



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I feel as if I have been here, there and everywhere this week, although, I hope, in a productive fashion. On Monday I was at a County-led meeting in Northallerton about early proposals for changing provision for students with social, emotional and mental health needs. On Monday evening we had whole school teaching and learning session where we discussed the coaching project and next steps and later in the evening Stuart Cleary was able to represent the school at the music performance at Helmsley Arts Centre. On Tuesday I spent most of the day offsite with Mr Cleary and Mrs Phippen discussing future trends. On Tuesday evening I attended the Middle Leaders' meeting then the Parents' Forum meeting and on Wednesday the Year 7 parents' consultation evening, hustings for the new senior student team and the Governors' meeting for Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation. On Thursday I had the pleasure of teaching two lessons and on Friday I attended another meeting in Helmsley. Meanwhile, the school had an outside theatre company working with Year 10 – the Inside Out Project on resilience and well-being – and an additional assembly for Year 10 about preparing for the forthcoming internal examinations. We also had a very well attended and successful apprenticeship event on Thursday for students in Years 9 to 13. Not forgetting Bake-Off Round 1b at lunchtime on Friday, the Student Voice conference in Harrogate, the Spanish exchange students and a visit to Whitby and the upcoming Year 13 drama production on Friday evening. And of course, whilst all this was going on, the normal buzz of lessons throughout the school.

Next week we have the Year 10 examinations (good luck and work hard!) and the sixth form senior team have been working hard preparing fund-raising events for sports relief (so bring lots of loose change and pound coins for a good cause!) Richard Bramley

Friends of Lady Lumley's School (FOLLS)

FOLLS is the school's parents teachers association and we are looking for new parents and carers to join the organisation. We are holding an open meeting **on Wednesday 25th April at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafe area above reception. I do hope you can join us there as it will be wonderful to have some new parents and carers on the FOLLS committee. Being part of FOLLS is primarily an opportunity to work with like-minded people to put on social and fun events in the school. These events are a great way of meeting other parents and carers and, as a bonus, raise some money which can be used to help enhance the education of the students in the school.

Oxbridge Trip, 13th March

This trip was a rare opportunity for us to be made aware that, behind their reputation and academic mileage, going to university at Oxford or Cambridge is a realistic option. Behind the stereotypes of Oxbridge as a destination for the wealthy upper class, their team is working to increase their representation from North Yorkshire and to inform those who, previously, might not have considered them as university for them. We had the opportunity to ask them about the interview process (they want to see your enthusiasm for your chosen subject), living expenditure (Food is ridiculously cheap, due to student subsidies) and the style of teaching (at Oxford, 2 on 1 tutorials with teachers, themselves experts in their subject). Most colleges within the universities offer up to 3 years of accommodation, with all offering at least one. Contrary to rumour, neither are the fees higher than anywhere else or the employability of graduates lower than elsewhere. If my memory serves me right, there are over a 100 libraries at Oxford, with more than 10 million books in totals. Of greater significance though, is their collection of sources, manuscripts and professors. They are both centres of learning, where the best of the best congregate. For us, even those who don't plan to go to either or university, it was an enlightening experience, since it certainly broadened our horizons and encouraged us in our own studies. We would recommend it to any with the opportunity to attend such an event, and for those in the years below when their opportunity comes.

DofE Gold update

We have continued to train our students in preparation for their qualifying expedition in July. The qualifying expedition is a 5 day trip to Herefordshire during which the students will spend four days independently canoeing the river Wye; this is an 'unsupported' trip during which the students will be self-sufficient in both navigating the river, camping and cooking all while completing an expedition aim. Our first Wednesday afternoon training session of the half term, took place in the warmer climes of Flamingo Land's indoor swimming pool (unfortunately the flumes were turned off!) in which the students were trained in the essential rescue skills they will require in order to be safe on the water. This week we braved the North Yorkshire weather and ventured out on to Millennium Lake where the pupils honed their paddle strokes and one group got to practice their capsizes for real!



We must extend a huge thanks to Mr Goodfellow at Low Costa Mill Holiday Cottages who very kindly (and heroically) helped us out with the transport of our canoes this week.

Chocolate Raffle

On Monday and Tuesday's tutor time students will be coming round selling raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle that will be drawn at the music concert on the 28th March. The main prize is a big delicious chocolate egg made by Croft's Chocolate Shop in Scarborough. The second and third prizes will be tasty Easter bunnies. There will also be a variety of chocolate sensations. If you win any of the eggs we will come around during tutor time on Thursday and hand over your prize. Raffle tickets are £1.00 for a strip of 5 or 2 tickets for 50p. Proceeds will go towards new musical instruments in the music department.

