



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Sometimes I think it would be nice to have a quiet week where I have nothing to say, but that would be incredibly unusual at Lady Lumley's. This week we had the special "What's Stopping You" assembly for Year 11 students delivered by Sharon Maddison from NYBEP. Sharon's assembly was an inspiring and thought-provoking session with the message that if you believe yourself, you can do almost anything. On Monday Year 12 geography students were carrying out their physical geography coursework at Robin Hood's Bay and Sandsend. Today, Year 7 students were engaged in workshops run by the Invisible Man theatre company on themes of friendship and resilience.

Wednesday evening saw us holding our Year 9 options evening; a chance for students, parents and carers to talk to staff and current Year 10 or 11 students about the subjects they will be, or could be, studying in the next two years. It was a well-attended evening and I do know quite a few of the Year 9 students will be agonising over their choices as the deadline for completed forms of 31<sup>st</sup> March approaches. We have tried to keep the options for the students as open as possible and we will, as usual, be building the timetable around the students' choices.

As part of raising money for Comic Relief there have been a series of fund-raising events in school this week. On Thursday lunchtime most of the school were in the hall to witness the gunging of brave volunteers willing to be covered in violently coloured yucky stuff for a good cause. James Ambrose was first up onto the stage, had a near miss on the first attempt and had to bravely sit there (slightly further back) whilst the gunging machine was reloaded. Our current deputy head girl, **Amy Paterson** was next, followed by Katie Hornby who gamely removed her shower cap before being drenched in goo. Debbie Smith was covered in bright blue gunge before the star of the show, Stuart Cleary was gunged by his own son in a fetching shade of bright blue.



**Josh Davies** was an excellent front man, ably assisted by a team of sixth form students and supported by staff members Terry Rutherford and Chris Sharples. **It looks like we are well under way to raising over £1,000 for Comic Relief! Well done everyone!**

We also had teaching post interviews on last Friday, Monday and Wednesday for positions in science, English and history. We were able to make strong appointments in each case and I would like to thank all the students involved in the process: Monday and Wednesday the student panel was **Alfie Barker, Lleyton Scott, Charlotte Simpson** and **Bethany Welburn** with **Emily Frank** and **Cassius Jones** as tour guides, whilst on Friday **Lily Austin, Elizabeth Fernie** and **Harvey Tillson** showed the candidates around the school and **Harvey Dixon, Evie Lythe, Mason Rehill** and **Carys Yates** made up the panel. The students play an important part in the interview process, both by offering their thoughts on the prospective teachers and also by giving the candidates a real flavour of the school from a student's perspective. It is always heart-warming to hear back from the visitors just how positively the students speak about their school and their experiences here. I would also like to thank three members of the Governing Body: John Cheetham, John Garbutt and Alan Payne who gave freely of their time to take part in the interview process. Their experience and input are vital in making the right decisions for the school.

As a point of information, in the Scarborough News on Thursday it suggested that pretty much every school in the county would be losing staff in the near future. There is no doubt that money is very tight in schools and costs are increasing faster than the money coming in, but we have been very careful with our spending and have no intention of reducing the number of staff in the school. Richard Bramley

## U16 Scarborough and District Football Champions

Lady Lumley's Year 11 football team claimed the Scarborough and District crown for the fourth time in five years after a difficult game against local rivals Ryedale.

Having never lost to Ryedale before the Lady Lumley's students went into the game in a confident mood. On a wet and cold Pickering Town pitch the game started fast with some strong but fair challenges going in from both teams. To our surprise Ryedale took an early lead as Dan Ward popped up to head the ball in from 6 yards giving Ryedale a shock lead. This spurred Lady Lumley's on to push for an equaliser and probably should have taken the lead when **Tom Fletcher-Varey** surged in from the right and riffled the ball narrowly wide from 10 yards. A free kick from **Luke Hornby** brushed the post late in the first half as Lumley's failed to test the Ryedale keeper. The score remained 1-0 til half time.



A strong word from Mr Walton at half time resulted in Lumley's getting the ball wide and creating better goal scoring opportunities. Early in the second half **Jack Murray** used his strength to out muscle two Ryedale players and send the ball wide to Tom Fletcher-Varey who beat his man and drilled the ball across the six yard box finding **Matt Tarry** free to stab the ball home and make the game 1-1. This lifted the buoyant crowd and gave Lumley's a much needed confidence boost. With 15 minutes to play and Lumley's pushing for a winner Ryedale danger man Dan Ward made the most of a defensive mix up to finish calmly from 10 yards to give Ryedale a 2-1 lead against the run of play.

This made Ryedale change formation and become more defensive allowing Lumley's to push on in search of an equaliser. This came quicker than expected and again Jack Murray won the ball in midfield and again released Tom Fletcher-Varey to cross only for Matt Tarry to hit the ball against the Ryedale defender, this popped up for **Joe Harland** to head home and take the game into extra time. With the score 2-2 Lumley's had all the possession but Ryedale stood resolute. With the game looking like it was destined for penalties Joe Harland picked the ball up in his own half and drove at the Ryedale defence beating two players and slotting the ball into the bottom corner to make Lumley's Year 11 Scarborough and District Champions.

