

Lady Lumley's School

Newsletter





Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I imagine nobody from Cliffe Primary School near Selby will read this, but I would like to thank the headteacher and her staff for making me so welcome last night. I went to Cliffe School to attend training on Mental Health and Wellbeing in schools and was immediately treated as one of the team staff taking part in the training activities delivered by a County organisation called Compass Buzz. On Wednesday night back at Lady Lumley's we had a very busy and successful Year 9 Options Evening. Thank you to Molly Kay and Alex Eddon, our deputy head girl and boy, who gave up their evening to do a splendid job in the common room on teas and coffees (and biscuits). We are one of the few schools in the country who offer our students almost a free choice of the options they can take in Year 10. We do not build the timetable around the subjects (which would be so much easier!) but we do build the timetable around the student's choices. There are two pathways with very little difference between them and all the subjects follow the same courses whichever pathway is chosen. In fact, students will often be intermingled regardless of pathway. The only difference is that one way involves a humanity AND a language, the other a humanity OR a language. All other choices remain the same. The humanity and language route means students can achieve the qualifications necessary for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). Nobody knows whether the Ebacc is important, but it could be (for instance for entry to university), so we offer it just in case. Schools also get measured by how many students achieve the Ebacc, but we will not force students down that route just for this, hence the other pathway. Parents were very understanding about the school's need to drop the offer of vocational courses and to reduce our language offer by removing Spanish from the options. These were sad decisions we had to make in the light of increasing pressure on school funding. Since the future of this country so obviously depends on the young people we educate today, it does seem terribly short-sighted not to invest today in order to reap the benefits tomorrow.

We have also had fund raising for Sports Relief this week, with a staff versus sixth form quiz (won by staff despite a clear bias by the question master towards the sixth form), an Open mic and the sports relief mile on Friday. Richard Bramley

Eco - Group

We have been promoting Earth Hour in Tutor Time this week. This is an international campaign run by the WWF show your support for the environment by turning your lights off for one hour at 8.30pm on Saturday 24th **March**. If you do, you'll be joining in with such landmarks as the Sydney Opera House, Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower. Right now we're up against the biggest environmental threats that our generation, or any generation, has ever faced. Wildlife we love, like elephants, turtles and polar bears, are at risk from the effects of climate change, pollution and overconsumption. The damage has been shockingly fast. Over the last 25 – 30 years (Source: WWF-UK Living Planet Report) 80% of freshwater species have declined; Over 50% of populations of land species have declined; 40% of our forests have disappeared to agricultural land with 15 million trees lost each year just for soy production; 1 in 6 of the planet's species are at risk of extinction from climate change. For more info, visit https://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour. Mrs Goodwill

Geography Fieldwork

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th March students in Year 10 embarked on a geography fieldtrip to Malton. Students were posed with the question 'how does quality of life vary in Malton?'. In order to answer this question students conducted environmental surveys at several different locations across the town. They also collected answers to several questionnaires each, as they bravely approached members of the public in the market square. The weather was very unfair to the first group, which went out on Thursday and they returned drenched but in good spirits, having enjoyed their time out of the classroom. The second group were blessed with sunshine and blue skies. Upon their return students explored secondary data via the census and datashine websites. They are now starting to establish that quality of life varies quite extensively depending on which area of Malton you live in, their own environmental surveys generally backing up the findings of the UK government census. Mrs Temple

Governor News

On Monday evening four governors and Mrs Mawson (clerk) attended training given by Mr Bramley on school exclusions. Whilst only the headteacher can exclude a child, governors can (and some cases must) review the exclusion. The government guidance on exclusions changed in September 2017 and this was an opportunity for governors to become more familiar with this guidance. No headteacher is happy about excluding a student but sometimes it is necessary to highlight the serious nature of an incident.

Governors also met on Tuesday night with a focus on Teaching and Learning . More on this next week.

