



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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TUTOR GROUP:

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had Key Stage 3 prizegiving on Wednesday evening and it was a real pleasure to welcome back Lorraine Phippen as guest of honour to present the certificates to the students. There was a great atmosphere in the hall with the students from last year's Years 7, 8 and 9 seated on the right and their families on the left. Prizes were awarded to the students for achievement and attainment in each subject. There were also prizes for outstanding attendance and two members of each tutor group from last year were awarded tutor group prizes. For the first time this year there was the award of the Senior Leadership prize. This prize was presented to the school by Mrs Phippen when she retired this year. The Senior Leadership Prize is to be awarded to a student who has shown exceptional commitment to learning, often in the face of challenging or difficult circumstances. Mrs Thompson asked if she could announce the winner of the prize as the first recipient was a young man with whom she had worked closely. In Mrs Thompson's words: "I am lucky to work in a school with so many exceptional and amazing students. But this young man is truly inspirational – a positive role model. He has continued to be a conscientious and hard-working student through all of his treatment. He meets all home learning deadlines no matter how many hospital visits he may have had. When he should be taking it easy he is concerned about catching up. You could ask any member of staff and they would all say what a polite student he is, with an amazing personality and a wicked sense of humour". The Senior Leadership Prize was awarded to **Max Newby**. Richard Bramley



Governor News. The Governors' Strategy Group met on Tuesday. This is a small group consisting of the chair and vice-chair of governors, the two vice-chairs who lead the Resources and Teaching and Learning meetings and the Headteacher. This group meets to set the agendas for subsequent full governor meetings and to make sure that all the important areas of governor business are covered.

Governor Vacancies. Each year we ask if any parents would like to be part of the school's Governing Body. The articles below was written by the current Chair of Governors last year and I think gives a really good flavour of the role.

WHO'S RUNNING THIS PLACE?

"Something should be done about it." "It's a disgrace!" "How do they get away with it?" "Who makes the decisions up there?" "Why some kids but not others?" Everybody grumbles and moans; it's the human condition. Over the last two decades, during which my four children have benefited from attending Lady Lumley's, I've heard it all.

All parents have a vested interest in the form of a child and as we all know, Hell hath no fury like a vested interest masquerading as a moral principle. However, we also all know that grumbles and moans are vapid and impotent if they are not voiced in the right place to the right people. "Somebody ought to say something about this – but whom?" Well, here's the answer – it's you, as a Parent Governor! The school governing body, comprising local professionals and volunteer parents, discusses frankly and openly all matters of school strategy and has direct influence over matters including staff interviews, appraisals, discipline of both staff and children, finance, hirings and firings. We debate and decide democratically, topics ranging from salaries to ear piercings and scores of incredible, unpredictable, contentious and emotive issues in between. If you feel strongly about the well-being of a thousand or so of your fellows here at Lady Lumley's, whether you currently have a child here or not, please consider joining a dozen or so of your peers and equals on the governing body, where your voice will definitely be heard and acknowledged. If you have an interest for a particular subject on the curriculum, you could become the Link Governor between that department and the Senior Management Team, to monitor and influence its development.

Do you feel strong enough, determined enough, passionate enough to speak your mind on behalf of others involved in the school? If so, your informal enquiry via the school about governor vacancies will be most welcome. What we ask of you in return is a courteous, open-minded, pragmatic approach and a couple of hours of your time per month. With kindest regards from a fellow parent. John Cheetham, Chair of Governors.

If you are interested in the role, or want further details, please contact Sue Mawson Clerk to the Governors) at the school on 01751 472846 or govclerk@ladylumleys.net.



Lady Lumley's School, Pickering

Open Evening

Wednesday 3rd October

18:00- 20:30



for prospective students and parents of Years 5 and 6

For further information call **01751 472846** or email **admin@ladylumleys.net**

Word Of The Week - Evaluate. In Newsletter No. 348 (honestly, I keep a log of all this) I had *product* as word of the week. Product has many different meanings depending on context and evaluate has the same problem. Evaluate is what the examining boards called a **command word**. Command words should tell the student what approach to take in answering the question. Teachers spend a great deal of effort explaining to students what the command words are, what they mean and what to do when they see one. Unfortunately words like evaluate mean subtly different things in different subjects. The AQA examining board says evaluate means “to judge from available evidence”. This usually means to examine a resource, or use your own knowledge, to come up with the pros and cons of an argument and then make a decision which is better or the right one. In mathematics, evaluate has come to mean “work it out” or “solve the equation”. I suppose there are a limited number of word in the English language and an unlimited number of situations, so we just need to be aware of the context in which the word is used.