### East Yorkshire Girls Rugby Finals

On Tuesday the U13 and U15 girls went to Driffield to take part in the East Yorkshire Rugby finals tournament. The U13s took part in a developmental tournament, while the U15s played in a competitive tournament, reaching the final of their pool! The girls performed extremely well during the tournament and there were some exceptional tries scored from nearly all of the girls. The U15s narrowly lost out on going through to represent East Yorkshire in the Yorkshire finals. The girls showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the day and they were a credit to Lady Lumley's School. Well done to all the girls who took part! We will be competing against local schools again in the final week of term! U13 team photo with La Toya Mason (England' Women's rugby Team).



### Tennis Champion

Last weekend, **Lleyton Scott** (8KHA) competed in the U14 Regional Tennis Tournament in Nottingham. 16 players took part and Lleyton beat Matthew Gedney, who is a GB player. This is a great achievement. Well done Lleyton!

**Word of the Week** - Wilful. This is an adjective meaning intent on *having one's way; headstrong or obstinate*. According to Dictionary.com, the origin of wilfully is from the late Old English word *wilfullice* "of one's own free will, voluntarily". An example (also taken from Dictionary.com) is "she was a wilful creature that must have her way in this matter".

### Governors Teaching and Learning Meeting

Governors met on Tuesday evening for the governing body meeting focusing on teaching and learning. Chris Sharples was invited to bring governors up-to-speed with the way computing has replaced information technology in the school curriculum. Mr Sharples spoke about coding, the use of Raspberry Pi computers and how exciting and challenging the subject can be. Governors also discussed the school's projections about the examination results for summer 2017, although, like every other secondary school, accurate forecasting is difficult with so many changes to the examinations and the specifications.

### Oxford and Cambridge Universities Presentation

On Tuesday a group of Year 12 and Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a very informative Oxbridge presentation here at Lady Lumley's School. Students from Norton College and Malton School joined the session which was led by Professor Joe Organ and three students from both Oxford and Cambridge colleges. Students were given top tips on Oxbridge personal statements and how to be successful in the application process to these highly competitive universities. The real-life stories from the undergraduate students made the presentation much more personal and by sharing their experiences students were able to understand more about Oxbridge, from both the academic and social points of view.



### Girls Netball and Hockey Team Photos - Monday 27th March

Please come to the gym wearing full PE kit including red and white socks on Monday lunchtime for team photos.

### Food Bank Week 3rd-7th April 2017 - House competition

Which house can bring the most products for a local charity? Bring in products to donate to the food bank and put into your house bin. There are so many people in the area that may depend on this resource. There will be bins for each house for you to bring donations to.

All food is welcome, but please note the website states that they have plenty of beans, soup and biscuits. It says they really need ketchup, small tins of fruit, small jars of coffee (100g) and small & large tins of meat. Other items you can donate: Tinned fish, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, instant mash, sugar, tinned sponge puddings, tinned fruit, UHT juice/milk, custard, jam, juice to dilute, cat/dog food, cleaning products, toothbrushes/paste, shampoo and shower gels, and tea.

For further details about the Ryedale food bank, please visit:

<https://ryedale.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

Thank you very much for your support. 6th Form Charity Team

### Additional Parent Consultation Evening

We are offering an additional Consultation Evening 4.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** to offer advice and guidance to our Year 11 and Sixth Form students and their parents/carers. Whilst we highly value home-school communication, the evening may not be necessary for all students and parents. Please make appointments where you feel some reassurance would be beneficial as we approach the Easter break or where you have a particular concern about your child's progress. All Year 11, 12 and 13 students should have a letter about the evening and an appointment sheet to be completed with their teachers.

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office & Attendance: 01751 472846

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 27th March

#### Y10 EXAMS ALL WEEK

Y12/13 Young Enterprise Competition, York 12.30-8.30 p.m.

#### Tuesday 28th March

Y11 GCSE Art Exam Prep Day

Y9 Green Parrot Theatre Project 1-5 p.m.

Y9 and Y10 Hockey, Y7 and Y8 Netball, Ryedale

#### Wednesday 29th March

KS3 Junior Maths Team Challenge, York

A2 PE Moderation

Y10/11 East Yorkshire Rugby Finals

#### Thursday 30th March

Spanish Exchange Student at LLS (30<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April)

District Netball Finals

#### Friday 31st March

Y9 Green Parrot Theatre Project, Thornton Le Dale L1

Senior Netball and Senior Football House Matches L1

#### Upcoming Events...

3rd - 4th April - Y11 GCSE Art Exam Days

3rd - 4th April - A Level Travel and Tourism Study, Ironbridge

3rd- 7th April - House Matches

3rd April - Year 11/12/13 Consultation Evening 4-6.30 p.m.

4th April - Y9 Green Parrot Theatre Project 3.40-4.30 p.m.

5th April - Y9 Green Parrot Theatre Project, L1

5th April - AS PE Moderation

**7th April - School Closes for Easter**