



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We said goodbye this week to Mr Stephen Donnelly who has been our lead invigilator for the past eight years. Mr Donnelly told me that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time at the school working with students at this stressful time and how lovely and well-behaved the young people at Lady Lumley's are. Mr Donnelly has done a great job working with a team of invigilators to make internal and external examinations run so smoothly in the school. He has worked closely with Mrs Janine Turner (our examinations officer) who is one of the team of staff who work so tirelessly in the background for the benefit of the students in the school. As we approach the Easter holidays I hope all those students who are facing external examinations when they return have a restful and productive break and use the time well. If you are in Years 11,12 or 13 you probably should be doing a few hours each day on revision and preferably spread out throughout the break. Richard Bramley

Senior Students News On Friday we held the last part of the selection process for the new head boy and head girl and deputy head boy and deputy head girl. This was an interview by a panel of four made up of Michael Kipling (current head boy), James Ambrose, John Cheetham (governor) and me in the morning to interview the boys, and then a panel of Evie Wright, Fiona Allan, Ian Lawrence (governor) and me in the afternoon for the girls. All ten of the students interviewed really well and Mr Lawrence pointed out how proud we should be to have nurtured young people as confident and well rounded as these. After much deliberation, we have decided to widen the senior student team to include all 10 students with the students having particular areas of interest to develop over the next year. The new senior student team is Sophie Knowles, Ella Turnbull, Emily Calcraft, Dominic Croall, Josh Magson and Arthur Patch and the new head girl is **Mary Middleton**, with **Hollie Collier** as deputy head girl, whilst the new head boy is **Sam Penny** with **Luke Hornby** as deputy head boy.

Sixth Form Taster Morning - On Tuesday 20th March, Year 11 students from Ryedale School and Graham School visited the Sixth Form for a Taster Morning. The main purpose of the day was to meet students and staff at school and begin to feel part of our community and have a "taste" of the subjects they were interested in studying in September. Current Sixth Form students were a great help on the day – giving tours of the school, helping students find their way to lessons and also talking about their own experience of student life. All Year 11 students at Lady Lumley's School have attended a guidance appointment with a member of SLT to discuss their future Post-16 options. We are planning further events this year to help students with their transition into Sixth Form. These will be after GCSE exams have finished.

Governor News

At the Governors' meeting on the 20th March governors heard from Brian Davis, assistant headteacher, about the work we have been doing at school with Mike Hughes, the internationally recognised trainer and author. As well as delivering whole school training in April last year, Mike has been working intensively with a group of eight teaching staff. The ultimate aim is to further improve teaching and learning throughout the school through enhancing professional dialogue. Mike has set us on a path of an exciting staff development programme and plans are in place for the next steps throughout the rest of this academic year and in 2018-19. Governors were very interested in this model of staff development, and, as they should, they asked Mr Davies some pertinent questions, for instance about how the programme would be rolled out and how we would measure its effectiveness. Governors also heard about state-of-the-art new Astroturf carpet coming after Easter. The present surface has lasted over 20 years and we hope the new one will last a similar length of time. We also heard about the replacement roof above the science department which should be completed over the summer, discussed validated examination results for 2017 which have only just become available! Governors recognised that the figures look very positive and reflect all the hard work and effort of the staff and students in the school.

Student Voice Trip to Harrogate -On Friday 16th March four representatives of Student Voice (plus Mr Heeley) went to Harrogate for the annual North Yorkshire Youth Conference. **Stephanie Henson** and **Alexander Ingram** went to a workshop on mental health and strategies to promote positive mental well-being, **Alice Welford** and I went to one on LGBT+ issues, exploring the importance and use of language and we all found out about the UK Parliament and about refugees. At the refugee workshop, we met a man named Abdullah who used to live in Syria but had to flee the country due to the area's unsafety. He, his wife, his daughter and his two sons fled to Lebanon where they gained refugee status from the UN and found themselves resettled in Knaresborough. Since leaving Syria, but before arriving in the UK, Abdullah's wife had given birth to their daughter. As she was disabled, and as the provision for her condition was non-existent in Lebanon, he carried his disabled daughter on the plane and upon arriving in the UK. Abdullah is now settled in Knaresborough and works as a painter and decorator, as well as volunteering at his daughter's school. He has been overwhelmed by the warm welcome he received upon arrival in the UK. In the Pickering and Scarborough area we don't have as many refugees or immigrants as in large cities like Leeds. Thank you to Mr Heeley for organising the trip, and watch out for our future projects around school! Report written by **Seth Mallison**

