



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Thursday night saw Speed Dating at Lady Lumley's. This was not a way of pairing up any single staff but a staff development technique where teachers were able to share teaching ideas and activities with colleagues. Half of the teachers sat at tables set out in a square whilst the other half sat facing them.

Teachers had 2 minutes to outline their idea to their partner, explain how it worked and how it had benefited their students' learning. Then the roles were reversed and the other teachers had two further minutes to explain their ideas. After the four minutes had elapsed, the teachers on the outside moved one table to the right and the process was repeated. In one hour on Thursday, 40 staff were exposed to 13 new ideas each, and can now use examples of these in their own teaching to the benefit of the students in their lessons.

Year 11 received their first progress check of the year on Thursday ready for the Parents' Consultation Evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you have a child in Year 7 and 11 it will be a busy week as Year 7 "Meet the Tutors" Evening is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. Richard Bramley

## School Play 2018

Assemblies this week were an opportunity for students to hear about the plans for the whole school production in the summer of 2018. Sarah Goodwill explained that there were opportunities for students to be involved in a wide variety of roles; as actors, backstage, technicians, front of house, publicity or editors. Mrs Goodwill has deliberately not made a decision on the play we will put on as she wants students to decide from a list of four alternatives. She gave details of these to the students, including the number of main parts, the size of the cast and ideas about set design. The four plays we can choose from are: **Peter Pan** (21 named parts - 8 large parts, cast of 30-35), **Alice in Wonderland** (20 named parts, cast of 30), **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** (20 named parts - 8 large parts, cast of 25-30) or **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** (17 parts - 7 main parts, cast of 25-30). Voting slips are in reception and the final day to cast votes is on **19th October**. Results will be counted on the last day of term - 20<sup>th</sup> October and announced in the Newsletter. **The first round of auditions will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

## AS Business and Travel students visit new local university campus

Last Thursday 25 AS Business and Travel students were invited to Coventry University's brand new Scarborough based campus. The campus has been set up to address 'skills gaps' in North Yorkshire and offers some excellent and wide ranging courses including Business and Management, Global Tourism, Law, Nursing, Teaching, Cyber Security and Engineering. The state of the art campus provides some fantastic resources and learning experiences as well as flexible teaching modules which allow students to balance their studies with work and family commitments. It is a superb environment for students who prefer a more personal approach with lecturers available to students throughout the day as there are only 400 students currently at the campus. Our students were both impressed and surprised by what was on offer 'on their doorstep' and it certainly opened their eyes to the opportunities at degree level only 20 miles down the road from Lady Lumley's. The university are very keen to increase the links between themselves and LLS and this will be a welcome addition to our programme within the sixth form helping students to make the right progression choice post A level.

Steve Varey, Head of Business and Assistant Head of 6th Form.

## "Bonjour de Bordeaux!"

"On revient de Bordeaux aujourd'hui après une semaine extraordinaire avec le super beau temps! Dans la photo, à Arcachon, il fait plus de 25 degrés!"



## Year 9 Netball

On Thursday 5th October, the Year 9 netball team went to Scalby School to compete in the annual district netball tournament. Overall, Lady Lumley's came 4th, only losing 3 matches throughout the day. It was a great experience, enjoyed by all. Lady Lumley's will now proceed to the next round, to be held in York, on Wednesday 18th October. Well played girls. Report written by Ruth Smith.

## Year 7 Hockey

On the 10th October, the Year 7 girls had their first ever school hockey match. The match was against Ryedale school. Both Lady Lumley's teams played extremely well, with one team drawing 1 - 1 and one team winning 2 - 0. We had some star players in both matches, with some amazing goals scored. The teams worked well together and are looking forward to their next match.

Report written by Maddie Elder and Jess Leonard.



