



Lady Lumley's School  
**Newsletter**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

This is Lady Lumley's final Newsletter of 2022, and we wish all students and families a restful and enjoyable Christmas Holiday. There is lots to celebrate as you will be able to read - from Year 13 students attending interviews for the most prestigious universities, the Headteacher's Ambassadors running a fabulous Christmas card competition to send out to the community and of course the Christmas Concert. Next week's assemblies will celebrate the achievement of our students which parents can track on Class Charts. Thank you for all the support that parents/carers have offered to the wide range of activities, inside and outside of lessons.

Our school term finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 and we welcome students back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. With all best wishes for a Happy New Year. Clair Foden



### Christmas Jumper Day - Monday 12th December

On Monday there will be an opportunity for students to wear a Christmas jumper or jumpers of a festive colour. These jumpers are to be worn over school uniform. This year's charity is Children in Need, and we would like a small donation to help the children who need us.

Thank you to everyone who entered our first House competition.

The winner of the Christmas card competition is Imogen from 8 Hainsworth. Well done, we all loved the cards and thought it was a lovely thing to send out into the community.

Many thanks, The Headteacher's Ambassadors.

### Y7 Tutor Read

**Jack Dent and Isla Williams** discuss 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl

**Jack:** It's about a girl called Lily whose dad has disappeared and she's trying to find him. He made 'mechanimals' – mechanical animals. She's trying to find her dad, but has to change her identity so she isn't found.

**Isla:** The mechanimals are seen as lesser beings than humans and are treated really badly. Lily and a few others treat them with respect though.

**Jack:** It's like the slave trade, the way they are treated as not human.

**Isla:** It's a good mix of styles and pulls on themes like AI taking over, racism, it's a take on things that happen in the real world, but in an older period of time.

**Jack:** In primary school the teacher often got us to read aloud, but I like having the teacher read to us so I can imagine the story more. I'd recommend Cogheart– it's a good book to start the day. When I get to school I sometimes feel tired, but this wakes me up and gets my imagination going.

**Isla:** It makes younger people aware of problems that happened in the past and now, while also being a good imaginative story.



### Dracula

The show is now cast and we have read through the play. We have a cast of 28 from Years 7 to 10. The show is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. There will regular announcements on Class Charts for cast, crew and their parents. Rehearsal schedules were issued this week.

### Study Club

There is no study club in Learning Support on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Study Club will resume on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Thank you, The Learning Support Team.



### December News from the Library

We're jumping onto the World Cup bandwagon in the library this month! Our display is of books set in, or about, or written by authors from the countries participating in the world cup competition, which is harder than you'd think! Luckily for me, Mrs. Jennings has been my partner in this venture and together we have found books for almost all the countries, many of which can be found on the e-Platform, so hopefully we'll see an increase in student loans of e-books and audio books.

The genrefication of the fiction section continues apace and I've been assisted by a merry band of volunteers, mostly from Year 8 students (thanks especially to Joey, Thomas and Kit!) We now have dedicated sections for Humour, Horror, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Dystopia, Historical Fiction, Sport Stories and Animal Stories, with the grand unveiling of our Adventure section at the tail end of November! Next up, Realistic Fiction. These sections make it much easier for students to find the books they want to read, and it also gives us a great visual check on where there might be gaps in the collection. I'm planning to start an Instagram account for the Lady Lumley's library, where I'll post book reviews and updates, so watch this space for more information!



### Year 9 – The Options Process

The first week in January will start the options process for our Year 9 Students. During their first week back in school, subjects will be delivering GCSE taster sessions. We will also be holding an Options Evening in school on the 19th January, I will be writing a letter to invite students and their families to the event in the New Year. The options evening will provide students and their families with a wealth of information to help them make informed choices, and to look at the different GCSEs and BTEC level 2 courses that we have to offer. Mrs Thompson

### Year 8 PPE

This week in assembly I spoke to the Year 8 students about their upcoming PPE (Pre-Public Examinations). I discussed with students that the PPE prepare us for working in controlled conditions and working to a set timeframe, to get ready for their GCSE and A level exams. We also want students to start to try out different revision techniques to find out which suits them best. Each student has been given a booklet, with three different revision techniques to try: mind mapping, flashcards, and Cornell notetaking. The PPE will take place during lesson time in the classroom. Teaching staff will be informing students when the PPE will take place and the topics to revise, this information should all be recorded in their booklets. As I explained to students in assembly, this is a learning opportunity. We hope that students can use this as a chance to identify gaps in their knowledge, work on revision skills and ultimately make rapid progress.