Middle Leaders' Meeting

Middle leaders met on Tuesday night to work together in cross-subject teams looking at particular aspects of students' written work. This is a part of an on-going project where middle leaders are working together to share ideas and best practice and also offer constructive criticism to each other on a peer to peer basis. It was a very constructive meeting and staff appreciated this opportunity to work with colleagues on an area they had chosen to investigate and develop.

Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation

Governors of LLEF met on Wednesday evening for the annual budget setting meeting. The school is very lucky to benefit from the funds left by Lady Lumley in trust for the students of the school and those in the local area. Governors were able to support eight present and past students with their expenses in a variety of areas from tools needed for an apprenticeship to books at University and attendance at training for sporting events. If your son or daughter is under 25 and incurring expenses as they develop their careers and life experiences, then they can write to the Foundation (c/o the school) and their request will be considered at a future meeting.

Parents Forum

The Parents Forum met on Tuesday night. It began with a presentation by Brian Davis on the work staff have been doing this year in terms of their own professional development in order to further improve the high quality teaching and learning within the school, and then moved on to an open discussion about matters of interest to the parents. The questions covered a range of things, from accessing Fronter, the options available at Year 10, the Duke of Edinburgh award, changes in staffing, the school website and the House system. This Forum is so useful for us at the school as it enables us to hear directly from parents and carers so we can work together to make the school as effective as possible for the students here. The overall tone of the evening was a very positive one with the parents saying many complimentary things about the school, so I left with quite a buzz at the end of the evening.
Richard Bramley

Year 9 Students: If you have not already done so please complete the consent form online for the meningococcal and DTP vaccines. Please follow the link below:

<http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/imms-consent>. Paper forms may be completed. Please ask at Reception for one and return to Mrs Loosley, ATS Pastoral Years 8 and 9. Many thanks.

PETER PAN REHEARSALS:

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule - Thursday 22nd March

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

***** We need LOTS of old Lady Lumley's ties- if you have any unwanted ties knocking about at home, please bring to Mrs Goodwill as soon as you can. Thanks. ***** Sarah Goodwill

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Word of the Week - Scrooge

I do not know if it is just me getting old, but young people these days (and that is a classic old person's phrase) do not seem to have shared the same stories I did when I was at school. This may be natural and a good thing, but I do wonder if we are losing shared cultural heritage. I was brought up on the stories of King Alfred and the cakes and Robert the Bruce and the spider, and I am not sure (please let me know) how many students know these stories. I spoke to a student earlier this week that she was unaware of the word Scrooge and its origin. Maybe young people today are looking for something more exciting and fast-moving than A Christmas Carol, even the Muppets version! Scrooge was a character (probably the main character) in Dickens' story. He was a very mean, miserly, sad and lonely person. The word Scrooge has come to represent any person who is tight with money and reluctant to spend or share what he or she has got.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 19th March

Sports Relief: Non-Uniform Day £1 (sport themed)

Sport Relief: Fun Run Mile, Lunchtime

Y11 English GCSE Workshop L3

District Football Final, Pickering Town

Tuesday 20th March

Y10 EXAMS

Y12 Out-Of-Area Taster Session 9.30am-1.10pm

Y11 English GCSE Workshop L1

Sport Relief: Sixth Form Vs Staff Quiz (Dr1) lunchtime

Y7/8/10 Boys Rugby Final, East Yorkshire, Driffeld

Netball Finals Night

Wednesday 21st March

Y10 EXAMS

District Football Finals, Pickering Town

Inter Club County Hockey Tournament

Y9 Options Evening 6:30pm

Thursday 22nd March

Y10 EXAMS

Sport Relief: 6th Form Vs Staff Sporting Event, lunchtime

Football Inks, Pickering

Peter Pan Rehearsal 3:40pm-5:30pm

Friday 23rd March

Y10 EXAMS

Y10 Maths Challenge, YCC 9am-3:30pm (4 students)

Bake off Semi-Final, Lunchtime

Upcoming Events...

26th March - **Y10 EXAMS**

26th March - Non-Uniform Day

26th March - Y13 Business/TnT Trip, Chocolate Story

w/c 26th March - House Matches

26th March - French Exchange Return Meeting 6pm

27th March - Y11-13 Consultation Evening

28th March - LLS Music Concert

29th March - Y11 Art GCSE Prep Day

29th March - School Closes for Easter Break