



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Happy New Year and I hope 2018 goes well for you, your children and everyone you know. I would like to welcome four new staff who have joined the school this year: Katy Ashworth, teaching modern foreign languages, Chris Paul teaching religious education and Tom Bylo who has joined us as cover supervisor. I would also like to welcome back Andrea Mark who has returned to teach modern foreign languages after her maternity leave and also Lindsey Roberts who will be teaching some drama this year. Students in Years 12 and 13 and already deep into their trial examinations and we all wish them the best with these as they prepare for the final examinations in the summer.

We also welcomed back the school ski trip who had a wonderful time over the Christmas break skiing in Austria. Thank to you Christian Walton, Kerry Hammond, Jared Gill and Kathryn Weatherburn for accompanying the students on this trip.

On Monday we had a staff training day where teaching staff began a project of working in cross-subject teams to plan and teach a lesson incorporating some of the ideas we shared on the day. The idea of working with non-specialists in this way is one that came from Mike Hughes, the educational consultant we have been working with over the last year. On the day we revisited some of Mike's ideas and also looked again at strategies for cooperative learning which we know is a really effective way of improving student achievement. Mr Hughes has an excellent question he asks of schools he works with "What are you going to ask the students to do to/with the information in order that they will understand it?" As effective teachers we probably ask ourselves this all the time, but the joint planning will allow us to make the answer to this question more explicit.

This is the 400<sup>th</sup> edition of the school Newsletter. The first edition was sent home on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007 and we have produced a Newsletter at the end of every school week since then. As well as keeping you informed of what is happening in the school, the Newsletter is a way for sharing other information (e.g. the new Global Heroes sections and Word of the Week) and a way of celebrating the achievement of our wonderful students. If your son or daughter has done something special recently, let us know and we will share the good news in a future edition (bonus points if you can send in a photo as well!).

Richard Bramley

## Sixth Form News – Post-16 Advice and Guidance

In the sixth form you can study subjects you already know from Years 10 and 11 but there are also new subjects. Your teachers and sixth form pastoral staff at Lady Lumley's can advise you on A level choice. We have well-qualified subject specialists teaching every subject and we monitor the quality of your learning throughout your time here. We do a really good job of making sure students get the grades they deserve and we have a fantastic retention rate.

Every year Lady Lumley's offers a warm welcome to students from both our own Year 11 and from other schools in the area. We hope that you were able to attend our sixth form Open Evening in November. We are sure that and this has given you lots to think about regarding your choices ahead.

In the next few weeks there are more activities planned for Year 11 students – **Assemblies** given by Mr Ambrose, Head of Sixth Form and the pastoral team. These will offer general post-16 options advice as well as specific post-16 options here at Lady Lumley's. **SLT guidance appointments** - every Year 11 student will be invited to a guidance appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership team. Mrs Allan and current sixth form students will visit **Year 11 registration sessions** to help and answer any questions students may have about their post-16 options and the completion of application forms. We will also look at what it is like to be a member of the sixth form here at Lady Lumley's. Students can also call into the Sixth Form Office at any time to ask for help or guidance and as a parent please feel free to call Mrs Allan on 01751 470024 or email [fallan@ladylumleys.net](mailto:fallan@ladylumleys.net)

The deadline for sixth form applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The timetable is constructed based on the choices made by students as such we strongly advise you to apply as early as possible to ensure that your subject choices are included in our timetable planning process.

### Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday 18th January 2018

The following cast members are required:

#### Storytellers

Wendy

John

Michael

Lost Boys

Peter

Tink

Pirates

Tiger Lily

We will be working on Act 2. The rehearsal will take place in Dr1, 3.40-5.30pm. Many thanks. Sarah Goodwill

### Global Heroes - Marie Curie

Outside each subject area we have photographs of a Global Hero relevant to that subject. For physics that Global Hero is Marie Curie. Marie Curie was the first person ever to win two Noble Prizes (the Noble Prize being one of the highest honours any person can ever receive). Even more impressively, she won Nobel Prizes for both Physics (1903) and Chemistry (1911). Marie was born in Poland and moved in her 20s to live and work in Paris, where she married Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre investigated compounds containing uranium and were the first scientists to use word "radioactivity". Marie and Pierre isolated two new elements: polonium (named after Marie's native country) and radium (named for the rays it produced). After her husband's death, she became the first female professor at the University of Paris and, continuing her work she managed to isolate pure samples of radium. Marie Curie died in July 1934, probably from a disease caused by her long-term exposure to radiation and radioactive substances. The charity Marie Curie takes its name from the Marie Curie Hospital in London (which is itself named in honour of Marie Curie). The hospital was set up to treat cancer and similar diseases in women using radiation based on the scientific principles discovered by Marie Curie.



### Dresses for Dreams -

#### Hire Your Perfect Prom Dress

There will be a prom show at Woodend Creative, Scarborough on 9th February 4-8pm. The doors are open to anybody wanting to attend. There will be everything prom related at the show. Vouchers for make up and spray tans, along with a raffle table full of goodies such as MAC make up and hair and beauty vouchers. Find them on facebook: dressesfordreamsscarborough  
Tel: 0796435244



### Word of the Week - Simile

This is a word that should be familiar to all students well before they come to Lady Lumley's. Similes may seem simple – just stick *like* or *as* in a sentence, but they can also be incredibly powerful and evocative. I chose this word as I was reading *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. I think it's supposed to be a children's book, but like all good books it transcends age groups and I would recommend it to adults as well as young people. The author uses language really well, and there was one phrase, early in the book, which was a great example of using a simile to effectively conjure up an image: "*the mist hung like blindness around the house*".

*Simile* gets its name from the Latin *simile* meaning something *similar* (the word clearly has not moved far from its Latin roots). In a simile one thing is compared to another thing using the words *like* or *as*.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 15th January

##### Y12/13 TRIAL EXAMS

Y8 Cricket, LLS 12.30pm

#### Tuesday 16th January

##### Y12/13 TRIAL EXAMS

Y11 Partnership Hockey Tournament, LLS 1.30pm

Y9 District Basketball, Malton 4pm

#### Wednesday 17th January

##### Y12/13 TRIAL EXAMS

Y7 Partnership Basketball, Malton 4pm

#### Thursday 18th January

##### Y12/13 TRIAL EXAMS

Peter Pan Rehearsal 3.40-5.30pm

Y6 Roadshow, PCJS 7pm

#### Friday 19th January

Spanish Exchange Visit, Madrid (19<sup>th</sup> 6am to 26<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm)

### Upcoming Events...

22nd to 26th January - Y9 Exams

25th January - Y6 Roadshow, St. Joseph's 7pm

30th January - Y11 Poetry Live, Nottingham

30th January - Y10 Consultation Evening

31st January - Y11 GCSE Food Tech CA

1st February - Y12/13 Science Live, Manchester

1st February - Y9-11 Intermediate Maths Challenge

2nd February - A Level Art Exam Paper released

5th February - Non Uniform Day

5th to 10th February - Y10 Battlefields Trip

5th to 6th February - Y12 Drama C2 Exam Prep Days

6th February - Y12 Drama C2 Exam Performance

7th February - Y8 Consultation Evening

8th February - Lady Lumley's Music Concert

**Friday 9th February - School Closes for Half Term**

**Monday 19th February - Students Return to School**

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Main School Office/Attendance: 01751 472846 Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043