



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As the nights are drawing in (it is after midsummer's day!) I was contemplating life at Lady Lumley's and the highs and lows of being a headteacher. I am fortunate that the highs vastly outweigh the lows and, as in any other walk of life, we probably need the lows to help us recognise how good the highs are. This week, there were three particular high points I would like to share. Discussion with parents at the Parents' Forum (see later), a Year 10 music lesson and spending the day with Year 12 theatre studies students on Thursday. I could easily add in the really productive day I spent with science colleagues on Monday, the great result from Year 10 cricket, the joy on Mr Heeley's face as he explained about Langfest and even the way the sixth form have so professionally and politely presented a petition about wearing shorts. I could also mention the impeccable way the whole school behaves at break time when examinations are taking place in the hall - hundreds of students getting food from the canteen in absolute silence and no sign of an oppressive atmosphere, just respect for their peers in the examination room. I popped into a Year 10 music lesson on Wednesday morning and the group of students and Mrs Edmonds-Preedy were rehearsing a song for the Year 6 induction day next week. The way the students worked together, supported each other, were up for the challenge of making the music better each time they sang and the sheer enjoyment was a joy to behold. On Thursday I was lucky enough to visit London to see Tristan and Yseult with Bradley Hodgson, Danielle Long, Niamh Rose and Anna Wrench. The play is Mrs Goodwill's favourite and it is easy to understand why. The Globe is a wonderful theatre and the production was amazing. The students were great company and a credit to the school and it was a privilege to spend the day with them. Richard Bramley

Parents Forum

On Tuesday, Mr Brian Davis and I spoke to parents at the Parents' Forum meeting with the agenda of 'what went well and 'even better if'. The meeting had a very positive atmosphere and parents were keen to commend the school generally and specifically on the 6 to 7 and 11 to 12 transition processes, the support students get here and the positive value we add to the students' experience by 100 minutes lessons, mixed ability groupings and effective feedback. There were also some issues raised. Consistency amongst every teacher was mentioned, as was communication with parents over staff changes. We also discussed the importance of basic literacy skills, such as neatness, legibility and punctuation. These meetings are a fantastic way to get an insight into the school from the parents' perspective and also from one of the perspectives of the students. Discussions such as these are useful as they help us get even better and we will be addressing the points raised. Richard Bramley

Year 8 Eurofest

On Wednesday, 14 Year 8 students (plus Mr Heeley and Miss Nalin) went to York St John's to compete against several schools in Eurofest. Each school had several stalls presenting a tourist destination or their products (mainly cake) to staff and students from the university in French and German. Everyone worked really hard to speak as much French/German as possible! Afterwards, we had some language taster sessions (Italian and BSL) and a languages quiz and a tour of campus. A massive *félicitations/Herzlichen Glückwunsch* to all students who took part, in particular to **Sam Lee, Stephanie Henson, Suzi Riley and Katie--Mae Tillotson** for winning 'Best French Stand' (and a special mention to Suzi's mum for the model vineyard!) Samuel Lee



Y8 MFL trip to Rosedale 15th/16th June

On the 16th and 17th of June, a group of 16 Year 8 students ventured to the quiet village of Rosedale, where they expanded their French and German skills. During the two-day excursion, the students completed many tasks, including a treasure hunt, story writing and shelter-building in Cropton Forest. In the school's outdoor centre, which we stayed in for the night, we played many games, including the infamous 'Truth or Ruth'. This visit was enjoyed by all, it is hoped that this becomes an annual event. **C'était genial!** (Megan Thompson, Charlotte Simpson, Stephanie Henson and Sam Lee.)



Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 29th June 2-3.15 pm

We are hosting a Spanish themed Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 29th June in Learning Support from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m., in aid of Cardiomyopathy UK. Please do come along and support this worthy cause. There will be an opportunity to buy savoury and sweet delights and there will be a raffle.

Globe Trip

We took the 4 Year 12 Drama and Theatre Studies students to The Globe Theatre in London on Thursday to see Tristan and Yseult by Kneehigh Theatre. The Year 12s said it was 'fantastic, flamboyant and fun'. The group will be devising their own work in the style of Kneehigh for their Component 2 Assessment in Year 13. Miss Goodwill



What next for Year 12 students?

The sixth form team met with Year 12 last week following their return from examinations. We have briefed them on what to think about in the next six weeks before the summer holidays. For your information...

General administration - Reapply from September for 2017/18 – will include reassessment of eligibility

Do not forget to reapply for your bus passes!

Transition to Year 13 - Some students may feel that they have not performed well in some of their examinations

This cannot be confirmed until the examination results are made public in the summer.

