



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had a superb Key Stage 3 Prizegiving Evening on Wednesday of this week. Stuart Cleary led the celebration of the achievements of students in last year's Years 7, 8 and 9 and we had a packed assembly hall for the event. Our guest of honour for the evening was Susie Mackenzie, who has recently retired from her post as educational psychologist with North Yorkshire County Council. Susie knows Lady Lumley's well and spoke very highly of the school and especially the excellent behaviour and positive attitude of the students who are here. There are some more high profile events over the next few weeks. On Wednesday 28th September we have the Year 10 information evening, so if you are a Bake-Off fan and have a child in Year 10, that is two Wednesdays on the trot when you may miss the start of the programme. At least with the move to Channel 4 this is unlikely to be a problem next year. On the following Wednesday we have probably the biggest event of the year, the Year 5 and 6 Open Evening, about which I wrote last week, and the next two Wednesdays see the Year 7 and Year 12 meet the tutor evening and the Year 11 parents' consultation evening. The event I really want to bring to your attention is to be held on Friday 21st October, the Sponsored Walk. Not only is this great fun and a lovely way to end the half-term, it is also a wonderful way for the students to bond together and an opportunity for the school to raise funds to help with the education of the students. The Sponsored Walk is a biennial event (I had to look that up to check! Biennial means every two years, biannual means twice a year) and students always remember their sponsored walks long after leaving the school. This time we are making a few changes to the walk. To avoid so much of the walk being on public roads, we are changing the route which means we won't be able to use the train at the start. It will be a circular route beginning and ending at the school. We will also be looking at increasing the House aspects of the walk, especially in terms of the sponsorship side. There will be more information to follow over the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on the Newsletter and other information coming home from school. Richard Bramley

House Cross Country

On Tuesday the annual House Cross Country took place with a total of 349 students taking part over the course of the day. Each student who took part earned a house point and then placing points were given also.

The races saw some excellent determined and inspiring performances from **Lleyton Scott, Maurice Carlton-Seal, Owen Ellis, Emma Clapton, Laura Dove** and **Sophie Boddy** who all took first place in their respective races. While behind them displays of inspiration and courage were evident with students working together to drive themselves to overcome the challenges of the Rookers field, the stile at the beck and the gruelling climb back to the school field.

The marshals showed respect for the performers with their cheering and on course support especially for the younger year groups and this display showed what the house system is built to do!

The results this year encompass both participation and placing points and the overall results are as follows:

1st = **Highfield** 576 pts
2nd = **Hainsworth** 352 pts
3rd = **Feversham** 339 pts
4th = **Acland** 336 pts

The participation table was very close:

Highfield = 90 students
Feversham = 89 students
Acland = 89 students
Hainsworth = 80 students

Well done to all students who took part in the event!!!

Celebration of Volunteering

Congratulations to a number of Lady Lumley's students who volunteered over the summer at Pickering Library for the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge. Sheila Sylvester, of Pickering library said that the following students had a huge input into this challenge over the summer: **Henry Petch (Y13), Caitlin Jordan (Y10) and Mackenzie Jordan (Y11) and Rebecca Bland (Y12)**. Also the following students have helped: **Luke Armstrong (Y10) Matthew Smith (Y10), Ryan Colley (Y10), Abigail Farrow (Y10), Abigail Hodgson (Y10) and Chloe Cash-Archer (Y10)**.

The students were invited to a celebration at Pickering Library on Thursday evening to say a huge well done and thank you.

MFL teambuilding

On Wednesday 21st September twelve sixth form languages students travelled to Rosedale to the school's outdoor centre to take part in a teambuilding event. In the afternoon Mr Mann and Miss Mark organised language-based activities which allowed students in Years 12 & 13 to work together and use their languages. In the evening the students cooked for each other following authentic recipes which were in French, German and Spanish. The French group's ratatouille was a particular success. Mr Heeley and Miss Wilson led games using the foreign languages in the evening before it was time for bed. The next morning there was time for a quick clean of the centre after a Spanish breakfast before heading back to school in time for lessons. Everyone had a great time and it was a fantastic opportunity for the Year 12s to get language learning tips from the Year 13s.

Wacky Golf Competition

Come and play some 'wacky golf' at Malton & Norton Golf Club on Saturday 15th October to raise money for **The Rob Stephenson Trust**.