In terms of etymology, *evaluate* fairly obviously comes from the word *value*, which in turn comes from a Latin word meaning *worth*. To evaluate something is to make a judgment on what the thing is worth.

Thought Of The Week - “What will your contribution be to your tutor group, House and school?”

Year 12 Information Evening. Year 12 have settled really well into their new academic year and there is again a positive feel to the sixth form community. It was great to meet parents and carers of our new crop of sixth form students on Thursday evening. Life in the sixth form is different to life lower down the school and we try to give a flavour of what it might be like in a short presentation covering standards and expectations; and other advice and guidance. Some of what is said consolidates the information provided on Open Evening and through the prospectus, other information is new. It is always a really relaxed evening and (hopefully!) informative – especially so for those who are new to the school. Any feedback from the evening would be very much appreciated. Mr Ambrose

Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance. Lady Lumley’s School continues to be a part of the Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance (YTSA), which provides us with opportunities to work collaboratively with schools across North Yorkshire. This year our newly-qualified teachers (NQTs) will be attending a series of three sessions focusing on developing teaching and learning. On Monday 17th September LLS hosted the first session that was attended by NQTs from Lady Lumley’s and Ryedale School. The session focused on how to create a purposeful climate for learning and how to maintain clarity in the classroom.

Year 11 Devising Weekend. 12 students went to the school’s bunkhouse in Rosedale to begin devising their GCSE devised piece. Students worked with local Drama Practitioner Rob Herdman and Mrs Goodwill. The final pieces will be ready at the end of November - expect to see a piece about a soldier who is experiencing PTSD; an exploration of how the media portrays body image to young girls; and a psychological thriller. Students are working from a stimulus set by the exam board and must create work in a particular performance style. Thank you to the primary school for letting us use their top classroom to work in and apologies to local residents who may have heard the sounds of zombies coming from the vicinity during one of our immersive activities! Mrs Goodwill

Fear in the Forest. We have again been asked to take part in Dalby’s annual Halloween event. Auditions were on Thursday and rehearsals begin next week. See Mrs Goodwill if you are in Year 10 or above and would like to be involved.

House Drama. This year’s House Drama event will be announced in assemblies next week.

School Lunch Limit/ParentPay. We set a daily limit for students to spend up to £4 in the canteen which you can increase/decrease. There are also a number of parents/carers who have not yet accessed ParentPay, a convenient method of paying for lunches/trips/resources etc. If you wish to set a daily limit or have forgotten or lost your log in details for ParentPay please contact Janet Phillips – jphillips@ladylumleys.net

Deadline for School Photographs. Please return order forms by **Friday 5th October** to Reception. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 24th September

GCSE Geography Fieldwork 11A/APY

Tuesday 25th September

GCSE Geography Fieldwork 11C/JFU
French Exchange Meeting, Common Room 6pm

Wednesday 26th September

District Cross Country
Y10 Information Evening, Hall 6:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday 27th September

Y8/10 Football, Norton 4 - 6pm

Friday 28th September

GCSE Geography Fieldwork 11B/STE

Upcoming Events...

1st October - Y10/11 Drama Costume Experience
2nd October - Berlin Partner School Visit
2nd October - Y12 TnT Trip
3rd October - Y5/6 Open Evening
5th -12th October - French Exchange
W/c 8th October - Drama Theatre Trip
8th October - Y10 DofE Orientation Day
10th October - Y12 TnT Trip
11th - 14th October - Y11/12 Silver/Gold DofE Practice Expedition
w/c 15th October - Y8 Geography Fieldwork
16th October - Y11 Consultation Evening
17th October - Y12 Drive Alive
17th October - Y7 Meet The Tutor Evening
18th October - Y11 Art Trip

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