During the day students had the opportunity to sample their chosen AS courses and meet staff and current students. They enjoyed a free lunch and had a tour of the school. The day was a great success and the feedback was very positive. One student commented it was 'very informative and I felt very welcome and I am looking forward to joining Lady Lumley's in September'.

Year 13 Leavers Prom

The annual Y13 Leavers Prom took place on Thursday evening at the Royal York Hotel which was a stunning venue – even the sun came out for the evening! Our event included a three course dinner followed by the much anticipated awards presentation – the latter element allowing the Sixth Form team an opportunity to share one or two (hopefully embarrassing) anecdotes about the students! There was a fantastic atmosphere all evening – a reflection of the wonderful working relationships that we enjoy with our students. Thank-you to staff for giving up their time to celebrate with our students and particular thanks go to: Mrs Ward for her incredibly efficient organisation and attention to detail; Mr Varey for leading the awards; and Mr Blythe for coming out at midnight for those students who did not wish to continue their celebration in the City. Finally, well done to the Year 13 students themselves for their exemplary behaviour and wonderful company. We wish them a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to further celebration on results day! Mr Ambrose, Mr Varey and Mrs Ward.

Word of the Week - Gist

Gist means the "substance or general meaning of a speech or text". The word was used in the staff teaching and learning briefing this morning when talking about students meeting an unfamiliar word in a passage. Young people sometimes just stop reading when they meet a word they don't know. A useful suggestion was that they should look at the text and try to work out the *gist* of the writing. In that way they will still get the meaning of the text and may also work out what the unfamiliar word means.

Year 8 and Year 9 Workshops

On Tuesday 5th July Lady Lumley's School welcomed the Saltmine Theatre Production Company into school to deliver an interactive drama workshop to all Year 8 and Year 9 students.



The school was also hosting the production as a showcase, for other colleagues from across the county coming to view the show. The production 'Stand For It?' was both a topical and engaging production, that sensitively explored radicalisation, extremism and community cohesion. Students were able to watch the production and then become involved in a thought provoking workshop, exploring all aspects of extremism and radicalisation. The production and workshop was well received by students and will help to promote positive discussions both in school and at home. Also, a huge thanks to the staff that helped to support the sessions. Sarah Turner

Young Americans returning to Lady Lumley's!

We are excited to announce that in November 2016 *The Young Americans* will be returning to Lady Lumley's. *The Young Americans* is a group of 42 performers aged 18 to 25, who bring vitality and talent to share with young people all over the world. They have won an Academy award, are regular guests on America's top rated entertainment programmes and tour extensively throughout America, Europe and Asia.

Over three days, students will take part in professional voice, dance and drama workshops, run by the Young Americans and culminating in a vibrant public **performance** at school on **20th November 2016**.

The event is open to all students. The cost is £55 per student and this includes the **2 days of workshops**, the final day spent rehearsing and performing the show, and a *Young Americans* t-shirt. Interested students will be given letters to take home with full details of how to get involved. To facilitate their visit we are also looking for families willing to host members of the group (ideally two per household) over their three night stay. Details of this will also be included in the letter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th July

Y8 Bewerley Park Week

Y10 Work Experience Week

Y12 DofE Gold Assessment (11th to 14th)

Y10 District Cricket Final v Ryedale, Scarborough 12:30pm

Wednesday 13th July

Y7 Enterprise Event 'Put Pickering on the Map'

Y6 Transition Evening 6:30pm

Thursday 14th July

Y12 Further Maths Trip, University of Leeds

Y7 Cricket v Eskdale, LLS

Upcoming Events...

Monday 18th July - Y9/10 House Matches, L1

Tuesday 19th July - Y9 Spanish Day

Tuesday 19th July - House Celebration Evening

Wednesday 20th July - Y9/10 House Matches, L1

Friday 22nd July - Sixth Form Open Mic, Lunchtime

Friday 22nd July - End of Term