



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I felt so proud of our students again this week. We held interviews on Tuesday for a teacher of science and, as usual, students played an important role in the process. Dr Quinn and I observed 3 specimen lessons which were taught to Miss Leonard's maths class (lent to science for the process). The students in the class were absolutely wonderful; they took an active part in the lesson, behaved impeccably and it was an absolute joy to be in the room with them. We also involved students as tour guides (**Adam Brisby, Molly Brown, Naomi Casper, and Jonty Mennell**) and they received very positive praise from the candidates, and we also had the student panel of **Louis Ellis, Hollie Gill, Millie Hattersley and Harvey Tillson**. As part of the selection process I was very interested to hear from the student panel who were insightful, mature and considered in their feedback. Overall a great performance from our students and a successful day throughout. Richard Bramley

Year 9 Options and Vocational Education

For many years the school has offered students in Years 10 and 11 the opportunity to follow vocational courses delivered off-site by other educational providers, for instance Yorkshire Coast College and the Academy Hair & Beauty at Norton. We used to share this provision with the other three secondary schools in Ryedale, but recently we have been the only secondary school in the areas to offer these vocational courses. Unfortunately, like all schools we are suffering from increasing costs and decreasing income, and vocational courses are a very expensive option. We have held out for as long as we could in providing these courses but will be unable to do so in the future as there are simply not enough funds. I am left in the difficult position of having to recommend to the governing body that we no longer offer vocational courses for the current Year 9. This will not affect the Year 10 students who are already taking these courses and they will carry on with their providers into Year 11. I know many students have enjoyed the vocational courses in the past and I would like to say a sincere thank you from them and the school to Yorkshire Coast College and the Academy for all they have done. I must also reassure students in Year 9 and below that the curriculum we offer at Lady Lumley's will provide them with all they need in order to follow any career in the future and that not having the vocational option will not prevent them from working in any particular occupation of their choice. Richard Bramley

Scarlet Fever

We have been informed that a student at Lady Lumley's School has been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever.

Although Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of Scarlet Fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have Scarlet Fever, see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible. Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor. Stay at home, away from school for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection.

Complications - Children who have had **chickenpox** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of Scarlet Fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

If you receive Universal Credit then your children are entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost £400 per child per year, and could enable the school to gain over £2,000 per year extra funding for every child as well. So even if your child doesn't take the free meal, you should apply now if you haven't already.

From **1 April 2018**, the government are introducing a net Universal Credit earning threshold of £7,400 per year for free school meal eligibility which means that some families who are eligible now would not be if they apply after 1 April.

It is important that you apply now as all **children assessed as eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) by 1 April 2018 will continue to be eligible until at least 2022**, while Universal Credit is rolled out across the country. There would also be no need for any further FSM eligibility checks as well.

To make sure that you don't miss out **please apply now and before the 1st April**.

Forms are available from the school reception, on line at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> or by contacting the Admissions, Transport and Welfare Team on the details below..

Lisa Herdman, Business Support Manager, Admissions, Transport and Free School Meals Team
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Parents' Forum -

Tuesday 13th March

6.30-7.30pm

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March at 6:30pm in the Café Area (above the main reception).

The meeting will be an opportunity to share and discuss our whole-school teaching and learning key priorities for 2017/18. If you would like any more information or would like to suggest an item for the agenda please contact Brian Davis via the school reception or by email - bdavis@ladylumleys.net.

Report on Poland Auschwitz trip

Krakow is a tale of two cities: the capital of the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth, city of Pope John Paul II and home to the Kazimierz district, the largest Jewish quarter in North east Europe. The other, struggling to emerge from its soviet past, with a reminder of its preceding era, in the form of Schindler's factory and the Krakow Ghetto, lying on the far side of the Vistula. The road west to Auschwitz Birkenau is a long hour away.

Having arrived at school for a departure of 5:30, we arrived at Leeds-Bradford Airport for 7:00, taking off at 10:00, and arrived in snow covered Krakow at 12:00, half an hour early. We reached Hotel Kazimierz by 1:00, located in the heart of the Jewish Quarter. Here, we had some free time to unpack and unravel, before we met our guide Andrew and headed out to the old town. Our tour included Wawel Castle (Home to the Jagiellonian Kings and later Hans Frank, the Nazi governor), the city walls (built to prevent the sons of Genghis Khan from ravaging Krakow a third time) and a street which contained both the home of Pope John Paul II and that of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famed mathematician and astronomer. We concluded the day with a meal at a local restaurant, before heading back for an early night.