Cost is £60/team of 4 to include beef burger or hotdog at half way house.

20p and 50p forfeits

Competition open to male and female members and non-members.

Please book a tee time at the pro shop 7.30am-1.30pm.

Stableford - 9/10ths handicap

2 scores to count

An 'extra' challenge on 5 holes

Prizes for the top three teams

Raffle (donations)

Would love to see as many teams from Lady Lumley's staff and students as possible. Please note U18s are free!

Word of the week - Product. This is one of many words which has a large number of meanings and therefore its use can cause confusion. As an example, in one of the training days at the beginning of this term, we heard the great example of the use of the word *conversion*. If you were a PE teacher talking about rugby, the word conversion means something very different from an RE teacher using the same word. The danger is that the teachers know exactly what the word means in their subject, but the students go from subject to subject and may bring the wrong definition with them. That is why, as teachers, we try to make sure we find out what the students think a word means, and the students need to ask every time for clarification if they have any doubt whatsoever. Product is an annoying word in some ways as it has different meanings in different subjects and even different meanings in normal everyday language. Before even looking in a dictionary, my first thought is that product means something made in a factory, but, if I was in a hairdressers, product would mean some shampoo or conditioner. In normal conversation, we use the word product to mean the result or consequence of an action "*what did you expect the product of that to be?*". In maths, product has a very specific meaning and students need to be tuned into that meaning. The product is the result of multiplying numbers (*what is the product of 5 times 3. Answer 15*). In science, product also has a specific meaning; what is formed in a chemical reaction (*in a reaction, reactants turn into products*) and again, teachers and students need to be aware of the different meanings in different circumstances. I would hate anyone to sit in an RE lesson imagining people being kicked over a goalpost when undergoing a conversion!

A 'Novel' idea for Charity

A member of the Lady Lumley's support staff will be helping local charity Ryedale Special Families with the sales of his latest book. Paul Holbrook, who works in the Learning Support department, has decided to donate a percentage of the profits from his new novel *Domini Mortum* to the charity, which provides support and care for children and young people with disabilities, special needs and illness.

The novel, which is a Victorian supernatural murder mystery, is currently being promoted by the publisher Unbound and once published will begin to raise funds for the charity, which provides fun days out, respite care and family support.

"I am well over halfway towards my target figure at the moment and I'm hoping that enough people will get behind the book and help to get it published so that the charity is

able to benefit." said Paul, who also works on weekends and during school holidays for the charity.

If you would like to support the publication of this book please visit www.unbound.co.uk/books/domini-mortum where you can find out more, read an excerpt and pledge your support.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26th September

Chilean students in school (26th to 27th)

Wednesday 28th September

Y10 Information Evening 6.30pm

Thursday 29th September

Y10-12 Careers in Languages Day, York

Upcoming Events...

4th October - Ski Trip Meeting 6:30pm

5th October - Year 5 and 6 Open Evening 6:30-9pm

6th October - Y12 Travel & Tourism Trip, The Deep

7th-14th October - Y9-12 French Exchange, Bordeaux

10th October - Austria Exchange Meeting 6pm

12th October - Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening 4:30-7:30pm

12th October - Y12 Information Evening

14th October - GCSE Art Trip, Liverpool

18th October - Parent Forum 6:30pm

19th October - Y11 Consultation Evening 4:30pm

20th October - Y10 and 11 Theatre Production

21st October - Whole School Sponsored Walk

21st October - School Closes for Half Term

31st October - student return to school

1st November - Y13 Consultation Evening

2nd-4th November - Y13 Geography Fieldwork, Lake District

3rd November - GCSE/A level Drama Theatre Trip, WYP

7th-11th November - Y11 Trial Exams

W/b 7th November - Y8 Geography Fieldwork (lessons)

8th November - Senior Maths Challenge (lessons)

9th November - Lady Lumley's Education Foundation

13th-20th November - Y10-13 Austrian Exchange, Weiz

Shoe boxes Needed

Currently the Year 9 students are learning about life on the Western Front during the First World War. As part of our study we are creating our own trenches using shoe boxes. If anyone has any shoe boxes that they no longer need we would be most grateful of them in the history department. Sarah Thompson, Head of History

Deadline for School Photographs

Please return order forms by **Friday 30th September** to Reception. Many thanks.