

# Lady Lumley's School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

A lot going on this week with Drive Alive and a school concert on Wednesday and the rehearsals for Fear in the Forest at Dalby Forest and a theatre visit to see The Tin Drum on Thursday. Also on Thursday Brian Davis delivered an assembly to Year 11 students about effective revision techniques as their trial examinations begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November (which is VERY soon). Mr Davis will put the PowerPoint presentation about revision ideas on the school's website so you can look at this and help your son or daughter by using some of the very powerful ideas contained therein. And when the students are revising over the half-term break, it is not just revising for the trial examinations, it is actually revising for the real things in the summer. Good revision starts early and now is only just soon enough for May and June. The GCSE results mean so much and the earlier the revision starts the better the results will be.

At the end of this half-term we say a fond farewell to Mr Lee Blacklock, a member of our advanced teaching support team who is moving on to a new role in the caring profession. Lee has been with Lady Lumley's for over 5 years and has been a wonderful support to children in school as well as always being willing to help out with extra-curricular activities. He will be missed by students and staff alike and we wish him all the best in the future. Richard Bramley



# Music for an Autumn Evening

There was a lovely music concert on Wednesday night at the school with students of all levels of experience and expertise taking part. The event was well supported by friends and family and Mrs Edmonds-Preedy and the peripatetic music staff did a wonderful job organising the evening and supporting the musicians. In order of performance we heard from Jack Magson, Jennie Winter, Rosie Hodgson, Freya Botzen, Lucy Howlett, Max Richardson, Taz Dixon, Bethany Marsden, Elisha De-Alker, Felicity Lloyd, Danielle Northgraves, Ellie Capsey, Ruth Smith, Rhianna Wood, Lauren



Oglesby and the choir of Elisha De-Alker, Heather Forshaw, Abbie Henry, Erin Hick, Amelie Jeffreys, Georgia Lippett, Mrs Lloyd, Danielle Northgraves, Catie Swift and Toby Towner. We had a guest appearance by Mr Shaw on the drums and we must express sympathy to Ripley Brown who was due to play the piano but injured his hand on the way to the concert.







# **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**.

#### Drama News

Green Parrot Theatre rehearsed at Dalby Forest on Thursday for Fear in the Forest. The rehearsal went very well and we are looking forward to performing on the 29th October. Tickets are available on the Forestry Commission's website.

The Drama hoodies are here! Our examination class students are very excited about their new hoodies! They can be worn in Drama lessons and rehearsals but they don't replace normal school uniform so shouldn't be worn at other times.

On Thursday we went to see The Tin Drum by Kneehigh Theatre at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds. It was the first theatre trip that Year 10 have been on since the start of the course. The play was vibrant and exciting with lots to write about!

And finally, after 2 weeks of voting, I can now reveal that this year's school play will be...... **Peter Pan!!** There will be a sign up sheet for auditions on the Drama notice board after half term. The first round of auditions will be on Thursday 9th November 3.45 - 5.30. Mrs Goodwill

#### **Drive Alive**

Drive Alive was a very effective, learning experience. Each presentation was full of meaning but presented with empathy and humour when needed to keep people entertained and interested. The drugs and alcohol presentation was especially eye opening. This was because the presenter made us very aware of the increase of danger when drink driving but also the penalties and the effects it can have on a person's future. Secondly, it made people aware of the realistic amount of time that you shouldn't be allowed to drive after consuming alcohol. The first aid workshop was extremely helpful as many students felt they would now be comfortable to help or aid a casualty at the scene of an accident. Doing something is better than doing nothing. Finally, the personal story shared at the end of the day by Janet and David really brought home the effects that a death has on a family and its "ripple effect". This was very thought provoking as the story had an effect on everyone emotionally. Their story was personally linked to Lady Lumley's school and it made students realise how an accident can happen to anybody at any time. Even though each presentation by the Drive Alive team was very educating, I felt that this story alone had more effect on the students in the Sixth Form about driving.

# French Exchange

**Dan Tomlinson** 

Twenty three students from Years 8, 9 and 10 discovered that 6.30am actually exists last week as they departed bright and early for the French Exchange to Bordeaux. After an uneventful journey, students arrived on Friday evening and



were thrown in at the deep-end (not literally, obviously) and spent the weekend with their host families speaking lots of French and going horse-riding, playing football or going to a rugby match. The Lady Lumley's students were also lucky enough to discover that French school begins at 8.30 and finishes at 4.45, with seven lessons and a long (almost two hours!) lunch break in between. We explored the sights of Bordeaux, scaled the heights of Europe's largest sand dune, the Dune du Pyla, and the depths of St Emilion's underground wine cellars and medieval monolithic church, as well as trying some original macarons. The week flew by, and we were waved off on Friday by our host partners at the school. The weather was practically tropical - it was sunny all week and 27 degrees when we visited the Dune du Pyla! Thanks to Mrs Cornforth, Mr Heeley and Mr Reynolds.

From the original rap stylings of Harry Edwards (Y10): "It's 7 days bro,

with the French exchange, how going to the top of the sand dune, seeing Arcachon and all the catacombs Then we went to St Emilion, tasting macarons, visiting the church underground and having fun."

#### **Drive Alive**

On Wednesday the whole of Year 12 took part in the Drive Alive programme. There were multiple activities such as the Alcohol, Drugs and Driving activity which showed students how many units you are allowed before driving and how long you can't drive after you have been drinking. In particular the First Aid course was a fun course to do as it taught us how to perform CPR and how to put people in the recovery position.

The whole day was beneficial for me because as a learner driver it covered the reality of the dangers of not obeying the road and its laws. This has helped me understand how important it is to obey the law, because if not you are putting others at risk too. *Kian O'Brien* 

## Word of the Week - Performance

After the lovely concert on Wednesday night, the word of the week has to be performance. Also the school's performance tables were published last week and teachers continually talk about students' performance. Dictionary.com defines performance as an artistic or dramatic production which very nicely encapsulates what we experienced at school on Wednesday night. The other sort of performance (as in a student's or a school's performance means the manner or quality of functioning. You may also use the word performance in an informal way as in a silly way of acting: "what was that performance all about?"

Uniform Reminder School jumpers/ sweatshirts are to be worn after half-term.



## **USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Main School Office: 01751 472846 Attendance Officer: 01751 472846 Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043 Specialist School Nurse: 01609 798150/146

Primary Liaison - We have a close relationship with our local primary schools and we have been alerted that some older children, who may be Lady Lumley's students, have been seen trespassing on the school site at Pickering Infant & Nursery School; climbing on their school roof and causing considerable damage. Not only is this dangerous, it is illegal and the police have been contacted. If you have any information regarding this, please contact 101.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sunday 29th October** 

Y11-13 Drama 'Fear in the Forest' Event, Dalby Forest

Monday 30th October Students Return to School

# Wednesday 1st November

Y13 Geography Fieldwork, Blencathra (1st to 3rd)) 11 Music Trip - 'Wicked', London

# **Upcoming Events...**

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

Tuesday 7th November - Y12/13 Senior Maths Challenge Monday 13th November - Y9 DT Trip 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

Thursday 16th November - Y11 Prizegiving (current Y12) w/c Monday 20th November - Live Theatre Trip

Tuesday 21st November - Parent Forum
Wednesday 22nd November - Y12 Prizegiving (current Y13)
Thursday 23rd November - Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 24th November - Y10/11 Teenage Cancer Trust
presentation