



Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

On the coldest and snowiest weekend of the year, 4 members of staff (plus one wife) and 11 students camped outside to raise awareness of the plight of homeless people and rough sleepers. On the same weekend, in more snow but warmer surroundings, 12 students spent the weekend in Rosedale at the Bunkhouse working on a drama project to share with local primary school children. Well done to all involved and thank you to parents and carers who either picked the young people up early morning on Saturday or managed the tricky drive to Rosedale on Sunday. Also thanks to Rosedale School who let us use their facilities over the weekend.

Last night saw the second of our annual Year 6 to 7 roadshows. We were at St Joseph's and were warmly welcomed by the head, Mr Eddy and Miss Scarth (who teaches Years 5 and 6). As usual, the stars of the evening were the Year 7 students we took along who were in the audience last year when they were Year 6 pupils. The five students spoke really well about life at Lady Lumley's and Mr Eddy was very impressed by their confidence and their mature manner. Well done to: **Ryan Allardice, Honey Boyes, Neisha Casper, Daisy Lythe and Conner Stewart.** Richard Bramley

**Social Media.** A recent report by the Schools Health Education Unit found that social media is the biggest contributor to the large decrease of confidence in teenage girls. The report said "just 33% of girls aged between 14 and 15 felt good about themselves- compared to 41% in 2007.

Girls ranked 'the way you look' as their biggest concern, beating school work, family and money issues.

The report found two thirds of 15-year-old girls said they were 'too fat' and 41% said they'd had nothing to eat or drink for breakfast" and 53% of girls aged 12 and 13 said they wanted to lose weight.

Researchers have suggested that the decline in girls' confidence and self-esteem could be directly linked to their online activity, citing the emphasis on images as a factor. It was also acknowledged that social media has changed the face of bullying, with girls no longer able to leave upsetting behaviour at the school gates and continuing to experience friendship problems online.

The study found that three in four girls aged 14 to 15 regularly chatted on social media, with one in five speaking to someone that they didn't know. One in eight had received a message they found distressing. And a third of all pupils questioned had looked for porn, violent images and games online".

I know I am going to get shot by offering parenting advice, but consider making sure the mobile phone stays downstairs when your child goes to bed and maybe have a mobile-free evening or weekend every so often.

Richard Bramley

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27<sup>th</sup> January.** This is a remembrance day for all the different categories of people who suffered at the hands of the Nazis during the second World War (1939-45). It aims to keep fresh in the mind the memory of those who suffered and died at that period, and to help ensure that no such atrocity happens again. The date was chosen as the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, but for many it is appropriate to remember others who have been victims of subsequent acts of genocide elsewhere in the world.

Holocaust Memorial Day remembers especially the millions of people who were killed in Auschwitz and other concentration camps. More than a million people were killed at Auschwitz-Birkenau, a Nazi death camp in German-occupied Poland, during World War Two. The majority were Jews and the former extermination camp has become the world's largest Jewish cemetery; but the site was also the death place for many people who did not fit into the Nazis' view of their world: Poles, lesbians, homosexuals and the disabled were amongst those killed here. Many of the concentration camps set up by the Nazis in World War Two were razed to the ground towards the end of the war, but this Nazi German death camp was liberated before it was completely destroyed. Now it has become a museum, and a focus for people of all nations, and especially for the young, to visit as pilgrims. The Holocaust began in 1933 when Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany. It ended in 1945 when Allied powers defeated the Nazis. Jewish people were excluded from public life on September 15th, 1935 when the Nuremberg Laws were issued. These laws also stripped German Jews of their citizenship and their right to marry Germans. Kristallnacht occurred on November 9th and 10th, 1938. Nazis pillaged, burned synagogues, broke windows of Jewish-owned businesses, and attacked Jewish people in Austria and Germany. 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps. In prison camps, prisoners were forced to do hard physical labour. Torture and death within concentration camps were common and frequent.

Once World War II began, the Nazis ordered all Jews to wear a yellow Star of David on their clothing so they could be easily targeted. Jews were forced to live in specific areas of the city called ghettos after the beginning of World War II. In the larger ghettos, up to 1,000 people a day were picked up and brought by train to concentration camps or death camps. 11 million people were killed during the Holocaust (1.1 million children). 6 million of those victims were Jewish. Other groups targeted by the Nazis were Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, disabled people, and Roma. Two-thirds of Jewish people living in Europe at the time of World War II were killed by Nazis.

