



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It was an interesting start to the week on Monday as I walked past one of the English classrooms. The door to the room was covered in warning tape with the message "crime scene-do not enter". Just outside the room was a body and blood stains. Inside the room, the students had been transformed into police officers of various ranks and were equipped with latex gloves so as not to contaminate the crime scene.



It turned out that this was a Year 8 English lesson led by Sarah Jennings. I will let her explain the purpose of the lesson and what the students got out of it. "This half term the Year 8 English students are studying poetry. This unit requires students to be able to use their skills of inference and deduction to analysis the writing of poets and to be able to consider their intentions. Monday's lesson was devised to set up these skills within the "story" of one of the poems we are going to be studying. Needless to say, the murder scene caused a lot of interest amongst the students as they began to try and piece together what had happened to our victim. Over the next few lessons students will develop their reasoning skills further by interviewing our chief suspects and by utilising their drama expertise to recreate what happened on the night of the murder (think "Crimewatch"). But note well Year 8, no matter what Mr Fairclough may tell you, it WAS NOT him...maybe."

On Thursday night we held the first of the 2018 roadshows for the Year 6 to 7 transition process. Debbie Smith, Lorraine Phippen and I went to Pickering Community Junior School where we were welcomed by the Year 6 teachers (Miss Holmes, Mrs Mintoft and Miss Turner) and the new headteacher, Mrs De Barr. The roadshow is an opportunity for us to help the Year 6 students prepare for secondary school and in order to do that we took along 5 of our current Year 7 students who used to go to Pickering Juniors: Bertie, Isla, Jack, Jorja and Izzy. These five did a great job of outlining what life is like in secondary school and this was reinforced by our brand new video made using students from 7CQU. Overall it was a very enjoyable evening and I think the Year 6 pupils (and their parents and guardians) left feeling more comfortable about the changes ahead. Richard Bramley

Congratulations to **Chloe Steele** (Year 10) who received a Young Volunteer of the Year Award from the Ryedale Swimming Club for all her help working with younger children who are learning to swim. Well done Chloe.

Successful Food Bank Project and further help please!

During December, 11EWA had a reverse advent calendar, where we collected Christmas food for the food bank at the Rainbow Centre in Scarborough. The response from the students far exceeded my expectation when starting it and I am pleased to say we donated four car boots full of food for those struggling at the festive time. Well, it is almost Lent, and the RE department would like to capitalise on our students' (and their parents') generosity and instead of giving something up, which only helps one person, to donate something to help many. Therefore, RE2 will have a food bank station in during February. Any student who donates will get a house point. Thank you! Emma Watson and Christine Paul

Eco-Group

Lady Lumley's Eco Group has been formed to raise the profile of environmental issues. 21 students from different year groups attended the first meeting. Our first project is to encourage students to make a pledge (a bit like a new year's resolution) for something they can do or change to be a bit more eco-friendly. Students might pledge to re-use water bottles; take a reusable shopping bag; turning lights and other electrical equipment off. There are things we can do both at home and in school. Look out for us in the link corridor at the start of lunch all next week. The group has had lots of ideas of other things we can do to raise awareness. Watch this space. Mrs Goodwill

House News - Events this Half Term

Mastermind - Tuesday 30th January

Teams of 3.

You will need one expert for each of these topics: Recent Politics, Royal Family and Technology/Social Media.

Fit February

There will be a number of fitness/nutrition challenges set over the month of February. You can earn points through attending sessions in school and also by submitting your score cards to the PE department.

Challenges will include: Reps challenge, Cardio machine marathon and Tone and Torch.

Ready, Steady, Cook

Staff v 6th Form Students.

Each person is given a set number of ingredients, a set time and must produce a meal from scratch. Each contestant will compete against another. Each house must have at least one 6th form student and one member of staff.

Bake off - Starts on Thursday 1st March

Sign up in next half terms assembly.

House Matches - w/c 26th March

This will include: netball, hockey, football and basketball.

