



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I write this on Monday 10 minutes before boarding the bus with 41 Year 10 students heading for the Battlefields Experience in Northern France and Belgium. Having looked at the school calendar I am leaving behind a busy week with staff training on Monday involving teachers from Harrogate and Leeds as well as from schools closer to home; a Year 12 drama examination performance, House Ready-Steady-Cook, Year 8 consultation evening, the Year 6 roadshow at Thornton-le-Dale and a music concert. If the technology works I may be able to add a letter from the trenches, but, if not, I hope those of you who get a break have a very restful half-term holiday. Richard Bramley

Alumni News - Oliver Fearn attended St. James's Palace, London on 17th January to receive his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Presentation.

Oliver was with a group from The North of England who were presented their awards by HRH The Earl of Wessex in The Throne Room which was very special.

Oliver really enjoyed doing his Gold DofE with his group at school having achieved Bronze and Silver with Pickering Scout Group.

Oliver went on to apply through 'The Sutton Trust' to do his residential part of the Gold Award in a music summer school at Cambridge University. An amazing experience and one that led to him studying music at The University of Birmingham which he is thoroughly enjoying.



Update from the Front Line

DAY 1 - 41 Year 10 history students forming a Pals Battalion (officially the 11th Battalion Lady Lumley's) alongside their four officers set off for the Western Front at Ypres on Monday. The first part of the journey was by coach trip to Hull where the Pals bonded together by singing along to songs from World War 1. We also picked up from the lyrics what life was like at the front and what the soldiers were really feeling as the war developed. At Hull we then boarded a troop transport to the continent

(P & O ferry) where the troops enjoyed the rations available (unsurprising considering it was an eat-all-you-want world buffet). The first billets were comfortable for officers and men alike and we were once again sustained by more than adequate rations for breakfast before landing on foreign soil. Throughout the experience, we flipped through time; sometimes treated as if we were soldiers in WW1 and other times as students of history, looking backwards.

Our first stop in 2018 was the preserved trenches at Sanctuary Wood. We walked through trenches, experiencing the zigzag shapes and the cold weather. Luckily we did not experience the lice, the rats nor the stink inherent in these conditions. We tried to imagine what it would be like to be there as an infantryman: when the officer was counting down to an attack, when we would be going over the top, through no man's land and heading towards the enemy guns.

We then moved on to the Pool of Peace on Messine Ridge. This is a massive, water filled crater left as a monument to a huge mine which exploded, destroying the German emplacements in 1917. We also learned at the Pool of Peace that the explosion of the mine went off 20 seconds late and killed many of the attacking British soldiers.

We re boarded the coach and drove to the church at Messine, totally destroyed along with the entire village during WW1. Both the village and the church were rebuilt, but the church without bells. We heard how a local man, Albert, against all the odds, got the countries involved in fighting on the Western Front to buy most of the bells for a carillon and even got them blessed in a visit by John Paul II; a truly inspirational man. The church had a crypt which was used as a front line medical centre by all sides at some time during the war. One man treated here was a wounded German soldier, Adolf Hitler who returned to the rebuilt church in 1940 after the initial German victory against France

We stopped alongside the field where German and British troops famously had the Christmas truce and met in no man's land in 1914.

DAY 2 - 2 hours drive towards the Somme battlefields. Our first stop was Newfoundland's Park where we were greeted by students from Canada who are chosen from many volunteers to spend 4 months acting as guides for the battlefield where so many Newfoundlanders lost their lives. Newfoundland Park is the only place where you can still experience a whole battlefield.

This was our first time in a WW1 cemetery. We looked at the gravestones, saw which regiments were involved and the dates of the major offensives marked by the number of soldiers who died on those days. It was a bitterly cold day but not one of the students complained about being out in the biting wind for over 2 hours.

The next stop of our tour of the Somme Battlefield was Thiepval Memorial, a monument to mark over 71,000 soldiers whose bodies have never been found.

Our second cemetery was Dartmoor Cemetery where we heard three weeks stories associated with the graves there. We stood in front of the graves of Harry Webber, the oldest man to die on the Somme aged 67 years, James Miller who received the Victoria Cross and George and Robert Lee, a father and son who died on the same day.

Next we were led to the edge of the Lochnagar Crater near Albert, a mine crater which, being in chalk soil is not full of water so we could see, and be shocked by, the depth of the crater. Moving further North, we ended the day at Vimy Ridge, where there is the hugely impressive Canadian National War Memorial, inscribed with the names of 11,000 Canadians who have no other graves. Upon returning to the hostel, we had dinner and spent time in personal reflection of all we had done today.

