



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We had some very powerful assemblies this week about the Holocaust as it was a Holocaust Memorial Day last Sunday. These assemblies were delivered by Chris Paul who also wrote the article in last week's Newsletter. The Holocaust was an appalling example of how badly human beings can treat other human beings. Unfortunately such examples still exist, and since the Second World War there have been many acts of genocide across the world. Even so, the Holocaust stands out as the murder of around 12 million people that was so systematic and industrialised, and took place in a country so near and so similar to ours. There is a famous phrase, originally from 1905 and paraphrased by Winston Churchill in 1948: "those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it". We must never forget the mistakes made by previous generations: we must make sure we learn from these and always try to act in a civilised and sensible way. There was a terrifying article on the news this week that one in 20 people in this country do not believe the Holocaust happened. I really hope this survey is inaccurate, but even if it was 1 in a 100 it is too many. We have a duty as a school, and you have a duty as parents and carers, to make sure that the young people in our care have an accurate view of recent history so they are not foolish enough to make similar mistakes. Mrs Paul used another famous quote in the assemblies: "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing". This phrase has relevance to every one of us today. If we see something happen that should not happen, we should do something about it. Doing nothing just allows bad things to continue to happen, and if we see or hear or know of something happening that is causing distress to another, we have a duty to report it and do what we can to stop it.

On a cheerier note, we had the third of our Year 6 to 7 roadshows last night at Thornton Dale School. It was another enjoyable event and I think the Year 6 pupils found it both enjoyable and reassuring. Mrs Smith said the Thornton Dale pupils asked an enormous number of questions of the six Year 7 students who were there and the youngsters appeared really keen and excited about coming to Lady Lumley's in September. The transition programme, involving the roadshows, meeting the pupils in the primary schools, the induction days, the transition evening and the first day of school has proved incredibly effective at making the change from primary to secondary school very simple and smooth for the new students. As always, Mrs Smith, Mrs Elsworth and I were accompanied by students who had spent their formative years at Thornton Dale and I would like to give a huge thank you to **Jak Lumley, Keira Donaldson, Rose Turnbull, Charlie Coultas, Katie Jeal and Emily Wilkinson**. The students spoke confidently and articulately about life at Lady Lumley's from their perspective and also answered the great number of questions from the Year 6 pupils. Richard Bramley

**Poetry Live.** On Wednesday the 30th of January, GCSE students attended Poetry Live at Leeds Town Hall. Despite a last minute change of venue, and the threat of snowfall, students arrived safely at the venue and were treated to a useful day of talks from some world famous poets.

In the morning Carol-Anne Duffy talked about her poem, Valentine, which is included in the students' poetry anthologies, gaining an insight into what inspired her poem and why she chose an onion as a symbol of love.

Students also heard from Simon Armitage about his poem The Manhunt, which was written as part of a documentary he filmed with channel 4 called The Not

Dead. It tells the story of Eddie Beddoes a soldier suffering from PTSD and his struggle during and after his role as a peacekeeper with the UN during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. He explained how the plight of soldiers after their experiences inspired him to tell their stories, again providing useful insights for the students.

In the afternoon Owen Sheers, discussed his poem Mametz Wood, describing the experience of visiting the site of the battle that occurred there, followed by the always entertaining John Agard who gave students a fascinating history of significant figures in Caribbean history.

The students' behaviour was excellent at both the event and on the journey to and from the venue. A big thank you to Mr O'Cleirigh for organising the trip that provided the students with a valuable learning experience.



### Maths Challenge Training

The UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, and is aimed at students in Years 9 – 11. The challenge is an opportunity to try your hand at solving problems which stretch beyond the school curriculum. In preparation for this, "training sessions" have been taking place on Wednesday lunchtimes in Ma1, and will continue for the next two weeks. If you're interested, speak to your maths teacher, or simply bring yourself along on Wednesday to see what it's all about!