Team sheets will go out next half term.

Please do get involved and support your House!

Drama News - Peter Pan

Rehearsals this week saw our first visit to Neverland! The cast have been working on their characters and thinking about how to be more pirate or more boy (9 of our 10 lost boys are played by girls!) The cast are taking a professional approach. Excellent attendance this week.

Miss Naylor is designing the show; the set & props team are meeting after school on Tuesdays. This week they got started on a ships wheel and some bits of scenery. A number of egg boxes were also painted green, can you guess why?

We are collecting egg boxes and LARGE cardboard boxes- if you have any knocking about at home, please bring to Drama or Art.

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule Thursday 25th January 2018

The following cast members are required:

Storytellers, Wendy, John, Michael, Lost Boys, Peter, Tink, Pirates and Tiger Lily.

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

Governor News

The Governors' Strategy Committee met on Tuesday this week. This committee has the role of setting the agendas for future meetings and we have Resources, Teaching and Learning and Full Governors meetings coming up over the next few months. The Governing Body is an important part of the school and the governors have planned to use some of the time in future meetings to have training sessions on particular aspects of the governor's role and other whole school issues.

Supporting Students - Counselling Service

We are one of very few schools in the area who employ our own counsellor, as a result of this we are fortunate to be asked to act as a placement for a trainee counsellor - Frances Toynbee. Frances is a very experienced teacher who has worked in education for a number of years. She will be working with us one day a week after February half term.

Plea to Parents/Carers

Can you please contact school if there have been any changes to your personal details, i.e. changes of address or contact telephone numbers. It is important that we hold up-to-date information for contacting home.

A reminder to parents/ to ensure school uniform is named to ensure items can be returned to students swiftly.

If your child is absent from school due to sickness, please call the school every morning of absence on Tel: 01751 472846. Many thanks.

Food Technology Department

As the Christmas season has now passed, and hopefully you all had a lovely time, we were wondering if any of you could kindly send in any empty sweet or biscuit tins/tubs. We use a lot of these when students have forgotten something to take their dishes home in and would greatly appreciate it if you have any spare which you could let us have. Thank you in anticipation and happy New Year, the FT Department

Askham Bryan College - 20th January 2018

Askham Bryan College, Scarborough Centre have an open morning 10am-1pm on Saturday 20th January where there will be an opportunity to have a hands on experience and speak to staff regarding the study programmes they deliver.

Word of the Week - Mnemonic

A mnemonic is something that helps you to remember something. I have just read a set of Year 11 reports and added the senior leadership comment. In many of these reports I referred to the importance of recalling facts. Factual recall is necessary for every subject the students study at GCSE. Whilst we care deeply about the students understanding a subject, in order to do so they will still need to just know some things. Just imagine having a conversation with someone if they could not recall the words we use every day! Mnemonics are a great way of learning facts. In a Year 10 lesson this week I was pleased that some students remembered the rhyme for the colours of the rainbow but slightly surprised it was not all of them! Richard Of York Gave Battle in Vain is a lot easier to remember than red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. And I wish somebody had told me when I was a school pupil about My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming Planets. If you have a list of things to learn, putting the first letters into a saying or rhyme (creating your own mnemonic) will make learning so much easier (and can even be fun!).

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22nd January

Y9 EXAMS ALL WEEK (in lessons)

Tuesday 23rd January

Y8 District Basketball 4-5pm

Wednesday 24th January

Y11 District Basketball 3.35-4.35pm

Thursday 25th January

Peter Pan Rehearsal 3.40-5.30pm

Y6 Roadshow, St. Joseph's 7pm

Upcoming Events...

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 February - Y12/13 RE Trip Meeting 6pm Hi3

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 - Y6 Roadshow, Thornton 7pm

8th February - Lady Lumley's Music Concert

Friday 9th February - School Closes for Half Term

15th to 18th February - Y12/13 RE Trip, Krakow/Auschwitz

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