We hope both parents, carers and students will join us on SchoolCloud for the Year 8 Parent Student Consultation Evening on Thursday 9th February. Mrs Thompson



<p><b>Year 7</b> have been reading '<i>Cogheart</i>' by Peter Bunzl. If you've enjoyed this, have a look at the following titles:  Also by Peter Bunzl  <i>Moonlocker</i>  <i>The Clockwork Queen</i>  <i>MagicBorn</i>  <i>Incarceron</i> by Catherine Fisher  <i>The Girl in the Steel Corset</i> by Kate McLaughlin  <i>World Shaker</i> by Richard Harland  <i>City of Bones: Shadow Hunters</i> by Cassandra Clare</p>	<p><b>Year 8</b> have been reading '<i>Ruby in the Smoke</i>' by Phillip Pulman. Similar titles in terms of genre, style include:  <i>The Fault in our Stars</i> by John Green  <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson  <i>The Secret Detectives</i> by Ella Risbridger  <i>Grow</i> by Luke Palmer  <i>The Day I met Suzie</i> by Chris Higgins</p>
<p><b>Year 9</b> have been reading '<i>I am Malala</i>' by Malala Youzafsa. Titles with similar themes and issues are:  <i>Blood Water Paint</i> by Joy McCullough  <i>The Hate You Give</i> by Angie Thomas  <i>The Kite Runner</i> by Khaled Hosseini  <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p>	<p><b>Year 10</b> have been reading '<i>We are All Made of Molecules</i>' by Susin Nielsen. Similar themes and social issues are covered in the following titles:  <i>Lulu and Milagro's Search for Clarity</i> by Angela Velez  <i>One of us is Lying</i> by Karen M McManus  <i>The Girls I've Been</i> by Tess Sharpe  <i>This Woven Kingdom</i> by Tahereh Mafi  <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> by Mark Haddon  <i>The King of Jam Sandwiches</i> by Eric Walters  <i>They Both Die at the End</i> by Adam Silvera  <i>Heartstoppers</i> by Alice Oseman</p>

### Recommended titles linked to our Tutor Read books

Thank you to Mrs Jennings for her fantastic displays on the English corridor promoting other novels in a similar style, or covering similar themes to the novels you are currently reading during Tutor Read. Below are the titles listed by year group (7-10) which may provide some Christmas present ideas!







### Winter Spectacular: Music Department Concert

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December musicians from across Lady Lumley's School performed in the Music Department *Winter Spectacular* Concert. It was an evening full of beautiful, warming and joyful music which counterbalanced the freezing climate outside! The *Jazz Band* and *WindStars* both performed a selection of Jazzy Christmas and non-Christmas numbers including Slade's *Merry Christmas Everybody* and a topical performance of the *Match of the Day* theme! The *Lunchtime Singers* performed a beautiful arrangement of the *Jazz Gloria* with solos from **Hannah Swift** (Year 8) and **Imogen Moisey-Smith** (Year 10) and two GCSE ensembles with pianos, guitar and singers played a rendition of a Czech Christmas Lullaby. A number of talented soloists also took to the stage playing a wide repertoire on a variety of instruments and by voice including **Arlo Brown** (Year 8) on Saxophone, **Destiny Sampson** (Year 10) with voice, **Isaac Tingay** (Year 13) on electric guitar and **David Magson** (Year 9) on Violin. *Stringendo*, led and rehearsed expertly by **Freya Botzen** and **Felicity Lloyd** (Year 13), played two beautiful traditional carols to get us thoroughly in the Christmas mood. To end the concert, all performers joined together in a jazz standard 'Canon in Swing' which gradually layered up from **Joey Kennedy** (year 9) on drums, to **Alex Bradley** (year 9) and **Jake Ottoway** (year 9) on Piano, to add the strings, the horn section, the Lunchtime Singers (rehearsed by Associate Musical Director **Eve Holbrook** in Year 12), and finished with an improvised break on trumpet by **Jack Magson** (Year 13). We were pleased to be joined by Councillor Lovejoy, Mayor of Pickering, who said of the concert: 'I was blown away by the talent of the young people and the diversity of the programme'. Thank you to all parents, relatives, friends and teachers who attended the concert. Well done to all those who performed and thank you again to staff members who came to help and support. It was a wonderful celebration of students and their musical talents and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



