



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

The Sponsored Walk on the Friday before half-term was a great whole school event and one that the students will remember for a long time. Sponsorship money has been coming into school this week and we are really grateful to the students and their families for their efforts. I had a fantastic afternoon yesterday accompanying 41 drama students to see The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips in Leeds. There will be a full write-up by one of our Year 11 drama students, **Marcus Allen**, in next week's Newsletter. Thank you to Sarah Goodwill, our new head of drama, for organising such a wonderful trip and well done to the students in Years 10 to 13 who, as usual, behaved so impeccably throughout the day. The Parents' Forum next week (see overleaf) is focusing on Online Safety with input from the North Yorkshire Police. I imagine this will be of interest to very many parents as we now live in a world where social media is so pervasive. Also next week the Year 11 trial examinations begin. These are really important as they give the students the closest experience to the real examinations in the summer (coming all too soon!). I hope all students are treating these seriously and working hard to close any remaining gaps in their knowledge. We had House Assemblies this week and students were made aware of the wide range of activities they can take part in this term in order to demonstrate the six house characteristics and earn points for their houses. There are more details below.

Richard Bramley

## House Events this Half Term:

### House Chess League - Fridays in LS2 at 1pm

#### Starting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The first 2 sessions will be learning and sharing chess knowledge and time for practicing. A league will then run, playing each person in the league. Points will be awarded as per the following scoring system - 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. Sign up on the house board outside Learning Support.

### House Short Story Competition launches this week

This week saw the launch of the house short story competition. At house assemblies students were informed of the competition and its rules. The competition is open to all year groups within school, as well as a staff category. All stories must be between 500 and 1500 words long and must be based on one of the core house values of **Courage, Inspiration, Equality, Respect, Determination** and **Cooperation**.

One winner will be chosen for each of the house values, there will also be a winner for each year group and an overall winner with the winners receiving points for their house, as well as Amazon vouchers.

All of the stories will be judged on how well they demonstrate the core house value, as well as imagination and ingenuity in storytelling. The following will not be accepted: Fan fiction (so no Harry Potter's or Katniss Everdeen's please); violence, no bad language, alcohol or drug abuse; and no use of names of existing or past students or school staff. All entries must be emailed to [shortstory@ladylumleys.net](mailto:shortstory@ladylumleys.net) with the entrants name and house in the email subject line. The closing date for the competition is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, with the winner, chosen by a panel of published authors, being announced in February 2017. All entries will be included in the 2017 Lady Lumley's anthology, which will be published on Amazon and raise money for a chosen charity in the summer term.

For more information please see Mr Holbrook in Learning Support.

### Debating - Fortnightly in tutor times

A topic will be selected from either the curriculum or a current affairs topic.

You will be asked to form an argument for one side of a topic and then debate in pairs.

House points will be awarded individually to students who: *Present a strong argument; Articulate themselves well; and Research their topic area.*

### Swimming Gala - Friday 9th December L1 and L2

Float races, individual events in fly, crawl, back and breaststroke. Relays and a medley relay to finish. Non or less confident swimmers are encouraged to take part in the float races. Sign up sheets will be with sports captains.

### Pop up challenges

These will run throughout the year. Notification of an event will be on the bulletin board and the house boards

Just turn up to the time and place if you wish to take part. There will be a suggestions sleeve in PE if you have any suitable challenges you wish to do!

**Please do participate and contribute to the school and your house!**

## Fear in the Forest

A group of students from Years 11, 12 and 13 performed in a promenade style



performance at Dalby Forest's Halloween event. Over 400 people took part in the experience and we received some good feedback from the Forestry Commission who ran the event. The 4 plays featured vampires, spooky dolls, a ghost killer and the Circus of the Dead. Well done to everyone involved!



## Parent Forum Workshop – Online Safety Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 6:30pm

North Yorkshire Police will be in school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm to deliver an internet safety workshop aimed at parents and carers to help families stay safe online. The workshop will focus on internet safety, people who can help and how to activate privacy settings. Advice will also be available regarding other risk-taking behaviours. The event will be held in the school common room. Please turn up on the night or for further information please contact Lorraine Phippen or Sarah Turner on: 01751 472846.

## Study Club – based in Learning Support Area

A reminder that this runs each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening 3.35pm – 5.00pm. All are welcome and refreshments are available. Students have access to computers and a member of staff. We ask students to sign in and out when attending and if they leave before 5.00pm a note will be put in their planner.

## Opportunity Knocks Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

We are very pleased to be hosting again this important event which brings over 20 local businesses to Lady Lumley's to talk about future career opportunities. Students from Year 8 to Year 13 will be able to visit during the day.

## Pentathlon GB Yorkshire Satellite Club Lady Lumley's School

Pentathlon GB Yorkshire in conjunction with Lady Lumley's School are looking to launch a Pentathlon Club to be based at the school commencing on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. Age range - 13 to 25 (if you are outside of this range, then please use the contacts below to find out if you can participate). A taster session will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> November (4-5:30 pm) in the sports hall where students are encouraged to come and try a number of pentathlon activities. Club training will then take place on a weekly basis at Lady Lumley's School from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November (4-5:30 pm).

For further details, please contact:

Andy Park (Head of PE) - [aparkssco@gmail.com](mailto:aparkssco@gmail.com)

Sonja Greaves (Pentathlon GB) - [Sonjagreaves23@gmail.com](mailto:Sonjagreaves23@gmail.com)



**Lost Property** - We have several pieces of un-named lost property which have been placed on the stage in the school hall. If your child has lost an item, please encourage them to check next week as the remaining items will be sent to a local charity shop on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks.

**Word of the Week - Assiduous.** I used this in a Year 12 lesson yesterday and one of the students, quite correctly, asked me what it meant. Students should be willing to ask every time if a word used in lesson is one they don't understand. Assiduous is an adjective meaning hard-working, persevering or undertaken with perseverance and care. For example "*you should assiduously read your notes and look for any areas where you are unsure*".

## USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Y11 Trial Exams all week

w/b Y8 Geography Fieldwork, Pickering Beck (in lessons)

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Senior Maths Challenge (in lesson)

Cross Country, Duncombe Park

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Y8 Partnership Hockey, Caedmon

### Parent Forum Workshop 6:30pm

Lady Lumley's Education Foundation 7:30pm

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Y8 & 9 Netball v Eskdale, LLS

Y7 Girls Indoor Football Final, George Pindar

Y8 Drama Theatre Trip - Blood Brothers, York (evening)

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

County Netball Round, QE

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Y10-13 Austrian Exchange, Weiz (13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>)

### Upcoming Events...

w/b 14<sup>th</sup> November - Y12 Human Geog Fieldwork (1 day)

14<sup>th</sup> November - Y11 Trial Exams - Maths & Biology

**14<sup>th</sup> November - Y11 Prizegiving (current Y12) 7pm**

15<sup>th</sup> November - Y9 PSHCCE Performance & Workshop

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November - A Level Scottish Galleries Visit

16<sup>th</sup> November - Opportunity Knocks

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November - Young Americans

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Senior Maths Team Challenge, York

**23<sup>rd</sup> November - Y12 Prizegiving (current Y13), L3**

**24<sup>th</sup> November - Sixth Form Open Evening**

29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November - Y13 Business/TnT Industry Visit

30<sup>th</sup> November - Y12/13 DT Workshop, Teeside University

30<sup>th</sup> November - Y8 Police Workshops