All students continue all courses - It is strongly advised that students achieve at least grade D in any AS subject which they wish to continue to A2. Where a student does not achieve a grade E pass standard at AS level, continuation to A2 will not be possible in that subject.

Attendance - Punctual attendance at all timetabled sessions, including: formal lessons, enrichment, 'free' periods, timetabled study periods, service periods, PDP, registration/assembly and occasional additionally arranged sessions (e.g. Newcastle / Northumbria Open Day).

Year 13 - students may negotiate to use some of their 'free' and/or study lessons to study at home. Students earn this privilege through appropriate attendance records, A2L and completion of UCAS / other application.

Please keep us informed through partnership with home – telephone calls, letters, appointment slips, email etc.

I will quote your SIMS record if asked!

80% record = missing one day per week = 40 days per academic year = significant impact on performance.

Dates for the diary

Friday 30th June - Newcastle/Northumbria Open Day

Monday 3rd July - Personal statement day – off timetable

Tuesday 4th July - Sport's Day - profile

Thursday 6th July - Year 11- 12 Transition Day

Wednesday 12th July - Strawberries and cream

If you need clarification on any of these matters, do not hesitate to contact the sixth form team. Mr Ambrose

PE Uniform - Changes for September 2017

We have introduced a new PE uniform for September 2017. (Please see items in bold.) The new uniform will be compulsory for all students entering the school from this September. It will be optional for 2017-18 only for Years 8-11. The new kit will be compulsory for all students from September 2018.

P.E. Clothing:

Trainers

Shorts: Black only. Girls can wear plain black skort (not for climbing) or plain black leggings (full or ¾ length).

Shirt: **Lady Lumley's black, green and gold short sleeved polo shirt.** Available from Rumours only.

Socks: White, a separate pair for PE lessons.

Black for hockey, football and rugby

Football boots (boys only).

Shin pads (boys and girls).

Games Clothing:

Boys: Lady Lumley's emerald green/amber rugby shirt.

Girls - **Lady Lumley's black, green and gold jumper.** Available from Rumours only.

Students can wear a **black skin top** under the black, green and gold polo shirt/black, green and gold jumper/rugby shirt.

Please see *Uniform Policy on the school website (Information tab - Policies)* for further details, stock contact details and prices.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Food Technology department would like to express their thanks to those of you who have been collecting and sending in vouchers. We have collected a total of 3,649 vouchers and this has enabled us to order some much needed new equipment which we are sure the students will be very pleased with when we start the new school year in September. FT Department

Major Gasworks - Please note the residential area including Swainsea Drive, North Way and Little Dale is subject to major gasworks commencing Monday 26th June. There will be no impact on access to school, but please be prepared for delays in that residential area.

Word of the Week - Zealous (rhymes with jealous)

I was checking which words we have used for word of the week and I discovered that the end of the alphabet was very poorly represented, with no words beginning with U, V, W, X, Y or Z. Zealous means enthusiastic and eager. Example: "He was a zealous amateur artist". A related word is zeal (rhymes with seal), which is like over-the-top enthusiasm for something.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26th June

GCSE/A Level Exams (26th to 29th)

Y8 Exams All Week (in lessons)

Tuesday 27th June

70RE History Trip, Pickering Castle, L2

Y11 Silver DofE Training (27th to 28th)

Y9/10 Athletic Track Night, Norton

Wednesday 28th June

Y12 Biology Fieldwork, Sinnington/Pickering Beck

Y10 German Mock Speaking Assessments

Y12 Psychology Day, University of York

Thursday 29th June

NYBEP Solar Boat Challenge

Y12 Biology Fieldwork, Fylingdales

Y8 Resilience Project, L2 and lunchtime

Y10 German Mock Speaking Assessments

Coffee Afternoon, Learning Support 2 p.m.

7APY History Trip, Pickering Castle, L3

Y11 Prom

Friday 30th June

Y12 Newcastle/Northumbria University Trip

Y13 Gold DofE (Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July)

Y10 French and Spanish Mock Speaking Assessments

Upcoming Events...

3rd July - Y12 Personal Statement in a Day

3rd July - Y10 Prizegiving, L3

4th July - Sports Day

5th July - Y6 Induction Day

5th July - Y10 Spanish Mock Speaking Assessments

5th July - Y13 Prom

5th-7th July - Y11 Silver DofE Expedition

5th July - Y12 Business/TnT Trip, York Races

6th July - Y9 Careers in Languages Day, York

6th July - Y12 Transition Day

6th-7th July - Y10 Bronze DofE Expedition