



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had the Year 11 drama assessed practical on Wednesday evening, house swimming on Thursday morning, Year 9 consultation evening on Thursday night and the Year 11 music students went to see the Queen tribute band, Mercury, on Thursday night as well. We also had our extended senior leadership team meeting on Tuesday after school and still, as usual, managed to fit in a full week of lessons as well as numerous support sessions and other activities. I haven't really mentioned senior leadership team meetings in the newsletter before, but these are held weekly after school when the headteacher, deputy headteachers and assistant headteachers meet to discuss all issues affecting the school; past, present and future. The extended senior leadership team takes one of the fortnightly meeting slots and the meetings are opportunities for other staff in the school to experience these discussions and to contribute their ideas and thoughts. The additional members of the extended leadership team are Tiarnan O'Cleirigh and Imogen Lloyd as heads of English and mathematics respectively and Rachel Wilson as a staff development opportunity. Each year a different member of staff is invited to join the extended senior leadership team and, as well as them learning a lot about the workings of the school, their input is highly valued. There are now two full weeks left until the Christmas break and, whilst there will be many festive activities during lunchtimes and some after-school events in the last fortnight it will still be business as usual in lessons. Students with external examinations coming up in the summer are already counting the weeks and I am sure they will make the best use of the time available over the Christmas break to consolidate their learning ready for a great start to the new term. Richard Bramley

Interhouse Swimming

Yesterday saw the annual interhouse swimming gala at Ryedale pool. The quality of the swimming was very high, resulting in some long standing school records being broken.

Feversham junior girls set a new record for the Medley relay in a time of 1.01.00- 14 seconds faster than the previous record. **Connor Cowling** set a new record of 12.81 seconds in the Junior boys freestyle, while **Evie Wright** set a new record in the senior girls breaststroke of 17.21 seconds. **Emily Robson** continued to excel setting a new record of 17.41 seconds in the inter girls breaststroke.

The girls' event was won easily by Feversham (84 points), with the other three houses only being separated by a few points, resulting in Highfield (62 points) placing in second and Acland a close third (61 points).

In the boys' event it was Acland (87 points) who were out in the lead with Feversham (64 points) finishing in second place. As a result the overall results leave two houses drawing on 148 points!!

Well done to all 104 swimmers who took part and house captains for organising their teams, enabling this event to be a huge success.

The combined overall results were:

- 1st – Acland and Feversham – 148 points
- 3rd – Highfield – 119 points
- 4th – Hainsworth – 99 points

Year 11 Music

Year 11 music students had the opportunity to go to the York Opera house to see Mercury, a Queen tribute band. The band played many of Queen's most famous songs and the audience (mainly composed of people significantly older than Year 11!) had a really good time singing and clapping along. Mrs

Edmonds-Preedy organised the trip but was unable to attend due to the consultation evening, so I drove the minibus and accompanied the students. I would just like to say the students were fantastically good company and great ambassadors for the school. I would also like to thank the parents and siblings who were so prompt at picking the students up at 11 o'clock last night. Richard Bramley



Year 11 Drama

The Year 11 drama students spent an intensive two days this week preparing for their devised pieces which were then assessed on Wednesday after school as part of their GCSE examination. Students gave their all in the performances and put on four very different plays which they had devised themselves from a given stimulus. Three of the plays were based upon the idea of "who am I?" and one of the opening lines from the novel 1984 "it was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen". The majority of the students acted in the four plays, and there were also marks available for those students who took backstage roles in lighting and costume. There was a wide range of ideas and theatrical styles employed by the students and we hope the exam board are as impressed by the performances as we were.

Year 9 and 10 Physics Trip

A group of year 9 and 10 students and Miss Wilson went to the University of York last Friday to take part in a day of 'Physics at Work' day. We saw how physics was applied in hospitals, laser equipment and patient treatment. We watched a short film in a cosmodrome and made prototype solar shields for space probes. There were talks from EDF an energy supplier which was followed by a 'pylon making challenge'. Physics qualifications can really take in lots of different career directions from hospitals to fast cars, from tiny particles called strings to vast objects like stars.





