

Lady Lumley's School **Newsletter** 22nd January 2021 Issue Number 518



Dear Parent and Carers,

Stuart Cleary told you in last week's newsletter that we were in the final stages of a recruitment process to select a new substantive Headteacher for Lady Lumley's School. I'm pleased to say that we attracted a very strong field of candidates and we held the final assessment stage on Monday and Tuesday this week. As is usual for Headteacher appointments, the first day was a series of exercises, presentations and discussions, not just with the selection panel but with a group of students and also involving all staff. The second day consisted of formal interviews with the selection panel for those candidates who had performed best on day one. Whilst the whole exercise had to be done remotely using Microsoft Teams, it was just as rigorous a process as we would do in more normal times – though it was probably a bit more stressful for those responsible for the organisation of the two days!

I am delighted to tell you that, following this exercise, we have appointed Miss Clair Foden as our new Headteacher. Clair performed very strongly over the two days and the Interim Executive Board (IEB) are confident that she has the skills, experience and vision to lead the school on the next stage of its journey. Clair is currently Associate Headteacher at Temple Moor High School in Leeds and has worked there since 2017. Prior to this she was Director of the Sixth Form at King James's School, Knaresborough, and before this Assistant Headteacher at Thirsk School. Clair will be taking up her new role at Lady Lumley's School after the Easter holiday. We look forward to working with her.

Finally, I would like to thank the students directly involved and all the staff for their support in running this recruitment process. From helping put together the recruitment materials, to hosting socially distanced visits by potential candidates, to ensuring the technology worked over the two days, to taking part in some of the exercises to test the candidates' mettle, their contribution has been invaluable. I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the IEB, to thank Stuart Cleary for all his work as Acting Headteacher since he took up the post in very difficult circumstances in June. The last ten months of the pandemic have been challenging for everyone in education, but the situation in which Stuart found himself has been particularly so. He has been unfailingly professional, positive and committed to ensuring the school does its best for all students and the wider community. I know that he will ensure Clair gets a great handover and will provide her with all the support she needs when she takes up the reins in April.

Malcolm Dawson OBE Chair of Governors

I would like to echo Malcolm's comments and I am delighted to welcome Clair to the Lady Lumley's family. Having worked with Claire previously at Thirsk School and having been part of the Ofsted Team that inspected her current school I have no doubt that she has all the necessary qualities to lead the school through the next exciting phase of its development and I am really looking forward to working with her. I would also like to publicly thank Malcolm for his kind words about me but more importantly I would like to thank you as parents and carers for all your ongoing support. Life in lockdown continues to present its challenges and we are all desperately hoping schools will re-open as soon as possible but only when it is safe to do so. Gavin Williamson announced yesterday that we should get 2 weeks' notice of schools reopening and I will of course keep you all informed. Thank you to all those parents and students who completed our surveys earlier this week. Your feedback is so important to us and Mr Fairclough will be emailing out a response to some frequently asked questions on Monday.

Whilst school closure is stressful for all students, I do feel particularly sorry for those students in Years 11,12 and 13 because I appreciate there is so much uncertainty around the cancellation of their exams. Both Mr Fairclough and Mr Ambrose have been keeping in touch to reassure them and as we get more clarity from the Department of Education we will share this with both you and the students. My only advice at the moment is for them to keep focused, work hard, complete all the work that is being set but most importantly stay calm and if they are worried about anything to talk to us.

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As always, if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback please do not hesitate to get in touch. Best wishes and stay safe. Stuart Cleary

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Supporting wellbeing

During these uncertain times it is important to look after our wellbeing, so here's a reminder of where you can look for support or guidance:

Student Support email -support@ladylumleys.net available for students who might be finding things difficult at the moment. A member of the pastoral team will reply to this email.

Young Minds – Their website includes guides for both parents/carers and young people. As a school we successfully raised over £500 through our 'Hello Yellow' non-uniform day back in October.

One You - The 'Every Mind Matters' campaign from the NHS includes guides on dealing with change, self care and dealing with social media. There are tips for parents/carers to help support children who may be struggling with their mental health.

NHS England – A clear article with tips and guidance on what to do if you're a young person and you're struggling, including further links to other websites and support.

Rise Above – Orientated towards young people, this website has plenty of videos and tips on a wide range of wellbeing and mental health issues.

