



Lady Lumley's School  
**Newsletter**  
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Dear Families,

Fantastic to see our Student Leadership Team as the focus of assemblies this week. Mrs Thompson is in full recruitment mode to ensure we can drive the House Sysyem throughout the school. This coincides with the start of the Enrichment Offer which has something for all students to get involved in - either as a new experience or chance to get more involved with a current passion. Thank you again to 'Book Tree' in Pickering for supporting our visiting author this week - more of this later in the bulletin. Thank you to all our families who have attended our Year 7, 10, 11 and 13 Supporting Success Evenings with a reminder that Year 12 is next week.

There is further information in this Newsletter about the known and unknown risk of 'Vapes'. Please do discuss this and contact Pastoral Officers with any questions.

Clair Foden

### **Author Visit**

Have you read Sci-Fi before?

As part of our whole-school focus on reading, on Thursday morning 60 of our Y9 students were lucky enough to be invited to a presentation by Rex Burke, a local Sci-Fi writer. As a travel writer, he's visited over 70 countries and has shifted into Sci-Fi to explore character, perspective, and other worlds. Discussing the definition of Sci-Fi, dystopian fiction, and speculative fiction (where writers imagine what COULD happen) he got straight to the heart of what makes Sci-Fi amazing: its ability to pull us in with classic tales of storytelling that just happens to be set in space. From cryostasis to teenagers, "Orphan Planet" deals with space travel; human stories and sometime, a little bit of camping. But you don't need to write about what you know...Rex even admitted his knowledge of space is limited!

Mrs Jennings

Teacher of English and Drama

### **Student Leadership**

This week the Head Teachers' Ambassadors as well as House Leaders gave talks in assemblies about the student leadership opportunities within school. We talked about the position of Form Leader alongside the duties and responsibilities that students would be taking on as part of these roles. To apply for these roles students will fill out an application pack found on ClassCharts, or alternatively pick an application pack up at reception. Overall, the new school year has brought on many new opportunities for all students and it is going to be great to see how Student Leadership changes the school for the better this year.

### **Psychology department**

Psychology is growing in popularity and real-life application within contemporary society. As a department, we are keen for all students at Lady Lumley's to be exposed to this subject which is run at A level. Current Year 12 students are currently designing experiments and are keen to offer all students in school the opportunity to take part. Students will always be given the option if they wish to take part or not. Over the next few months, a range of studies will be carried out. All experiments follow ethical guidelines, and no student will experience any anxiety or distress. Students will be approached by the Year 12 and 13 psychology students and asked if they wish to take part. If you son/daughter wants to be involved and you are happy as parents/carers, please ask them to come and see me in Ps1 or email me [c.dawson@ll.coastandvale.academy](mailto:c.dawson@ll.coastandvale.academy).

Thank you. Mr Dawson



## Tutor Read

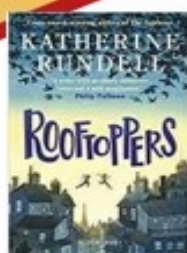
Our Tutor Read programme continues this year, twice a week for Year 7-10, once a week for Year 11 (who are also preparing for their upcoming exams)

This is a great opportunity for reading with our tutor groups and having the chance to discuss any issues or interesting questions as a class. Many of our students have also expressed that they really appreciate the focussed, settled start to the day it gives them.

Below are the texts we are using with each year group. We are very excited to include 'As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow' by Zoulfa Katouh as a new title, Zoulfa visited the school in the summer term to talk to some of our Year 9 and 10 students about the inspiration behind her reading and work as an author. Also new is 'The Hate U Give' a compelling story about racial inequality and prejudice experienced by Black communities in the USA, this will be a valuable source of discussion for our Year 11 students and will also link into their Life programme as well as building their history knowledge.