**Monday 16th October Non Uniform Day - £1 donation towards 'Make a Wish Foundation'**

## Governor News

Governors met on Tuesday for the first meeting of the academic year. At this meeting governors received the draft copy of the school's analysis of last year's examination results. The Green Paper (so-called because it is traditionally printed on green paper!) follows meetings with every subject leader and senior leaders where the subject's performance at A level, GCSE and Key Stage 3 is analysed and discussed. This a weighty document (this year running to 61 pages and more to come) and governors will discuss it more fully in the next meeting in November. Governors also had a presentation from Imogen Lloyd, currently second in the maths department. Mrs Lloyd will be leading the department from half-term whilst Mrs Steele is away on maternity leave, and she delivered a really useful and interesting insight into the work of the maths department. Governors were impressed by the success of the department and the positive way the teachers have embraced mixed ability teaching in Key Stage 3 and coped so admirably with changes to GCSEs and A levels. The governing body also accepted a new policy on the use of video recording of lessons as part of our drive to build a coaching culture in the school. Regular readers will have heard of the school's relationship with educational consultant Mike Hughes and the mutually agreed analysis of lessons by teachers and their coaches is an important part of the work he is doing with the school.

## Head lice!

It is that time of year again. We would be grateful if parents and carers could be vigilant about checking their children's hair for unwelcome visitors!  
Many thanks.

## Word of the Week - Commitment

In assemblies this week all the school heard about the planning for the School Play in Summer 2018. Mrs Goodwill stressed that the actors, set singers, lighting engineers etc. must show commitment to the process. The lead actors will definitely have to commit to being at rehearsals every Thursday evening after school and other students would have to make a commitment to attend all relevant rehearsals and practices. Commitment comes from *commit plus ment*. The suffix *ment* denotes an action or a product. In this case a commitment is the predict of deciding to commit: If I commit to something, I have made a commitment. A commitment is an obligation or a promise. Students who make a commitment to the play have promised they will attend all the necessary meetings etc. and they are obliged to do so by the promise they have made.

## USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846  
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## YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU



## Parent Governors

The Governing Body of the school plays a crucial part in making sure the school continues to be a good school and that your children get the best education possible. Parent Governors serve for a term of 4 years, and, as young people move through the school and go on to

new challenges, so parent governors leave the governing body. This means the governors have vacancies for parents who wish to join the governing body and we would love to hear from you if you are interested.

Please contact the school for further information and an application pack or just an informal chat about the role. Applying is not a difficult process and being a governor gives you the chance to give something back to the school that is working so hard for your children. Closing date for applications will be **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

## Student Voice

Student Voice elections will be coming up soon, however we need candidates from each tutor group to ensure maximum representation. Student Voice is a key part of school life which enables all students, no matter their year group, no matter how loud or quiet they are to ensure their voice is heard. Students have until **Friday 20th October** to hand in their application to 11MKipling@ladylumleys.net.

Applications should be approximately 50-100 words and explain why they would be suitable for student council and include any relevant experience. With one student per tutor group, we would have at least 25 representatives, ensuring students have better access to Student Voice and making their voice heard. Why not discuss this with your son or daughter and encourage them to participate? Martin Heeley

## £1 coins

Please note we are unable to accept the old style £1 coins to pay for trips, books etc or through our revaluation machines to pay for school meals on and after Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October as they cease to be legal tender on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 16th October

#### Non Uniform Day

#### Meet the Tutor Evening 4.30-7pm

Y8 Geography Fieldwork (in lessons)

### Tuesday 17th October

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#### Y11 Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm

### Wednesday 18th October

Y12 Drive Alive

Y8 Geography Fieldwork (in lessons)

#### Music Concert 6.30pm

### Thursday 19th October

Y10-13 Drama Rehearsals, Dalby, L1 and 2

Pickering Quakers Lecture - Jonathon Porritt 7.30pm

Y10-13 Theatre Trip - The Tin Drum, WYP 5.30-11pm

### Friday 20th October

Y9 YOLO Workshops/Production

#### School Closes for Half Term

#### Upcoming Events...

#### Monday 30th October - Students Return to School

Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd November -

Y13 Geography Fieldwork

Wednesday 1st November - Y11 Music Trip, London

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November - Y11 Trial Exams

Tuesday 7th November - Y12/13 Senior Maths Challenge

Monday 13th November - Y9 DT Trip - **revised date**

Monday 13th November - Y12/13 Art Trip

Tuesday 14th November -

Y12/13 Senior Team Maths Challenge

Wednesday 15th November - Opportunity Knocks

Thursday 16th November - Y12 Geography Fieldwork

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