



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

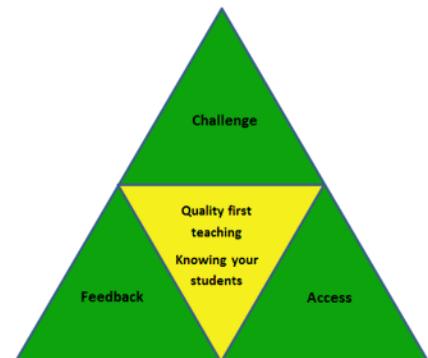
We had a fantastic Key Stage 3 Prizegiving ceremony on Wednesday evening. The event was to celebrate the achievement of students in last year's Years 7, 8 and 9. There were over 500 hundred people in the hall as parents, carers, brothers, sisters and grandparents came to the school to acknowledge the successes of the young people. Over 340 certificates were awarded every prizewinner was given a £10 W H Smith voucher generously funded by Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation. Prizes were awarded in the areas of progress, attitude to learning and attendance and there were also Tutor Group prizes for a boy and girl from each of last year's tutor groups. Progress is a measure of how much each student has developed over the year from her or his own individual starting point and teachers measure progress through formal assessments, marking books and dialogue with students. Attitude to Learning is almost self-explanatory, although we do set clear criteria (see your child's planner) so we all measure this important attribute in a consistent way. Attendance at school is obviously important and we know what a huge difference good attendance makes as missing any lesson upsets the rhythm of learning. Our new Chair of Governors, John Cheetham, was the guest of honour and handed out the prizes, ably supported by Brian Davis and Lorraine Phippen (our master of ceremonies). There is also a lot of work behind the scenes for an evening such as this and I would like to express all our thanks to Fay Brunton and Charlotte Jemison for producing and organising the certificates.

Richard Bramley

Staff Training 21st September 2017

On Thursday evening we held our first whole-school training session of the year for teaching staff. This year we are continuing to focus on three teaching and learning key priorities of access for all, challenge for all and feedback and reflection time. Thursday's session was led by Sarah Jennings from our English department and focused on the key priority of access for all. Staff worked together to explore different cooperative learning strategies to promote speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The session was underpinned by the message that we are all teachers of literacy and contribute to the development of our students' language skills. We all have a responsibility to provide opportunities to enable our students to become confident, articulate and respectful speakers in a range of contexts, with the aim of inspiring students to develop a love of reading and writing, so that they aspire to read and write with independence, enthusiasm and confidence and can engage with different texts. Brian Davis



Events in MFL during September and October

Y12 MFL Team-building in Rosedale

This week we have had the Y12 MFL students at our outdoor centre in Rosedale from Wednesday to Thursday. Students had a lot of practice in developing their language skills, which included creating a treasure hunt around the village which our Year 8 students will complete next June when they have the opportunity to take part in a language enrichment trip there. They also practised their speaking skills and impressed us with their cookery know how, cooking a Mexican main dish and a French dessert in the evening.

European Day of Languages: Tuesday 26th September.

Next week sees the European Day of Languages on Tuesday 26th, a day where we celebrate the value of languages and language learning in order to understand other cultures and communicate with people around the world. To celebrate this in our MFL department, we will be offering some language taster sessions at lunchtimes; Japanese in La4 on Monday, Italian in La2 on Wednesday, and Spanish in La5 on Friday. All taster sessions will start at 12:45 and finish at 1:05, and all are welcome.

Chilean students in school - Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September

Also next week we have 38 students from Chile visiting the school, they are currently learning English at the language school in Scarborough and staying with local families in the Scarborough area. They will be paired up with LLS students for the two days they are here to go to lessons with them and experience life in a British school.

French Exchange to Bordeaux - Friday October 9th-16th

24 students across KS3 and KS4 will be travelling to Bordeaux in October to take part in the French exchange, along with Mr Heeley, Mrs Cornforth and Mr Reynolds. Students will stay with local families and will have a chance to spend a day in the local school, visit Bordeaux for the day, the Dune de Pyla which is the highest sand dune in Europe, and the beautiful medieval village of St Émilion. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop not only skills in speaking and understanding French, but also in developing self confidence and making friends in other countries. This exchange is open to students from Y8 to Y13.

Rachel Wilson

Drama News

Drama students in Years 11 - 13 visited the West Yorkshire Playhouse on Wednesday this week to see an adaptation of The Kite Runner. This hard-hitting and thought-provoking piece was beautifully staged and has hopefully given students ideas for the realisation of their own work.

This weekend is the Year 11 Drama Devising weekend at Rosedale - students will be working with 2 external Drama practitioners in the initial stages of the devising process.

