



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had sad news at the school this week. Mrs Pat Watson, our personnel manager, passed away on Monday. Mrs Watson was extremely well-regarded by staff, many of whom dropped in to talk to her first thing in the morning before starting their working day. Mrs Watson had worked at the school for 14 years, had been a member of the school's senior leadership team and the staff representative on the school's governing body. She was incredibly supportive of her colleagues and an invaluable asset to Lady Lumley's. She will be sadly missed by all of us in the school. Pat leaves behind her husband, Peter, and her son, Callum, and all our thoughts are with them. Richard Bramley

Drama News

House Drama Performances are next week! Highfield and Hainsworth are on Monday 18th December at 6.30pm; Acland and Feversham are on Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm. Tickets can be bought on the door - £4 for adults and £2 for concessions. Refreshments can also be bought during the event.

Year 13 performed their Component 2 devised piece on Thursday night. They chose their own stimulus and created their own play in the style of Kneehigh Theatre. Their piece told the story of Raven, a real teenager who sadly ended her own life. The students explored how some of the negative aspects of social media, coupled with a troubled home life, could lead to this happening.

Peter Pan rehearsals are underway! A full rehearsal / performance schedule will be sent home before the end of term. Students who would like to help create set, costumes, publicity, etc should keep an eye on Fronter after Christmas as there'll be a meeting coming up. Sarah Goodwill

Governor News

Governors met on Tuesday evening in the fourth Governors' Meeting of the academic year. Please remember that the agreed minutes of this meeting will be available on the school's website. This meeting was designated as a Full Governors' meeting and Governors discussed a range of topics.

There was lengthy and useful debate over curriculum issues that may affect the school particularly concerning the future of AS examinations following the ongoing changes to A level specifications. At the moment, and for the current Year 12, most students take 4 subjects at AS, take examinations in these subjects and then follow 3 subjects at A level in Year 13. Governors heard that the majority of schools now no longer offer the option to take AS levels in the summer of Year 12 and many schools ask students to choose only 3 subjects to study right at the start of Year 12.

No decisions were made on Tuesday night and this is a matter that will be further debated at senior leadership level with governors being informed of the changes (if any) to be made.

Activities during the last week of term

There are a range of activities planned for the last week of term by the Year 12 Travel and Tourism students (more details in this Newsletter). The students led assemblies this week and produced a well-crafted and thought provoking presentation to the year groups outlining the events ahead. The sixth formers have chosen to raise money for the charity Teenage Cancer Trust and all profits from the events next week will go to this charity.

Christmas Concert

The school held its Christmas Concert last night (Thursday). It was a really lovely occasion with many students taking the opportunity to perform in front of an attentive audience. The evening was hosted by Niamh Rose who did a great job of introducing each performance and we must thank Caroline Edmondson-Preedy for her all hard work in making the event possible. As well as individual performances, we had duets, the school band and the school choir.

The school band played a selection of Christmas songs and the school choir sang 6 Christmas songs including Silent Night in English, German and French! Whilst the students were the stars of the show, they were ably supported by Mrs Lloyd and Miss Barnard and then the evening was nicely rounded off by the staff band of Mr Binfield, Mrs Edmondson-Preedy, Mr Holbrook, Miss Heyes, Mr Longworth, Mr Mann and Miss Wilson. The band played 3 songs: Last Christmas, The Friary Tale of New York and Do They Know It's Christmas? It was a great evening and we are already looking forward to the Spring concert when the theme (as we will be close to Valentine's Day) will be love.



Word of the Week - Anodyne

This word was used in a conversation I had this week (not by me) and coincidentally by me in a different context. I haven't checked the dictionary yet, but I am sure the "an-" bit means "without" (like *anaerobic* means capable of living *without air* and *anhydrous* means *without water*). According to oxforddictionaries.com, *anodyne*, used as an adjective, means *not likely to cause offence or disagreement and somewhat dull*. The word was coined in the mid-16th century and comes via Latin from Greek *anōdunos* 'painless', from *an-* 'without' and *odunē* 'pain' (I was right, the *an-* part means "without"). An example of the use of *anodyne* as an adjective is "The person to blame for all this is the *anodyne* British pop star Gary Barlow" (apologies to all Gary Barlow fans).

Christmas Events 18th-22nd December

Monday 18th December

Non Uniform Day £1 donation
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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 18th December

All week – Food & Drink Stall, link corridor lunchtime
NON UNIFORM DAY £1 donation
Y11 MFL Trial Speak Assessments (all day)
Ski Trip Meeting, Sports Hall 12:40pm
Y7 Christmas Party, Hall L3 (no payment required)
House Drama Performance (Highfield and Hainsworth), Hall 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th December

Y11 MFL Trial Speak Assessments (all day)
6th form Vs teachers netball match, sports hall lunchtime
Y9 Partnership Basketball, LLS 4-5pm
House Drama Performance (Acland and Feversham), Hall 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Y11 MFL Trial Speak Assessments (L2 and 3)
Sixth Form Christmas Film Club, Common Room L3
Y13 Prizegiving (Y13 Leavers), Common Room 7pm

Thursday 21st December

Y11 MFL Trial Speak Assessments (L2)
Sixth Form Christmas Fair, Hall lunchtime
Peter Pan Rehearsal, Dr1 3.40-5.30pm

Friday 22nd December

Sixth Form Christmas Quiz, Common Room lunchtime
KS3 Christmas Carols, Hall, L3
School Closes for the Christmas Break

Upcoming Events...

Monday 1st to Monday 8th January, Ski Trip Austria
Monday 8th January - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 9th January - Students Return to School
Tuesday 9th January - Battlefields Trip Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 10th January - Spanish Exchange Meeting 6pm
Thursday 11th to Thursday 18th January - Y12/13 Trial Exams

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule for Next Week

Thursday 21st December

We will run through Act 1 with the following cast members:

Storytellers

Mr & Mrs Darling

Liza

Nana

Wendy

John

Michael

Peter

Tink

The rehearsal will take place in Dr1.

Many thanks. Sarah Goodwill

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Poppy Appeal would like to thank all staff and students for collecting £64.78 towards this year's Poppy Appeal. Without this help the Royal British Legion would be unable to continue with their vital welfare and benevolent work.



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