Sports Leaders - Recently Schools from all over North Yorkshire descended on Dalby Forest for the Level 3 School Games Cross Country Finals. With the snow of the past week finally melting, it was a bright and dry day at the beautiful Dalby forest. Primary students competed for the county title, with over 600 competitors passing the finish line! Excitement was in the air as the event started with the first race, which was for the Year 3 boys, who were all eager to get going! The day continued with a mixture of races for both boys and girls from Year 3 to Year 6, and also included KS2 and KS3 inclusion races. Lady Lumley's School provided 26 young leaders to help manage the event. They undertook roles such as marshalling, race hares, result administrators and course management. In particular the leaders were praised by parents, school staff and North Yorkshire Sport staff in the way in which they encouraged, cajoled and supported the 600 competitors throughout the day. All the leaders were magnificent and undertook their roles responsibly and in a professional manner. In particular I have been contacted by the parents of a girl from Nawton Primary school, Grace Smith, who had difficulties in the event last year. It later emerged that she had been diagnosed with cancer which caused her to be unable to finish the race in 2017. She was given a special invite to take part this year so that she could finish the race and it was with immense determination that she managed to do so. Her parents asked me to specifically pass on their thanks to **Sophie Lunn** and **Georgia Wood** who ran the course with her and kept her spirits high by talking, laughing and encouraging her along the way. Well done girls. Finally, I'd like to thank all of the leaders for helping out. Without your help and support the 600 primary school children will not have had such a positive day. **Leaders involved:** Macauley Gibson, Maurice Calton-Seal, Kieran Edmond, Evie Wright, Morgan Wilson, Sophie Lunn, Katie-Mae Tilotson, Ellie Hornsby, Alfie Roberts, Josh Dolan, Lauren Campbell, Bethany Welburn, Charlotte Hall, Rhianna Wood, Sam Lowe, Morgan Elven, Richard Sharp, Luca Mastrolonardo, Laura Dove, Georgia Wood, Alex Beeson, Anya Potter-Firth, Jamie Cross, Issy Adams, Reuben Archer and Charlie Boyes. Andy Park

Apprenticeship Day

On 15th March people from businesses came into school to tell us about apprenticeships. It was very interesting to see how many different routes we could take and which places to go. We learnt about apprenticeships we could take after school and what the advantages and disadvantages are of choosing them.

Inside Out

On Monday 19th March Year 10 got the opportunity to watch a drama performance, Inside Out, which highlighted the issues of mental health awareness and how to help others dealing with it. It was eye opening to see how many people suffer alone, women had a higher percentage of mental health issues however it was made clear that men seem to struggle to reach out for help. We were reassured that if there were problems there are always people out there to help, parents and teachers who will be there to listen and provide support.

Chess Club round -up

30 students from all year groups have taken part in chess club this term.

Top of the league is **Edward Sales** closely followed by **Duncan Barf** and **Alice Welford**.

All matches played earn house points with this term's scores as follows:

Feversham 73, Hainsworth 54, Acland 52 and Highfield 28. Chess Club takes place on Friday lunchtimes at 1pm in Maths 2 - from expert to novice all are welcome!

Word of the Week Orthogonal

I have been told off twice (by different people) for using this word, so I feel have a duty to increase its popularity and get it used more often. Do not read on, but think about the word and other words like it. Cover the rest of this article and think of ortho- words and -gon- words (clue for -gon-: think maths).

Thinking space

Did you come up with orthopaedic, orthodontist, orthodox? Or polygon, trigonal? Ortho- is a prefix which comes from the Greek word meaning straight, upright, right or correct. -gon is to do with angles (its name is similar to the Greek word for knee which conjures up a great picture of an angle). So orthogonal is a right angle (90°) i.e. if one line is perpendicular to another line, the two lines are orthogonal to each other.

Student Absence

A reminder that if you are reporting an absence for a student please call the school on 01751 472846 **every day** that your child is absent.

Main School Office/Attendance: 01751 472846
Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th April

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 17th April

Students Return To School
Y11 GCSE ART Exam (All Day)
Y11 GCSE Trail Exam 9 am

Wednesday 18th April

Y11 GCSE Art Exam (All Day)
Y12/13 MFL Team Building (Overnight)

Thursday 19th April

Drama Rehearsal Act 5 Scene 1 (3:40 to 5:30pm)

Friday 20th April

Y11 Silver DofE Training Expedition (20th to 22nd)

Upcoming Events...

23rd-30th April - French Students at School
26th April - Y7/8 Junior Maths Challenge
26th-27th April- Y9 Creative Arts Project
26th April - Y6 Out Of Area Roadshow 7pm
30th April- 1st May - Thai Students In School
30th April - Y9 Drama Trip Meeting 6pm
3rd May - GCSE Art Exam Deadline
4th -7th May - Y9 Drama Residential
7th May - Bank Holiday