



Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

It is the last Friday of the Winter term and I think we all can agree it has been an especially interesting one for Lady Lumley's School. For a few days in December we managed to take the spotlight off Brexit and, as more and more people grew to understand what we were doing, I think we may have made Christmas a little bit more special. And it was special at school this week, with the Year 7 Christmas party expertly organised and run by the sixth form students (thank you!), the sixth form Christmas fair and Monday's non-uniform day where all the money raised will go to help people who are less likely than most to have a happy Christmas. We also had the House Swimming Gala on Thursday and the Year 13 Prizegiving evening on Wednesday night, as well as the second night of the House Drama on Monday. It was really nice to see so many of our former students in the school again on Wednesday, some of who have entered the world of work and many who are at University.

As we look forward to the next two weeks away from school and then the new term ahead, we must also say farewell to one of our PE staff, **Miss Kerry Hammond**. Miss Hammond has been a teacher at the school for 5 years and has been a star in terms of her teaching and her commitment to extra-curricular activities, as well as being the driving force behind the resurgence of the house system in the school. Miss Hammond exemplifies the danger of exotic foreign holidays, as it was while she was on one of these last summer she fell in love with scuba diving. Kerry is leaving us to develop this passion and to become a diving instructor in Thailand. The whole school (with a slight hint of envy) wishes her all the very best in her exciting new career. Meanwhile, back in a dark, damp and wintry England, Year 12 and 13 students have the trial examinations in January to think about and Year 11 students should be ramping up their revision for their GCSE exams in the summer. And as teachers of Year 11 spend the long winter evenings writing Year 11 reports, I wish all the students, staff, governors, parents, carers and friends of the school a very warm Christmas greeting and the very best for the New Year and all that lies ahead. Richard Bramley

**House Events.** House Staff Dodgeball - Acland reigned supreme again, winning every match, while Highfield earned top participation points!

House Ready, Steady, Cook- Mr Wilks was the one man wonder winning over the judges with his creamy carbonara pasta dish, closely followed by Highfield and then Hainsworth. There was some excellent speed cooking and great tasting dishes once again!

House Swimming- There was 150 students participating in the swimming gala this year. This is the biggest number of participants we have had at this event. There was a large number of new records set by both individuals and teams.

The overall standings finished as follows:

1st - Acland - 142 pts, 2nd - Hainsworth - 128 pts, 3rd - Feversham- 115 pts and  
4th - Highfield- 96 pts

Congratulations to all the students and staff who took part in the recent events! Miss Hammond

**Year 7 Christmas Party.** A party hosted by those in their final year for those in their first year. The Year 7 Christmas party took place on Monday 17th December, and proved to be an afternoon full of dancing, singing and party games. The senior team wanted to put on an event the Year 7 would remember when they were in our position in years to come. The afternoon started with a mass Macarena and ended with a 'floss off', judged by our in-house DJs, **Dom Croall and Lyes Berkache**, who got everyone on their feet. Another name in need of a mention would be Mr Heeley whose Cha Cha slide out shone any of us 6th formers and who the Year 7 closely watched for the dance moves. We all hope the Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed their party, and that their 2018 was finished with a bang, which by the number of balloons being popped I'd like to think it did. A huge thank you to all who helped out, it was greatly appreciated, and to the Year 7 who made the party come to life. Have a very Merry Christmas. Mary Middleton

**Word of the Week** - Continuing my fixation with prefixes, I thought I would look at common prefixes used in describing the size of units and other similar words. A centimetre is one-hundredth of a metre. We should be familiar with the cent prefix as a cent is one-hundredth of a euro or one-hundredth of a dollar. A century is one hundred years or a score of 100 in cricket or snooker. A centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers. A centipede has 100 legs (at least that is how they were named, apparently it can be between 30 to 354 depending on the species). A millimetre is a one-thousandth of a metre. A millipede should have 1000 legs (the most recorded is actually 750). Mille means a thousand in French. A decimetre is one-tenth of a metre. The decimal system means counting in 10. A decimal point is used to separate whole numbers and fractions of numbers in the decimal system. To decimate means to kill every tenth person. A decibel (as in units of loudness) is one-tenth of a bel (named after Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone). December is the 10th month of the year

### Sixth Form News

On Wednesday 19th December it gave us great pleasure to invite back our 2018 Sixth Form leavers for their Certificate and Prizegiving event. All we ever asked these students to do (like any group of students that we work with) was to work hard and do their best. There is no doubt that they did this and we are incredibly proud of their amazing outcomes. These students achieved the best A\* - B percentage that the Sixth Form has achieved for a very long time (61.2%); with a 'value added' score (the progress of our students and a figure that they are all a part of) that puts this group of student in the top 25% nationally! This, of course, is testament to our wonderful teaching and support staff, fantastically supportive parents and, above all else, the terrific students that we had the privilege of working with. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our last Year 13 group for their contribution to the school community and hard work in pursuit of their A Levels. We wish them well in the next chapter in their lives and look forward to hearing of their continued success. Mr James Ambrose

### Chess Club Update

Well done to the 40 students who have earned house points by playing chess this term including several Key Stage 4 students who have chosen chess as the skill section for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Top of the league are **Alfie Jones, Nathan Magno and Wildfred Fountain** and house points add up to Highfield 36, Hainsworth 40, Feversham 81 and Acland 61.

York Chess Club is running a junior club for people aged 6-18 years on Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.45pm in school terms. See Mrs Lloyd if you would like further details.

Lady Lumley's chess club continues to run on Fridays in Maths 3 at 1pm - all welcome. Mrs Lloyd

### Senior Maths Challenge 2018

Congratulations to **Kat Bryant, Sam Penny** and **Jacob Barbour** on receiving their Bronze certificates, and to **Luke Armstrong** and **Matthew Abbott** for achieving Silver!  
Mr. Reynolds

A massive thank you to those who have donated items for the homeless in York. The Reverend David Hobman who ministers to the homeless in York will be distributing the items over the Christmas period.  
Terry Rutherford and Chris Paul.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 7th January**

**Staff Training Day**

**Tuesday 8th January**

**Students Return to School**

w/c Y12/13 Trial Exams

**Wednesday 9th January**

Austrian Exchange Parent Meeting, Common Room  
6.30 - 7.30PM

**Thursday 10th January**

Y10 Basketball, LLS 4 - 6PM

### Upcoming Events...

w/c 17th January - Y12/13 Trial Exams

14th January - Y9 Drama Devising Parents Meeting,  
6 - 7PM

17th January - Y6 Roadshow, PCJS

18th - 20th January - Y9 Drama Devising Project

w/c 21st January - Y9 Exams (in Lessons)

24th January - Y6 Roadshow St Joseph's

28th January - House Mastermind

29th January - Y10 Consultation Evening

30th January - Y11 Poetry Live, Harrogate

30th January - 7th February -

Y10 -13 Austrian Exchange

31st January - Y6 Roadshow, Thornton

4th - 5th February - Y11 FT Practical Non Exam  
Assessment

6th February - Y9 Drama Devising Project Rehearsal and  
Performance

7th February - Y9/10 Intermediate Maths Challenge , In  
Lessons

7th February - Y9 Drama Devising Performance

8th February - Y9 Drama Devising Project