**Oliver Reynolds**

Sample question: (*UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2018*)

3. In September 2016 a polymer £5 note was introduced. The Bank of England issued 440 million of them.

What is the total face value of all these notes?

A £220 000 000

B £440 000 000

C £2 200 000 000

D £4 400 000 000

E £22 000 000 000

**Word of the Week - Sensible.** I nearly always pick the Word of the Week on the Thursday before the Newsletter is due to go home on Friday. Unusually I picked the word 'sensible' last week at the same time as I decided to write about the word 'boycott'. There must have been a reason I chose this word but I cannot remember what. We know we forget over 85% of everything we do within about 24 hours unless we reinforce this knowledge. That is why home learning is so important and making notes on what happened in your lessons each day is such a sensible thing to do. Equally as sensible is reviewing your notes and making notes on your notes. Only by repeating things regularly do we ever get to fully learn them. The good news is once something is genuinely learnt, it either stays with us forever or it is very quickly relearned. The phrase "you never forget how to ride a bike" is absolutely true. It is also true you never forget how to add up, the order of the alphabet, your own name and a million other things you use regularly.

A classic example of 'use it or lose it' is probably your home telephone number. Before mobile phones you would have to remember your home telephone number and use it regularly. Most people have this number now stored on their phone, never have to recall it and therefore probably can't. There's a lot of material to learn in school but only a limited number of hours in each subject. The most successful students are those who are sensible about their work outside school and put in the little bit of effort needed to really learn the material covered.

The word sensible means showing good sense or judgment. It also means practical, as in sensible shoes, and it also means capable of being perceived by the senses. I have used it in its first meaning in the paragraph above. Sensible comes from the Latin word *sentire* meaning to sense. Over the years that became "easily understood, logical or reasonable" and then "having good sense, capable of reasoning, discerning, clever". Cleverness is something you learn and sensible people make the right decisions to become cleverer.

#### **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.

#### **French Exchange Return - Hosts Needed!**

The French Exchange returns to Pickering on April 4th - April 11th and we are currently looking for students who are able to host 10 pupils from our partner school in Bordeaux. They would stay at your house and follow your usual routine - students spend a day in school and are on trips to York and Whitby otherwise. This is a great opportunity for students to both broaden their horizons by meeting new people and to practise their French with an actual French person. If you are interested you should see Mr Heeley ASAP. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Mr Heeley at school, or email [mheelley@ladylumleys.net](mailto:mheelley@ladylumleys.net)

#### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled so that, in the event of any property being lost, we will be able to return the items to them.

#### **'Poetry Live' in Leeds**

50 Year 10 and Year 11 students attended the annual 'Poetry Live' event which this year was held in Leeds Town Hall. The Hall was packed with KS4 students and their teachers from across North and West Yorkshire and was the venue for students to hear a selection of poets who feature in their GCSE Literature course perform and discuss their poems with students. The day started with a joint-session featuring Carol-Ann Duffy and Gillian Clarke (who also read and discussed some of her favourite Seamus Heaney poems) followed by presentations by Simon Armitage, Owen Sheers, Daljit Nagra, Imtiaz Dharker, and ended with a typically entertaining and lively performance by the ageless John Agard

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

##### **Monday 4th February**

Y11 FT Practical Non Exam Assessment, 9 - 12.40PM

##### **Tuesday 5th February**

Y11 FT Practical Non Exam Assessment, 9 - 12.40PM  
Y8 District Basketball, Pindar

##### **Wednesday 6th February**

Y11 District Basketball, LLS 4 - 6PM

##### **Thursday 7th February**

Y9/10 Intermediate Maths Challenge, In Lessons

#### **Upcoming Events...**

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  
28th February - 2nd March - Y11/12/13 RE Trip  
4th March - Students Return to School  
4th - 5th March - Y11 Drama C2 Practical Prep Days & Performance  
8th March - Y8 RE Trip, L3

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