Compass Buzz 'Buzz US' service - Compass BUZZ offers a confidential text messaging service to young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire. By texting the service on 07520 631168 you will be able to receive confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text.

An online incident affecting a child

If you think there has been an online incident affecting your child and you wish to speak to a member of the Pastoral Team, please get in touch as soon as possible. You can also report an incident directly to CEOP https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ who are a national police agency.

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online? - CEOP Are you being bullied? If you are being bullied, or you are not ready to make a report to CEOP, you can talk to Childline anonymously online or on the phone - No worry is too big or too small. www.ceop.police.uk

Do you need to speak to someone in school?

School and normal family life will change again during this latest lockdown and problems may emerge. All families are different, and not everyone will need additional support. Our Pastoral Team are making contact with families every day. We have prioritised those calls depending on previous levels of need and have already logged over 1000 contacts since lockdown began. If you feel your family needs a call, please call school or email support@ladylumleys.net and we will call you back.

Year 7 RE

Year 7 have been studying Islam and the RE department would like to celebrate the work of Sophie Warren who produced this representation of the five pillars.



Virtual Hot Choc Fridays 137 Virtual Hot Choc Fridays have already been sent out this lockdown - amazing, keep up the great work!



COVID-19 Testing in School Update

As you will be aware we had planned to test all students currently attending school on a weekly basis and all these students have been tested twice. We have now been informed by North Yorkshire County Council that we should not continue with this weekly testing programme and to only test any new students joining our in-school provision. Mrs Gibbs

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Immunisations

The Childhood Immunisation service delivers routine immunisations in educational settings and will also offer catch up immunisations. The Childhood immunisation team come into school to deliver immunisations to those for whom consent has been obtained. They deliver: flu nasal vaccine to all Year 7, HPV vaccinations to all Year 8, Men ACWY vaccination for all children in Year 9, DTP vaccination for all children in Year 9 and MMR vaccinations for any child aged 5-19. Please complete the online form to consent to your child receiving these: www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent

The code for Lady Lumley's school is: 121671

Please refer any queries to the childhood immunisation team on 01423 542360 or email childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk.

The Year 8 HPV vaccine is being delivered on Friday 5th February 2021. Please ensure you have consented for this. The immunisation team will then notify you of location and time.



Food in School Holidays

We know that a lot of people are finding things difficult in the latest lockdown and we are trying to make sure that children in the Pickering area (YO18 postcodes) do not go hungry. Help is available through FISH – Food in School Holidays. We have funds and food and if you would like some help, please advise the school and they will pass on your name, address and contact details so that we can get in touch to see how we can help with a food parcel. Everything will be in the strictest confidence as we try to give you a helping hand through these trying times. Contact the school at Tel: 01751 472946 or Email: <u>admin@ladylumleys.net</u>

Please also note that Food Share in Pickering distributes food, free of charge, on Monday evenings between 5.30-7.30pm and Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am-1pm, at Ings Garth Centre, Pike Road.

York College Virtual Open Evening

York College are holding a virtual Open Evening for post-16 students on Thursday 11th February from 5.30pm - 8.00pm. If you would like to book a place for this event

please visit <u>http://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk</u>



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The broadcast is free for all schools and colleges to watch. https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers/ Don't forget to use the **LIVE CHAT** facility next to the video Upon Litorget to use the LIVE CHAI facility next to the vide player to ask any questions you have about the RAF. The shot facility is cafe moderated accessible and evolutions player to ask any questions you have about the KAF. The chat facility is safe, moderated, accessible and available 24/7. See the Student Tutorial Video:

https://vimeo.com/426183878 For general information about RAF careers

scan our QR code or alternatively download the RAF Recruitment App on your smartphone or tablet.



General - What does the RAF do

- Challenges
- Benefits
- Fitness
- Apprenticeships
- Sponsorship
- How to join.
- Engineering &
 - Technical
 - Air Operations

- Personnel

 - Protection
- Intelligence
 - Medical &
 - Medical
- Support
- Aircrew

- Competitive pay and pension Training and lifelong learning
- Six weeks' paid leave and public holidays Free medical and dental care
- Gain civilian recognised
- Guaranteed job after training Subsidised food and
- Free gym and sports facilities
- Adventurous training opportunities
 - Excellent starting salary and career progression

