



Lady Lumley's School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents and carers,

Today marks the final day of complete school closure and I am so looking forward to seeing all the students at some stage next week. The return to school will also see the end of remote home learning and I am sure most of you will be relieved about that - I know the teachers are looking forward to teaching back in classrooms again. Thank you for all your support over the lockdown period and hopefully we will start to get back to some sort of normality over the next few weeks. You should have received lots of information yesterday about the return to school and there is a PowerPoint on its way to the students, so they know what to expect when they return. In effect, school will operate in the same way as it did when they returned in September. It is really important that the students continue to keep themselves safe by following all instructions - I think we all need to remember that coronavirus has not gone away just because school has reopened.

You will be aware we had a remote Ofsted monitoring Inspection on Tuesday. The purpose of the Inspection was to check whether we are providing "an acceptable standard of education" during the pandemic and this is the only judgement they made. The time frame for the publication of the report is 30 working days but the Inspection Team were a little unclear as to whether that included school holidays. It may well be the report is published after the school has converted to be an Academy! When we do convert, in effect, Lady Lumley's becomes a new school with no Ofsted rating.

Thank you for your ongoing support, let's all hope for a safe and smooth return to school and stay safe.

Stuart Cleary

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.



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Intermediate Maths Challenge

In February, 40 students in Year 10 and Year 11 had the opportunity to remotely take part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This week, we received their fantastic results.

A huge well done goes to all the students who took part in this tricky competition, but special mention goes to the following students:

In Year 10, **Amy Harper, Alice Goodfellow, Emily Goodfellow, Abhaydev Shiburaj, and Jake Sleightholme**, received the Bronze award, while **Alex Beeson and Amelie Jeffreys** achieved Silver, with Amelie also receiving the Best in Year Certificate.

In Year 11, **Molly Harland, Lucy Hinchliffe, Felicity Lloyd, and Rachel Lowther**, achieved Silver, with **Evie Mansell** receiving a Gold Certificate and the Best in School award.

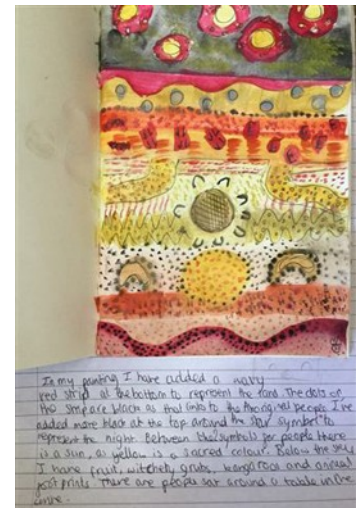
Evie has also qualified for the follow-on round, The Pink Kangaroo, which will take place on March 19th, and we wish her the best of luck.

FISH - Food In School Holidays – Easter Holidays

Although school holidays are a good time to relax with family, we know that it can be expensive having the children at home too. The FISH project is working with the Covid 19 volunteer network to provide a food parcel in the first week of the Easter holidays to families who live in the **YO18** postcode and feel that this will help. If you feel you would like to take advantage of this free service, you can sign up to receive a food parcel of essentials (and maybe a little treat too). We only ask that you complete and return the form attached with this newsletter so that we know the number of children and any special dietary needs or allergies. Information will be kept confidential with only the volunteers and organisers knowing details of names and addresses.

Y8 Geography Work

As part of our 'Australia' topic, in geography over the last few lessons, we've been learning about the Aboriginal people of Australia. This week's task was a cross-curriculum project where students were asked to create a piece of art in the Aboriginal style which tells a story, either about Aboriginal life or about something close to the students. Many of our students created fabulous pieces and wrote beautifully about what it meant to them. I wanted to share a small selection of those that deserved special recognition.



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Department of Education Guidance: Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Department of Education Guidance: Travelling to school safely

The Department of Education has sent some tips on how to stay safe travelling to and from school.

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so.
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, do not forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

Further information can be found in their [guidance](#) on transport to school and other places of education. The Department for Transport has also created [resources](#) that can be downloaded and used by education settings to promote safe travel to school.



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Students Return to School Dates

Monday 8th March - Y11, Y12 and Y13

Tuesday 9th March - Y7 and Y10

Wednesday 10th March - Y8 and Y9

All students will go to their P1 lesson and not to registration. If your time for testing is 8.45AM please go straight to the Sports Centre.

Return to School Questionnaire

As students return to school next week we would like to give you the opportunity to share with us any information that you think necessary to help us support your child when they return.

Each of us will have had a unique experience of lock-down and I am acutely aware of the real difficulties many of you have faced.

We would be grateful if you would share your thoughts and feelings about how the pandemic and lockdown has affected you as a family, and specifically your child/children, and how you think this might impact on their return to school.

We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions with as much information as you feel comfortable sharing. Any information shared on this document will be kept confidentially within the pastoral team, we may telephone you to discuss in more depth upon receipt or next week.

[Return to School Questionnaire](#)

itslearning

As you know our Virtual Learning Environment is called itslearning and this is where all of our schemes of learning and lesson resources are stored to support students and parents/carers.

You will also be aware that you, as a parent/carer, have access to these plans and resources via the Parental Portal. This enables you to monitor your child's home learning and curriculum coverage with your own log in details.

If you require any assistance with logging into the Parental Portal please contact me in school via bdavis@ladylumleys.net. Brian Davis

ParentPay

We would once again like to encourage all parents and carers to access their child's ParentPay accounts.

We are using ParentPay as a way of communicating all important updates from school and information and reports about your child through email and text messages. Your contact details will be stored securely and not given to any third parties. If you do not have your ParentPay login details, please contact Janet Philips either by phone: 01751 470043 or by email: jphilips@ladylumleys.net. Thank you.



Useful Contact Information:

Main School Office: 01751 472846

Attendance: 01751 470005

Sixth form: 01751 470024

Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043

Finance Office (ParentPay) Email: jphilips@ladylumleys.net

Admin Email: admin@ladylumleys.net

Student Support Email: support@ladylumleys.net

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Out of Hours Covid-19: 07308 305913

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