



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

By the time this is printed (bit not when I am writing it) the General Election will be over and we will have a new Government in power. I hope whoever is Prime Minister realises that the most important asset and the most valuable resource we have in this country is our children. They are the ones who will be the adults of tomorrow. They are the ones who will be driving our buses and lorries, making our goods, creating our nation's wealth, building our houses and growing our food. They will be the doctors, nurses, care workers and the teachers of the next generation. They will be the policemen and policewomen, the soldiers, the dentist, the accountants and the lawyers. They will be the ones who are looking after us as we get older. They are the ones who need the best possible education and all of us are the ones who will suffer if education is not funded properly. It is disingenuous (a polite way of saying lying) to say education is receiving more money than before. There are more children in schools, costs in all schools have gone up and money has been taken out of educating the majority of children for vanity projects like free schools and university technology colleges.

In February of this year it was reported that the UTC in Oldham is to close after being open less than 3 years at a cost of £9,000,000. According to the Government's own reports, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/capital-funding-for-open-free-schools>, over £231 million has been spent on 47 UTCs (7 of which have closed) and £205 million on 55 free schools. This is over four hundred and thirty six million pounds! How much good could that have done to existing schools? We are really lucky at Lady Lumley's: the building is in reasonable condition and we are fully staffed with high quality, qualified staff. But so many schools in North Yorkshire and beyond are in poor buildings and have major difficulties recruiting staff and even some successful schools have had to use unqualified teachers. It is too late now to change the outcome of the General Election, but not too late to voice your opinion and to write to your local MP to keep the issue of school funding in the forefront of their minds. Children get one chance of a decent education, they deserve the best chance!

Meanwhile, but still on the topic of money, I would like to take this opportunity of saying just how proud I am of the students in this school. I know money is pretty tight for most people at the moment, yet the students have given generously to recent charity appeals which just shows how much they care for the plight of those less fortunate than themselves. On 13th February, students raised £517.33 for Ryedale Special Families; on 3rd April £533.31 was raised for Marie Curie in memory of former teacher Judith Prickett and on 22nd May students raised £327.49 for the charity Children in Distress supporting children in Romania.

Despite elections and squeezed budgets, the life of the school goes on. Year 7 students have just taken their first formal examinations in secondary school and we have all been impressed by the mature way they have behaved during this time (not one of the most exciting weeks in their educational journey but a necessary evil). And Year 7 continue to impress on the sports fields with the cricket team in two county cup final games. We wish them well for the matches on Monday and Tuesday next week. On a more cerebral level, after their success in an earlier competition two Year 8 students, **Charlie Monkman** and **Stephanie Henson**, will be competing in the Junior Maths Challenge follow-on round on Tuesday. We wish them well. Richard Bramley

Parents' Forum - Tuesday 20th June 2017 6.30 p.m.

Our final meeting of this academic year will be on Tuesday 20th June at 6:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Cafe Area above the main reception.

The agenda will include a presentation about the school's development during 2016/17 and our key areas of focus for 2017/18. The rest of the agenda will be an opportunity to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team and ask questions.

If you would like any more information or would like to add a particular agenda item for discussion, contact Brian Davis via the school reception or by email at bdavis@ladylumleys.net.



**GCSE and A level Art/Photography Exhibition
Tuesday 13th June 2017 5-7 p.m.**

On Tuesday June 13th Lady Lumley's art department will be opening their doors giving the chance to experience and appreciate the diverse range of art produced by students taking their



GCSE or A level Fine art and photography exams.

Students have continued to show a willingness to make work that is thought-provoking, ambitious and memorable.

The event takes place from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. where you will be able to wander between Art room 1 and 2 as well as visit photography work above reception in the stairwell and the 6th form study area up the stairs and down in the labyrinth of the art corridors.



Word of the Week - Pessimism and Optimism

The old saying is a pessimist sees a glass half-empty, an optimist sees a glass half-full.

A pessimistic person expects things to turn out badly. An optimistic person is likely to take a positive view of events and expect a positive outcome. If you have walked out of a test or examination thinking you have done miserably and failed, then you are taking a pessimistic view. If you think you have done well, or even if things will be OK, you are taking a more optimistic view. If you think things are going to be great without any effort at all, you may be taking an over-optimistic view. Another from the same origin as optimism is optimum which means the best situation for something, e.g. the optimum temperature for growth of bacteria.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 12th June

GCSE/A Level Exams All Week
Y7 Cricket County Cup Final

Tuesday 13th June

Y7 Cricket County Cup Final
Y8 Junior Maths Challenge, L2
U13 District Rounders, LLS 3 p.m.
Y10 6-a-side Cricket, Malton
Art/Photography Exhibition 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday 7th June

Y6 Induction Day
Y7 History Trip, Pickering Castle L2 (7KHY)

Thursday 8th June

Y6 Induction Day
Y12 Business/TnT Case Study Trip, JCB Factory
Y7/8/9 Field Events, Caedmon
Y8 Languages Enrichment, Rosedale (14th to 15th)

Upcoming Events...

19th June - School Games, York
20th June - Parent Forum 6.30 p.m.
21st June - Y8 Eurofest Event, York
23rd-24th June - Y10 DofE Practice Expedition, Dalby
26th-30th June - Y8 Exams
26th-27th June - Y11 Silver DofE Training
28th June - Y12 Psychology Day, University of York
28th-29th June - Y12 Biology Fieldwork
28th-30th June - Y10 MFL Speaking CAS
29th June - NYBEP Solar Boat Challenge
29th June - Y11 Prom
30th June - Y12 Newcastle/Northumbria Trip
30th June-3rd July - Y13 Gold DofE
3rd July - Y12 Personal Statement in a Day
3rd July - Y10 Prizegiving, L3
4th July - Sports Day