



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2017-18 academic year. For those of you receiving the Newsletter for the first time, please note that there will be a weekly edition every Friday throughout the year. Please make sure your daughter or son brings the Newsletter home as not only does it contain interesting news about what has been happening at Lady Lumley's school, it also contains useful and important information for parents and carers.

All staff were in school on Monday and Tuesday of this week with the new Year 7 students joining us on Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday also saw our new Year 12 students coming to school for their induction into the sixth form and Year 13 students making the decision about which A-levels they would follow after their success at AS.

As you would expect at the start of the school year we have new staff joining us. We were very successful in recruiting highly qualified subject specialists who were able to visit the school in the summer term and during the school holidays to get ready for the year ahead. Welcome to: Mrs Kate Barnard (English), Mr Peter Binfield (science), Mr Chris Dawson (psychology), Mr Jared Gill (science), Miss Steffi Glaves (DT student teacher), Miss Hazel Le Grande (Mathematics), Mr Ben Longworth (History), Miss Ugne Mazetyte (Maths), Miss Claire Moran (History), Miss Holly Naylor (Art) and Mr Kevin Shaw (computing). Mr Nathan Carthy has also joined the school in the post of technician in design technology.

The year seems to have got off to a very good start with the students settling quickly into their new school and their new classes. We are really pleased that we have been able to put on an extra class into Year 8, meaning that class sizes throughout the school nearly all contain 25 students or fewer. Lady Lumley's believes that these smaller classes mean we can give more attention to each individual student. There is also physically more free space in the classroom which allows greater freedom when designing the range of teaching activities we use. All classes in Years 7 to 9 and almost all classes in Years 10 and 11 (only maths and PE are setted) are "mixed ability". This is rather an old-fashioned term we do not particularly like as 'ability', like fitness, is something you develop and not something you are born with. Having the classes mixed in terms of prior attainment means that no students are pigeonholed, no students are held back and all are given the opportunity to grow and succeed.

On Wednesday I was able to deliver assemblies to students in Years 8 to 11, and the new Year 7 students will receive a similar assembly on Monday. In the assembly I spoke about some of the basic expectations we have of the students, introduced them to the names of the new staff, reminded them about the importance of their own safety, especially Internet safety, explained why mobile phones were not allowed in the school, and told them the story of the research in the 1960s by Robert Rosenthal and Lenore Jacobson. These two researchers ran an experiment where they told a group of teachers that some of their students had been identified as having the potential to become very high achievers - they were 'gifted and talented'. At the end of the year the researchers returned and found that the chosen students had, on average, made significantly more progress than their peers. The twist in the tale is the students chosen by the researchers were picked completely at random. The students were no different from the others, it is just that they, and their teachers, believed they could do very well. Although the research was nearly 50 years ago, more recent research has reinforced its findings. Those students who believe they can achieve more with effort, *will* achieve more with effort. Those students who believe they can improve and become good at things they find initially difficult, *will* improve and become good at things. Henry Ford is supposed to have said "whether you think you can, or whether you think you can't, you're probably right". This is such a very true statement, and I ended the assembly by asking the students to "think that you can". I did stress in the assemblies that everything we do at Lady Lumley's is about the learning of the students. I told them that they need to work hard to challenge themselves and that they need to make us, as teachers and support staff, work hard to challenge them. Every student has unlimited potential and it really is very simple, the more effort you put into something the more rewards you will get out.

I hope every student and every member of staff has a good year at Lady Lumley's and I am looking forward to writing to you each week to share the news about the school.

Richard Bramley

A few things that make Lady Lumley's different

- Nearly every class is mixed in terms of prior attainment
- Tables are arranged in groups so students can work together. There are no 'Victorian' classrooms where the desks are all in rows and students just face forward.
- There are three lessons in the day, each 100 minutes long.
- Students are not allowed to put their hands up to *answer* questions, but they are encouraged to put their hands up to *ask* questions.
- Class sizes are kept deliberately small, nearly every class has fewer than 25 students.
- Students are not given target grades. Instead they are given individual formative feedback which is proven to help them improve.
- All home learning is posted on the school's Fronter site, so students and parents can always see what is expected of them.

School Photographs - Tuesday 12th September 2017

The Tempest Photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th September in order to photograph Years 7, 9, 11 and 12. There will also be whole year group photographs for Years 11 and 13. This will be during the school day. There is an opportunity for family group photographs before school (8:15 am and 8:45 a.m.) and during lunchtime (12:40 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.) in the School Hall. Please note friendship group photos are not permitted.

Drama Lessons

Due to the practical nature of the subject, girls who wear skirts should bring a pair of black / navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms to wear in their Drama lessons. Alternatively, they may wear a pair of shorts under their skirts. Mrs Goodwill

Beating cervical cancer – Year 8 girls Information from the Childhood Immunisation Team

The HPV vaccine is being offered to all 12 and 13 year old girls in school Year 8.

The Childhood Immunisation Team has gone digital. Please follow this link to complete the HPV consent form for your daughter:

<https://onlineforms.hdft.nhs.uk/childhoodimmunisations>

(Please note this form CAN be completed on smart phones and tablets)

By having this vaccination, your daughter will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer. There are two vaccinations to be given six months apart; the first will be given in the autumn term 2017 and the second in summer 2018. If for any reason your daughter is absent from school on a vaccination day please contact the immunisation team on 01423 542360 regarding any vaccinations your daughter may have missed.

If you would like more details, you can order or download a Q&A information sheet that should answer any questions, this is available on :
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

Word of the Week - Exciting

The start of a new school year, and for many students the start of a brand new school, can be an exciting time. It can also be exciting for staff in the school, whether new or experienced. Exciting is a feeling we get about events which causes an emotional response. We often 'feel' excited rather than 'think' it. The origins of excite come from Latin via Middle English. The 'cite' part comes from the Latin meaning to 'set in motion', and perhaps we find something exciting because that thing is going to move, to change, to be something new.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 12th September

School Photographs

Wednesday 13th September

Y11 Drama Residential Meeting, Dr1 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

20th September - Y11-13 Drama Trip - 'The Kite Runner'

21st September - Y12 Information Evening

22nd-25th September - Y13 Gold DofE Expedition

22nd-24th September - Y11 Drama Devising Weekend, Rosedale

25th-26th September - Chilean students in school

W/c 25th September - Y11 Geography Fieldwork

26th September - Y12/13 Drama Trip. Dixon's City Academy

27th September - Y10 Information Evening

4th October - Y5/6 Open Evening

6th-13th October - French Exchange Visit, Bordeaux

11th October - Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening

16th October - Non Uniform Day

W/c 16th October Y8 Geography Fieldwork

17th October - Y11 Consultation Evening

18th October - Y12 Drive Alive

19th October - Y10-13 Drama Rehearsal 'Fear in the Forest'

19th October - Y10-13 Live Theatre Trip

20th October - Y11 Art Trip, Hull - Turner Prize

20th October - School Closes for Half Term

28th October - Y10-13 Drama 'Fear in the Forest' Event, Dalby

30th October - Students Return to School