Extra-curricular Drama will be up and running next week. KS3 Drama club is Wednesday lunchtimes; there is a film project being led by Erica Cheetham in Y12; Green Parrot will be creating work for Dalby Forest's Halloween event, Fear in the Forest; House Drama is also back with students beginning to work on festive performances to be performed just before Christmas. Thanks, Sarah Goodwill

Lady Lumley's Policy on Drugs

All schools need to be aware of the dangers of drugs and drug related activities. Possession of drugs outside school may not always result in an arrest and a subsequent court appearance, but at Lady Lumley's we do have a very strict and clear policy. Any student caught with drugs or drugs-related paraphernalia will be permanently excluded. I have a duty to bring this fact to the attention of parents and students. I alert students to this situation in assemblies on an annual basis and this announcement in the Newsletter will remind parents of the school rules in this respect. We are extremely vigilant at Lady Lumley's and I am as certain as humanly possible that this vigilance has prevented any students bringing drugs onto the school site. These strong measures are intended to protect every student in the school and the full policy is available on the school website. Richard Bramley

Piercings in PE and Games

Students must remove piercings when taking part in sport at Lady Lumley's School. If they cannot be removed due to them being recently pierced then students must bring tape to put over them, rather than relying on PE staff to provide this. PE Department

Steve Bate (MBE) Speaker Fundraising Event

30th September 2017 6.30pm Memorial Hall, Pickering

Steve Bate (MBE) got the news back in 2011 that he had Retinitis Pigmentosa and, in a worse-case scenario, he'd be blind in five years. He was determined for this not to hold him back. Having always led an adventurous outdoor life, he went on to become the first visually impaired climber to solo El Capitan, a sheer 3000ft rock face in the Yosemite Valley, California in 2013. He then set himself the goal of making the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games as a visually impaired cyclist. Paired with Adam Duggleby (his sight pilot), he returned home with two gold medals, one bronze & a world record in the 4km individual pursuit.

Steve has an inimitable speaking style that is informal, humorous & inspirational. He will encourage his audience to make the most of the opportunities that life gives them. Tickets are £10 each and available online via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk> - search for Steve Bate MBE) or from Trailblazer Outdoors, Pickering. Price includes a pea & pie supper. All proceeds will go to Scarborough & Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team.

Word of the Week

Actually "Letter of the Week" this week. A few issues ago I mentioned that some letters were under-represented as the initial letters of words of the week. There are four letters that we haven't used yet, one of which is x. I was thinking of a suitable word beginning with x when Dictionary.com alerted me to the many uses of the letter x on its own. The list is long and varied. We use X to indicate on a ballot paper of examination paper which choice we have made; we use X to cross out work we don't want marked (the word 'cross' in cross out comes from the X); we use x in sciences and maths to mean an unknown variable and the x - n x-axis to mean the horizontal axis; we use x to mean times as in 2 x 3; we used x to mean 'by' as in a 4" x 2" (4 b y 2) piece of wood; we use X to 'mark the spot' on treasure maps; we use x to mean powers of magnification as in a 50x telescope (50 times magnification) and illiterate people use X as their signature. X can also mean Christ, it is the Roman numeral for 10, it is the unknown "wow factor" in the X-Factor and it's a kiss. Who cares if fewer words start with x than any other letter; it is doing enough work on its own!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 25th September

Chilean students in school

Japanese Taster Session 12.45 – 1.05 p.m. La4

Tuesday 26th September

European Languages Day

Chilean students in school

Y12/13 Drama Trip, Dixons City Academy 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday 27th September

Italian Taster Session 12.45 – 1.05 p.m. La2

Y9 Languages Event, York St. John University 3.30 - 7.15 p.m.

Y10 Information Evening 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 28th September

Y11 Geography Fieldwork 9 a.m. - 3.15 p.m.

Friday 29th September

Y11 Geography Fieldwork 9 a.m. - 3.15 p.m.

Spanish Taster Session 12.45 – 1.05 p.m. La5

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 3rd October - Y12 Travel and Tourism Trip

Wednesday 4th October - Y5/6 Open Evening 6 p.m.

Thursday 5th October - Y12 Business/TnT Trip

Friday 6th to Friday 13th September - French Exchange

Wednesday 11th October - Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Thursday 12th October - Y12 Travel and Tourism Trip

Monday 16th October - Non Uniform Day

w/c 16th October - Y8 Geography Fieldwork

Tuesday 17th October - Y11 Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th October - Y12 Drive Alive

Wednesday 18th October - Music Concert

Thursday 19th October - Y10-13 Drama Rehearsals, Dalby

Thursday 19th October - Jonathon Porritt Lecture 7.30 p.m.

Friday 20th October - Y9 YOLO Workshops/Production

Friday 20th October - School Closes for Half Term