Drama News

Year 9 students have been invited to take part in an exciting Drama project in collaboration with Rosedale Primary School. Lady Lumley's students will create a play and write parts for the KS2 Rosedale students; they will also plan props, costumes, etc. The finished piece will be performed at Rosedale school in the week beginning 21st May; on the morning of the performance day, our students will work with the Rosedale students on their parts in the play. The play will be performed in the afternoon to the rest of the school and parents. We are hoping to then perform to students at Lady Lumley's. We will be devising the piece during a residential weekend at the school's bunkhouse in early May, working with professional theatre-makers. Many thanks to the LLEF for subsidising this project.

Peter Pan

We have now finished Act 3 so are well over halfway through: the Piccaninny Tribe have been killed; the pirates have captured Wendy and the lost boys and Peter and Tinkerbell have narrowly escaped being poisoned! We will be back in the hall after the Y10 exams have finished and our set is being built soon. Thanks to the design team who are busy making lots of bits and pieces for the show.

*****We still need lots of old LLS ties!! And jumpers as well now please!****

Peter Pan Rehearsal Schedule - Thursday 29th March

The following cast members are Required: Storytellers, Pirates, Wendy, John, Michael, Peter, Tink, The Lost Boys We will be running through Act 5 Sc1. The rehearsal will take place in the main hall 3:40-5:30pm. Mrs Goodwill

Anyone For Tennis

Pickering Tennis Club are looking for new players. The season is running from April to August with the matches on a Monday evening at the Sports centre with either the A or B team playing at home each week. Please contact Andrew Mansfield on 07710994458 if you would like to get involved.

Sixth form sports trip to Barnsley FC

Mr Walton and Mr Buckley took Evie Wright, Morgan Wilson, Kieran Edmond, Dan Tomlinson, Ben Teasdale and Joe Harris to meet with the Barnsley FC Director of Performance Analysis. Ex-student Jack Riley invited the sixth formers to the club, to demonstrate the opportunities available to post graduate students, in the world of professional sport. Following a fascinating tour of Oakwell's facilities, Jack went on to describe in great detail how he collected data from matches and how he uses the information to assist the manager Jose Marias, with implementing tactics for this championship club. The greatest impact on the students, was the huge amount of preparation that goes into each Football match, before the process starts again for the next match, in four days time. **Jack Riley** has progressed through the ranks of Academy Football, professional Rugby League and Women's Football and he has his sights set not on the Bernabau but Elland Road as his dream job.

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Bewerley Park 2018

Many thanks for signing up for this trip. Please note that the second payment deadline was 28th February. Please could you ensure that you have made this deadline. We shall be holding information assemblies for the students in the near future. Any problems, please get in touch with Mr Mann.

Word of the Week - Eloquent

Absolutely no reason for choosing eloquent as word of the week apart form it's a nice word with a nice meaning. The last sentence, with two uses of the word 'nice' would almost certainly not be described as eloquent. An eloquent piece of writing would be fluent and persuasive as well as vividly expressive. The derivation is from Latin, from $\bar{e}loqu\bar{\iota}$ to speak out, from $loqu\bar{\iota}$ to speak (think of loquacious and elocution).

Lady Lumley's Easter Music Concert - Wednesday 28th March 2018

Please do come along and support our students and staff at Lady Lumley's end of term musical evening. The concert starts at 6:30pm and refreshments will be provided. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to the music department.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26th March

Y10 EXAMS
Non-Uniform Day
Y13 Business/TnT Trip, Chocolate Story
w/c 26th March - House Matches
Y8 Cricket Finals at LLS 4pm
French Exchange Return Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 27th March

Y10 cricket finals LLS 4pm Y11-13 Consultation Evening

Wednesday 28th March

Northumbria University Visit Netball finals U14 & U16 hockey finals LLS Music Concert 6:30pm

Thursday 29th March

Y11 Art GCSE Prep Day Y7 Football District cup final Y9 Girls Hockey Final School Closes for Easter Break

Upcoming Events...

16th April - Staff Training Day
17th April - Students Return To School
18th April - Y12/13 MFL Team Building (Overnight)
20th-22nd April - Y11 Silver DofE Training Expedition
23rd-30th April - French Students In School
26th April - Y7/8 Junior Maths Challenge
26th-27th April- Y9 Creative Arts Project
26th April - Y6 Out Of Area Roadshow 7pm