



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Not with a whimper but with a bang! Fairly typically, the last week of the 2016-17 academic year has been one full of activities. As well as the Year 10 history trip to Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire, we had Sports Day on Tuesday and the House Drama Festival on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For Sports Day we had lovely weather, a great atmosphere and wonderful performances. As well as some brilliant athleticism by our students there was also the fantastic support given to all those who entered the competition and tried their best. Taking part is so important and all the students in the school were actively involved in Sports Day in one or more of the activities available throughout the day. Later that day we had the first part of the House Drama Festival, a new event and the brainchild of the tireless Sarah Goodwill, who has now been head of drama at the school for a year. Each of the two evenings began with a layered mime where students recreated the painting 'Sunday in the Park' by George Seurat. I first saw this in an assembly a few weeks ago and I was really pleased when the students decided to recreate it again for the audiences of friends and families who came along for the performances. It really was very special. On Tuesday we saw 'Missing DNA', a play conceived and acted by students from Acland house, followed by Highfield's surreal version of Alice in Wonderland. I am reluctant to name one actor out of all of the students who took part, but **Meri Wroe's** Mad Hatter was an absolute tour de force. On Wednesday, we saw 'The Hand of Prince Khafra' by Hainsworth house which included one of the most dramatic death scenes ever seen on a British stage. The evening concluded with two performances from the students in Feversham; excerpts from 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Oliver!'. Both evenings were tremendous fun and thanks must be given to everyone who was involved in the performances, the front of house, making and selling drink and cakes and the lighting and sound. It was also great to have the music students in the hall who welcomed us in with their playing and singing and kept us wonderfully entertained at the interval.

It is that time of year again when we have to say goodbye to members of staff who are moving on to pastures new. Some of its staff had been with us a year or less whereas others have served the school loyally for 25 years or more. Thank you and best wishes to: John Uttley (food), Pauline Evans (PE), Kamru Miah (computing), Matthew Sargeant (science), Charles Drew (science), Lindsey Roberts (English), Hannah Chapman (maths), Debbie Mitchell (intervention), Katie Hornby (psychology), Claire Brackley (admin assistant), Alex Rose (pastoral manager), Janet Pearson (drama), Annie Chaddock (art) and Jane Bartlett (English). We also have a change in role as Steffi Graves will be leaving her job as DT technician and joining as a trainee teacher of design and technology. There are twelve new staff joining us in September and I will introduce them to you in the first Newsletter in the new academic year.

Thank you to all parents, carers, friends, governors, staff and students for another busy, enjoyable and successful year and I hope everyone has a lovely summer. Richard Bramley

## Students push themselves to achieve great things at Bewerley Park

Last week Year 8 students endured an exciting residential trip to Bewerley Park. 120 students threw themselves into the adventurous activities including kayaking & canoeing, gorge walking, bush craft, boulder scrambling, Mountain Biking, and even climbed mountains! The students enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience, advancing their skills in team work and cooperation, whilst enjoying an out of school learning adventure. As always they were supported by the very experienced and professional Bewerley Park group leaders, aided by Lady Lumley's own teaching and support staff. All of the students had a very busy week, with tiring, activity filled days, which



would test anybody's limits, however they remained determined to achieve every day and were always willing to push themselves. Bewerley Staff remarked on how amazing the students were at facing all of the challenges that they were faced with, overcoming their fears, stretching the limits of their abilities, learning new skills and, as a team, making the most of the whole experience. They said that this year's Lady Lumley's students were among the best they had ever known in terms of behaviour, commitment, and all round energy, and asked that we send more of the same next year! Huge thanks to all of the staff and students involved for making Bewerley Park such a memorable and rewarding trip.

## House Drama

The House Drama Festival was a great success! Performance Club performed their layered mime once more to great acclaim on both nights. We had pre-show music as well as during the interval performed by **Niamh Rose, Jennie Winter, Tazmin Dixon, Abigail Cove, Sam Gibbons, Bethany Marsden** and **Abigail Farrow**. Tuesday night saw Acland perform a devised piece based on the story of Matilda, there were some great performances - **Rosie Hodgson** particularly stood out. Highfield then performed a couple of extracts of Alice in Wonderland; **Meri Wroe** did a great job ad-libbing during an off-stage costume malfunction! On Wednesday, Hainsworth told the spooky story of The Hand of Prince Khafra; when **Freya Botzen's** character died, she did a brilliant job of staying still rather longer than expected! Feversham had two pieces - the first was An Inspector Calls; **Jennie Winter** and **Toby Towner** worked well in creating a piece at short notice. The second piece was extracts from Oliver; the cast worked brilliantly as an ensemble with **Alice Rose** giving memorable performances in her three roles. The audience were treated to goodies made and served by members of each House on both nights. I would like to give special thanks to **Toby Towner, Holly Philps** and **Ellie Jackson** for a lot of 'behind the scenes work' and being super reliable and hard-working. Mrs Goodwill