### Drama & Music Residential to London

Last week we took 27 Year 10 and 11 Drama and Music students to London. We packed a lot into those days! We arrived by train and went straight to Covent Garden where we had time to visit the shops, markets and watch some street performers. After lunch we went to see *Back to the Future*, the Musical at the Adelphi. We were wowed by a high-tech performance that brought the film to life on stage with some amazing special effects; the car was the star!! After dinner, we then went to watch the spine-chilling play, *The Woman in Black* at the Fortune Theatre. We were lucky to see the play as after 33 years in the West End, the show finally closes in the new year. The next day, we did a vocal workshop at Pineapple Dance Studios with a member of the cast from *Back to the Future*. Lastly we took part in a backstage tour at the newly refurbished Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. The trip was a great opportunity to take part in Drama and music activities but also to experience our capital city, seeing some of the famous landmarks, and travelling on the tube. Mrs Goodwill





***In our second feature on celebrating diversity at Lady Lumley's two of our Headteacher's Ambassadors have considered how cultures around the world are spending December in wonderfully different ways but with many common themes:***

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#### Buddhism

While many people think that only Christians take part in the Christmas celebrations, many Buddhists still celebrate the holiday as they view Jesus as a man and teacher rather than the Christian messiah. During this festive season, it is taught that Buddha found enlightenment, and for this, they celebrate Christmas by practicing peace and goodwill through gift giving to loved ones and sending cards.

#### Hinduism

Many Hindu families celebrate Diwali around the winter season depending on the Lunar Calendar, this celebration is the festival of lights. During this celebration Hindus light oil lamps called Diya and most pray to the goddess Lakshmi to bring wealth and health to their home, fireworks and candles also being a main feature of the celebration. Another practice is to decorate the home with a colourful Rangoli, a floor design made of coloured powders, sands, spices, beans, and lentils.

#### Hanukkah

It is important during this time to reflect on end of year traditions celebrated around the world and welcome diversity. Hanukkah is a vital celebration to understand, with just under 1 in 100 families celebrating Hanukkah each year from the 18th-26th of December. Hanukkah stems from 167BC in which Jews against unfavourable odds overcame Syrian oppression of Judaism through rebellions. It celebrates when Jews retook their holiest temple and rededicated it to God. Hanukkah means 'Dedication' in Hebrew and serves to remind Jews to rededicate themselves to God so they may pass on Judaism to the next generation. Another term for Hanukkah is the 'Festival of Lights' to celebrate the miracle of a small oil jar burning for 8 days. Hanukkah is celebrated today through lighting a Menorah, a candle holder that represents the 8 days of the burning oil jar. Along with prayers, festive meals, songs, games, and gifts to children are also used by modern Jews to celebrate Hanukkah.

Andrew Prole and Eve Holbrook



### **Student Attendance**

We are having to make a high volume of phone calls home to parents and carers regarding their child's absence from school each day.

Please can we ask that if your child will not be in school that you contact the school before 9am. This will allow the attendance officer to efficiently and quickly ensure that students are safe. You can notify the school of your child's absence by either telephone, email or ClassCharts.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day  
W/c Monday 12th December - Y9 PPE (Pre Public Examinations)  
W/c Monday 12th December - Y11 MFL Trial Speaking Exams  
Wednesday 14th December - Y11/13 Prizegiving 6pm - cancelled  
**Friday 16th December - School Closed for Christmas at 12.30pm**  
**Tuesday 3rd January - Students Return to School**  
W/c Tuesday 3rd January - Y9 Options Week and Individual Interviews  
Wednesday 4th January - Y7 - 9 Flu Immunisation  
Thursday 5th January - Friday 13th January - Y11 PPE (Pre Public Examinations) Non-Core  
Thursday 5th January - Y11 Partnership Hockey, LLS 1.30 - 4.30pm  
Thursday 5th January - Y10 Basketball Tournament, 3 - 5.30pm  
Thursday 5th January - Y12 Parent/Student Consultation Evening  
W/c Monday 9th January - Y8 PPE (Pre Public Examinations) Week  
W/c Monday 9th January - Y9 Individual Interviews  
W/c Monday 9th January - Y9 Residential, Peat Rigg, 9x Mon - Wed, 9y Wed - Fri  
Tuesday 10th January - Y11 Basketball Tournament, 3 - 5.30pm  
Wednesday 11th January - U14 Partnership Hockey, CCW 2 - 5pm  
Wednesday 11th January - Y8 Basketball Tournament, LLS 3 - 5.30pm  
Wednesday 11th January - Y10 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7pm  
Thursday 12th January - Y10 & Y7 Netball, LLS 3.30 - 4.30pm

### **Lady Lumley's School Staff Training Days 2022-23**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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