**Drama News.** Tuesday's Green Parrot rehearsal will finish at 4.30 due to Y10 consultation evening

**Word of the Week** - Boycott. This word was used in assemblies this week to Years 7 and 8. Julie Heyes introduced herself as head of Social Sciences with an assembly based around the media controversy following the new Gillette advertisement. Some people are upset as they believe Gillette are promoting men's softer side and attacking masculinity. These people have suggested a boycott of Gillette products, which brings me to this week's word of the week. Boycott is both a verb and a noun: you can boycott something and you can hold a boycott. To boycott something means to have nothing to do with the thing. People could boycott going to a particular shop or buying a particular product. This is done as a protest and to bring about some change. In the days when South Africa practised apartheid (discrimination based on skin colour) many people boycotted fruit and other goods from the country. The USA boycotted the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and the Soviet Union boycotted the next Olympics in 1984 in Los Angeles.

The word does not have its roots in an ancient language, but comes from the name of a person, Captain C. C. Boycott. Captain Boycott was the land agent for an Earl in Ireland who refused to lower the rents enough for the tenants after poor harvests. Boycott evicted tenants for non-payment of rent but the local population shunned any new tenants and had no dealings with them. The workers stopped working for Boycott and he ended up with no one to work on the land and nobody to gather in the harvest. He did not even get his mail delivered. News of this action spread worldwide and the word boycott became commonly used from 1880 onwards.

### Camping for a Cause

"Thank you to students and staff who braved the snowy conditions for our SASH sleep out on Friday. We were joined by Nicky Taylor-Olsson from the charity who explained what resources the organisation provides in the local area and spoke to us about how we can prevent youth homelessness. The young people who took part were enthusiastic, polite and responsible, despite some 'challenging' weather. A fantastic achievement for a fantastic cause! Well done!"

**Sarah Reynolds**



Safe and Sound Homes (SASH) is a

York-based registered charity who work across North Yorkshire providing support, guidance and accommodation to young people aged 16-25. They also work closely with unaccompanied asylum-seeking youths, as well as working with schools in the area. For more information on the work that SASH do, or if you know of someone who may benefit from their support, visit their website: <https://www.sash-uk.org.uk/>

**Oliver Reynolds**

### Exchange Student

I am looking for a host family who would like to host a 15 year old young lady from our partner school in Berlin for up to a term starting in September 2019. She already speaks a good level of English and would like to attend Lady Lumley's School for a period of time to improve her English and spend time living in the UK. If you think you may be able to help please contact Miss Mark (amark@ladylumleys.net)

### Y11 Students

Don't forget Thursday 28th February is the initial deadline for applying to Lady Lumley's Sixth Form! Application forms are available from main reception and the sixth form office. You can still hand in application after this date, however we encourage students to apply before the deadline.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Tuesday 29th January

U13 Partnership Hockey, CCW 3PM  
Y9 District Basketball, Scalby 4 - 6PM  
Y10 Consultation Evening, 4.30 - 8PM

#### Wednesday 30th January

Y10 - 13 Austrian Exchange  
Y11 Poetry Live, The Royal Hall Harrogate, 9 - 4.30PM  
U14 District Football Tournament, Norton 1.30PM

#### Thursday 31st January

Y6 Roadshow, Thornton le Dale, 7 - 8PM

#### Upcoming Events...

4th - 5th February - Y11 FT Practical Non Exam Assessment  
6th February - Y9 Drama Devising Project, Rosedale School  
7th February - Y9/10 Intermediate Maths Challenge, In Lessons  
7th/8th February - Y9 Drama Devising Project and Performance, LLS  
w/c 11th February - Y12 AS Geography Fieldwork  
13th February - Y8 Consultation Evening  
14th - 18th February - Young Americans  
18th February - Non Uniform Day  
18th February - House Climbing Event  
18th February - Krakow Information Meeting, 6PM  
19th February - Youth Speaks, 6.30PM  
20th February - Y12 TnT Trip  
20th February - Y7 Consultation Evening  
22nd February - School Closes for Half Term

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