**'Hardwick Hall, more glass than wall'** - On Wednesday the Year 10 history students jumped into the Tardis to travel back to Elizabethan England to visit Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire for their GCSE History fieldwork. Much like the new Dr Who the creator of Hardwick Hall, Elizabeth Shrewsbury (aka Bess of Hardwick Hall), was a physical embodiment of the zeitgeist and a powerful and prominent woman in a man's world. The students learned of how Bess of Hardwick created Hardwick, climbed the Great Chain of Being to be the second wealthiest woman in England after the queen and how the hall represents Elizabethan society in all aspects. The students had guided tours of both inside the hall and the grounds to immerse themselves in the Elizabethan way of life. It was said 'Hardwick Hall, more glass than wall' and given that glass was hugely expensive in the 1500s it is clear that Bess would rival Donald Trump for self-branding and displaying wealth and power. After a very informative and pleasant day the students returned to their craft and returned safely to modern day Pickering. Many thanks to Mrs Thompson, Mr Longworth and Miss Cousins for their help on the trip. If parents are looking for a great day out over the holidays I recommend Hardwick Hall - Tardis optional. Mr Fairclough



### Information for September 2017

#### PE Uniform - Changes for September 2017 Reminder

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have introduced a new PE uniform for September 2017. 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.

*Please see the dress code and list of school uniform circulated with this week's newsletter which is also available on the school website (Information tab - Policies) for further details, and stock contact details and prices.*

**Equipment:** All students in Years 7 to 11 are expected to come to lessons fully prepared and this means always having the correct equipment with them as well as their student planner and exercise book.

As well as helping students plan their time, planners are very important as a means of communication with home and that is why we ask all parents/carers to sign the planner weekly and to look at the planner daily.

The equipment each student needs for lesson for 2017-18 is given below:

Scientific Calculator, Glue Stick, Yellow Highlighter, Whiteboard Pen (approved), Ruler (15cm), Eraser, Blue Biro, Black Biro, Purple Biro, Pencil and Pencil Sharpener. Students should also bring a protractor and a safety compass to their mathematics lessons.

The school has put together a pack containing:

1 Casio fx83GT Plus calculator, 1 Glue Stick, 1 Yellow Highlighter, 2 Whiteboard Pens, 1 Safety Compass, 1 Protractor, 1 15cm Ruler, 1 Eraser, 1 Pencil Sharpener, 2 Blue Biros, 2 Black Biros, 2 Purple Biros and 2 Pencils. All of this can be bought for £10 from the school office.

#### **Changes of address, phone numbers, medical details etc.**

Can parents and carers please let the school know of any changes of address, contact details, work numbers, medical conditions etc. as soon as they arise?

**Uniform** - I would like to thank all the parents and carers who help to maintain the high standards we have in the school. The only issues we have are a few skirts worn too short, some students with skin tight trousers and a few pairs of trainer – style shoes.

Please be careful when buying new clothes for school that many suppliers will claim shoes, trousers and skirts are "school uniform" but they do not meet Lady Lumley's standards. If in doubt, please check with the school dress code in your child's planner or on the website before buying.  
Richard Bramley

**Panathalon** - On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July a team of Lady Lumley's students took part in the North Yorkshire School Games county panathalon final. **Rob Eddon, Chloe Steele, Riley Easton, Ava Treadwell** and **Tyler Waterton** linked up with some students from Springhead as the combined representatives from Ryedale, Whitby and Scarborough. Competing against schools from York, Selby and Harrogate, in sports such as Boccia, table cricket, polybat and sportshall athletics, the students were unlucky to be narrowly beaten into second place.

All five received an amazing experience and have proudly been showing off their silver medals around school. Thanks to Mr Preston on developing the team.

**Word of the Week - Extraordinary.** I love this word as I think its actual meaning and the meaning it should have (IMHO) are polar opposites. Extra Ordinary should be something that is Extra Ordinary, i.e. more ordinary than ordinary. In fact, extraordinary means something which is very unusual, surprising or remarkable. e.g. on Tuesday night we saw an extraordinary performance of Alice in Wonderland. The prefix, extra, means outside or beyond the scope, so extraordinary means something beyond ordinary.

#### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846

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Specialist School Nurse: 01609 798150/146

#### IMPORTANT DATES

17th August - A2 Exam Results from 8.30 a.m.

17th August - AS Exam Results from 10.30 a.m.

24th August - GCSE Results from 9 a.m.

#### Monday 4th September

Staff Training Day

#### Tuesday 5th September

**Y13 students** enrolment, Library 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

**Y7 students only** start school, meet in School Hall 12 noon

**Y12 students** enrolment, Common Room 1.20-3.35 p.m.

#### Wednesday 6th September

**All students return to school**

Y12/13 Induction Activities

#### Upcoming Events...

12th September - School Photographs

13th September - Y11 Drama Residential Meeting

19th September - House Cross Country

19th September - French Exchange Meeting 6 p.m.

20th-21st September - Y12/13 MFL Team Building, Rosedale

20th September - KS3 Prizegiving