Next instalment after half term. Richard Bramley

Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme

All levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) should now have set up an EdofE account with Mr Mann. Students should have logged on to their account and have entered key information and details about the activities they are doing.

It is really important students check the Fronter bulletin boards and their emails for important messages. In order to come on the summer expeditions, students need to have met the deadlines set by the DofE staff. Mr Mann

Ready, Steady, Cook

On Tuesday the sixth from students and staff took part in a Ready, Steady, Cook competition. Each team received a bag with the same ingredients in and had 30 minutes to make a meal for 1 person and be fully cleaned up in this time. Mrs Allen, Miss Buffoni and Miss Jemison rigorously tested each dish to find the winners before everyone dove in for a hot lunch!

1st Hainsworth - Mr Davis and Callum Barber who made chicken in a creamy mustard sauce with rice and a homemade flatbread.

2nd Acland - Mr Wilks and Jenny Roberts who made a stuffed chicken breast with cheese and pasta.

Joint 3rd Highfield - Miss Weatherburn, Mr Higham and Michael Kipling with a chicken and tomato pasta bake; and **Feversham - Miss Mark and Mrs Jennings** who cooked a paella dish.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and a huge thank you to the FT department.

Keep your eyes peeled for the next instalment.

Celebration Assemblies

This week the theme of our assemblies has been 'celebrating success'. Students have been recognised for their achievements during the first half of this academic year. Every day, in year groups, students have come together to celebrate their successes in and out of lessons. They have been awarded certificates and special, limited-edition Lady Lumley's pens to celebrate exceptional attendance, contributions to their House and their tutor groups. It has been a very positive end to the half-term and a great opportunity to say 'well done'. Brian Davis

Word of the Week - Remembrance

Having spent the week on the Battlefields Experience with Year 10 history students, I had to choose a word of the week that reflected what we had been doing. The origin of the word is fairly obvious, coming from the word *remember* which was very similar in French and Latin. Remembrance is a noun meaning the act of remembering something or something that is remembered. The word tends to be one that appears in people's thoughts around October each year, leading up to Remembrance Sunday on the second Sunday in November each year. Remembrance Day is on November 11th and recalls the end of hostilities in World War 1 at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 19th February

Students Return to School

Tuesday 20th February

Y10 Mock Interviews (am)

Y10 7-a-side football, Ryedale 4pm

Wednesday 21st February

Y12/13 Drama Trip "Hedda Gabler", York 6-11pm

Thursday 22nd February

Y12 Geography Fieldwork, Robin Hood's Bay 9am-3.20pm

Y7/9/11 Rugby Final Day, Scarborough RFU 2pm

Peter Pan Rehearsal 3.40-5.30pm

Y7 Hockey and Y9/10 Netball Vs Malton/Ryedale, LLS 4pm

Friday 23rd February

Y11 Drama C2 Exam Prep, L3

Upcoming Events...

26th February - GCSE English Workshop

26th to 27th February - Y11 Drama Exam & Performance

27th February 0 KS3-5 Rotary Club Technology Challenge

Y12 Travel & Tourism Research Trip, Flamingo Land

27th February - Youth Speaks

1st March - Y10/11 Science Live

1st March - Bake Off Round 1

1st March - Y7 Consultation Evening 4.30pm

Y12 Biology Trip

On Thursday 1st February A Level Biologists attended the Science Live event taking place at Manchester University. After an early start and a long trip across the snowy Pennines, the students were treated to a



series of thought provoking and entertaining lectures from a cross section of the countries top Biologists, including Professor Lord Robert Winston and Professor Steve Jones. Subjects ranged from the science of laughter, through an update of Darwinism, to the terrifying arms race being waged against antibiotic resistant bacteria. As if that wasn't enough, there was also just enough time to squeeze in some top tips and handy hints for exam success from a chief examiner. It was a jam-packed day that hopefully gave the students an insight into where their studies could take them and also help in how to get there. Sam Taylor, Head of Biology

Extra-curricular Activities

Well done to all of the girls who have been attending the extra-curricular clubs on a lunch and after school on a Wednesday. Your commitment has been superb and we hope this will continue as we move into the next half term. A reminder that there are a number of tournaments happening next half term so attendance at practice is essential.

Tuesday - Girls rugby; Wednesday - Hockey and alternating netball and hockey after school; and Thursday - Netball.

Kerry Hammond

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule - Thursday 22nd February

The following cast members are required: **Storytellers, Wendy, John, Michael, Peter, Tink, Starkey, Sme, Tiger, Lily and Hook.** We will be running through Act 3. The rehearsal will take place in the hall, 3.40-5.30pm. Sarah Goodwill