The next day we began early, with breakfast at 7:00 and at 8:00, taking a minibus to Auschwitz I. Built near the native town of Oswiecim, our guide from the state museum led us around the camp, showing us the buildings that had previously housed polish troops before the Nazi take over. We saw the mansion of Rudolf Hoss, the camp commander, the gas chambers and the living conditions. Following a swift lunch, we walked into Auschwitz II-Birkenau, alongside the rail tracks. The buildings stretched on to either side, like cattle sheds. Many buildings were derelict, with only their chimneys left. When we returned to Krakow, we had several hours of free time to explore the city: Most went , Chloe and Ezmay got lost whilst shopping and Joe-Joe went walkabout. That evening, we had dinner at a Hamsa (Make Hummus, not war) across the street. They served some very good Hummus, with pink rhubarb sticks.

On our last day, we left at 9:00 with Andrew to meet a Holocaust survivor in the Jewish quarter. She had been given away to a polish couple, since her parents realised what the Nazi's were doing, and she grew up a Polish Catholic, unaware of her Jewish heritage. Her story was very touching, and it was interesting to see what she now identified as. Next, we visited the Old Synagogue, the oldest in Krakow, where we met a group of Israelis. Arriving back at Hotel Kazimierz, we had cereal for dinner, before setting off for the airport. After a night flight into Leeds-Bradford, we arrived back at school at midnight. It may have only been three days, but it felt a lot longer. And those who forget the past, are doomed to repeat it. Joe-Joe Boyes Y12

Word of the Week - Concurrent. This word popped up in an A level chemistry lesson this week and I am sure will be used in other contexts in the school. It is a word heard when sentencing criminals to jail to serve concurrent sentences, in other words sentences that can be served at the same time. This means two 10 year concurrent sentences would last 10 years (not 20). Concurrent is an adjective meaning *taking place at the same time*. The word comes from the same root as the word *concur* (to agree), the Latin word *concurrere* meaning to run together (-currere is to run, con- meaning together). Concurrent also means cooperating (working together) and meeting at a common point (concurrent lines – the opposite of parallel lines). Example: there are 40 concurrent parties being held in the city (at the same time).

Drama News

The GCSE and A Level classes went to Bradford on Wednesday to see Warhorse. It was a long journey but worth it! The horses in the story are played by puppets and are totally believable - an excellent example of 'the suspension of disbelief'. (Drama speak for when you know it's not real but totally believe it anyway). Our technical theatre students really enjoyed the lighting and the war sound effects. It will certainly give everyone lots of material to write about in their exams.

Year 9 - look out for letters about the Rosedale devising project- Mrs Goodwill will be in the assembly next week to talk about it.

Peter Pan - Last chance for hoodies - I need slips and payment by break on Monday please.

Our rehearsal this week was Act 4, our lost boys are working well as a group and have got some nice little moments. The pirates have a fight sequence with the Tribe so we spent some time learning stage combat moves - it's harder than it looks to make it look real!

The design team have made lot of set for the main flying sequence and have started work on the crocodile- it's going to be BIG!

PETER PAN REHEARSALS:

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule - Thursday 8th March

The following cast members are required: Storytellers, Peter, Tink, Lost Boys, Wendy, John, Michael. Pirates, Tiger Lily. We will be running through Act 4. The rehearsal will take place in Dr1, 3.40-5.30pm. Sarah Goodwill

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 12th March

Y8-13 Music Rehearsals, Helmsley Arts Centre 12noon-3.35pm
Y10 Inside Out Production/Workshops L1 and 2
Y10 Netball Cup Match, LLS 4pm
Music Performance, Helmsley Arts Centre 7pm

Tuesday 13th March

Y7 Partnership Hockey Tournament, LLS 1.30pm
Y8/9 Vs CCW, CCW 4pm
Parent Forum 6.30pm

Wednesday 14th March

Y12 PE Trip, Barnsley FC 9am-3.30pm
Head Boy/Girl Hustings L3
Y10 Netball Partnership Tournament, Ryedale 1.35pm
Y7 Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 15th March

Y9-13 Apprentice Fair
Y13 Drama C3 Exam Prep Day
East Yorkshire Rugby Y9/11 Boys, Driffield 1.30pm
U12 District Netball Tournament, St. Augustine's 1.30pm
Peter Pan Rehearsal 3.40-5.30pm Dr1

Friday 16th March

Y13 Drama C3 Exam Prep Day and Evening Performance 6pm
Y7/10 Student Voice Conference, Harrogate 8.30am-4pm
Bake Off Round 1B, lunchtime

Upcoming Events...

w/c 19th March - Sport Relief Events
20th-26th March - Y10 Exams
20th March - Y12 Out of Area Taster Session
21st March - Y9 Options Evening
23rd March - Y10 Maths Challenge
23rd March - Bake Off Semi Final

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