Christmas Events 18th-22nd December

Monday 18th December

Non Uniform Day
Year 7 Christmas Party -afternoon

Tuesday 19th December - lunchtime

6th Form Vs Teachers Netball Match,
Sports Hall - please come and watch

Wednesday 20th December - L3

Christmas Film Club - sixth form only

Thursday 21st December - lunchtime

Christmas Fair in the Hall

Friday 22nd December - lunchtime

Sixth Form Quiz - sixth form only

Every Day - Food and Drink Stall in the
Link Corridor

All profits will be donated to the
Teenage Cancer Trust.

Please do come along and support
the events if you can.

Word of the Week - Cueing and Queuing

Since we have the British Masters snooker playing at York at the moment, I thought of these two words as examples of homophones. Homophone are words that sound the same but are spelled differently, or mean different things or both. The example that most often confuses children is *there, their* and *they're*. The word homophone has very simply etymology. *Homo* is from the Greek *homos* meaning *the same*, and *phone* means *sound*. So *homophone* literally means *same sound*. Meanwhile, back to cueing and queuing. Cue is yet another word with various meanings. My go-to source, Dictionary.com, has 11 definitions of cue as a noun. One is a long, tapering rod with a soft leather pad (the snooker cue) and another is the cue used in acting, i.e. "anything said or done, on or off stage, that is followed by a specific line or action". The origins of the two uses of cue are different but have developed over the years to make the same word. One of the definitions of queue, which I did not know, is the same as another of the definitions of cue: "a braid of hair worn hanging down behind". The more common usage is "a file or line, especially of people waiting their turn". The origin of both meanings is the same! The word queue comes via French from the Latin word for tail. One can imagine (I hope!) seeing a long line of people and thinking of an animals tail.

Judo Excellence

Tyler Waterton and **Isabelle Adams** have both been invited to attend the Regional England Development Squad Talent Identification Day in Walsall on 13th January 2018. This is a fantastic opportunity for them both.

On Sunday 26th November, a number of students from LLS competed with the Ryedale Judo Club at the Goole Christmas Championships. The results are as follows: **Brandon Cowton** withdrawn with concussion; **Tyler Waterton** GOLD; **Isabelle Adams** GOLD; **Rosie Hodgson** BRONZE; **Olivia Harrison** SILVER. What a fantastic team effort. Well done guys!

Year 9 Parents consultation evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the evening. I know parents, carers, staff and students find these evenings very valuable. We had an excellent turnout last night and the atmosphere was very positive. The Year 9 students are already considering what option choices they may make for their subjects in Years 10 and 11, and the full option process gets underway in the new term.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th December

Y12/13 Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Tuesday 12th December

Y13 Drama C2 Exam Prep Day
Carol Service Rehearsals (with Primaries) 9.30-10.30am
Christmas Lunch
Y10 Partnership Basketball, LLS 4-5pm

Wednesday 13th December

Y13 Drama C2 Exam Prep Day and Performance
Y7 7-a-side Football, Malton 4-5pm
Town Carol Service 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December

KS3 Theatre Trip, WYP 11.30am-5.30pm
KS34 Badminton, LLS 3.30-6.30pm
Music Concert

Upcoming Events...

18th December - Non Uniform Day
18th December - Y7 Christmas Party, L3
18th-19th December - House Drama Performances
20th December - Y13 Prizegiving (Y13 leavers)
21st December - Sixth Form Christmas Fair
22nd December - KS3 Christmas Carols, L3
22nd December - School Closes for Christmas
8th January - Staff Training Day



Christmas Dinner - 12th December

Roast Turkey
Stuffing Ball
Chipolata Sausage
Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Gravy

Ice Cream Roll
or
Sticky Toffee Pudding

£2.25

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