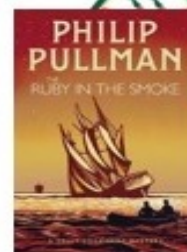
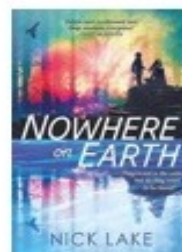
### Year 7:

1. **Rooftoppers**
2. **The House with Chicken Legs**



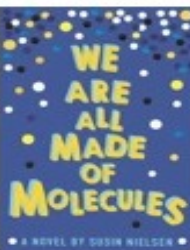
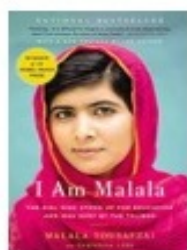
### Year 8:

1. **Nowhere on Earth**
2. **Ruby in the Smoke**



### Year 9:

1. **I am Malala**
2. **We are all made of Molecules**



### Year 10:

1. **As long as the Lemon Trees grow**
2. **The Quiet at the End of the World**



### Year 11:

1. **The Hate U Give**



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## Uniform

Please can students and families please name (labelled or marked with a pen on the inside tags) all items of school uniform, PE Kit and coats so that staff can ensure that lost property is returned to students. As of 18<sup>th</sup> September, we have 11 PE kits and 9 coats unnamed and various singular items. Many thanks for your support with this.



### WHAT'S IN YOUR VAPE?

There is a worrying trend across the country but also in the local area of vapes containing dangerous substances resulting in children being admitted to hospital. Please discuss with your children the concerns and dangers of vaping.

| **Read Time:** 5 mins | **Format:** News



Something strange is happening with vapes. Imagine the scene. A group of teenage children are gathered in a school toilet sharing a vape, passing it around. They've done this before. It's no big deal. But suddenly they feel ill. Their hearts race and their heads spin. One of them collapses. An ambulance is called. Before going any further, it's worth pointing out that vaping rarely leads to anyone being rushed to hospital – but it does happen, and it's happening here in North Yorkshire. In May 2023, a 16-year-old boy was rushed to A&E after suddenly falling ill vaping at school. The same month, four other boys became violently sick elsewhere in North Yorkshire. Two collapsed and one was found convulsing. All recovered, but it was very frightening. This is happening elsewhere in the UK, as well. A few weeks after these incidents in North Yorkshire, a pupil in Manchester passed out while vaping. A few days later, pupils at two separate schools near Southampton were rushed to hospital experiencing heart problems and seizures. These frightening incidents have had parents, teachers, and young people all asking the same thing: What was in those vapes?

You can read the full article here: <https://drinkdrughub.co.uk/young-people-are-getting-sick-vaping-we-ask-a-scientist-why/>

### Attendance

#### Is My Child Too Ill For School?

As the season of flu and colds approaches, it can sometimes be difficult for parents to know whether it is appropriate to send their child to school. Whilst there are clearly cases when it is in the best interests of a child to keep them at home, at other times it may be perfectly fine to allow them to attend school as normal.

Fortunately, the NHS has produced a clear and helpful guide for parents, explaining what to do if your child is ill – including if they have tested positive for COVID-19: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please also remember that if your child is unable to attend school, it is important to contact school as early as possible to report they will not be attending and to explain the reason why. This can be done in a variety of ways:

1. Call the main school number on 01751 472846 and choose Option 1 for Attendance.
2. Email school at [admin@ll.coastandvale.academy](mailto:admin@ll.coastandvale.academy)
3. Report your child's absence using the Class Charts app.
4. Visit school Reception to report your child's absence in person.

If you have any further queries about school attendance, illness or absence, then a member of the Attendance team will be very happy to assist.

Toby Virgo, Attendance and Behaviour Officer



## More September News from the library

The National Literacy Trust recently published their report on children and young people's reading, based on the results to their annual survey. You can read the report in full if you follow this [link](#) but I wanted to share a couple of points:

Not surprising, but of great concern was this statistic:

Of course, our mission at Lady Lumley's is to increase and encourage engagement with reading for pleasure and we are working across the school to this end. The survey also showed the many ways children feel they benefit from reading, from learning new things about the world, to gaining a sense of well-being and feelings of happiness and confidence.

**"Just 2 in 5 (43.4%) 8- to 18-year-olds told us in early 2023 that they enjoyed reading in their free time. This is the lowest level of reading enjoyment we have recorded since 2005."**

## What would make children and young people aged 8 to 18 want to read?

- When asked what would make them want to read, most (38.4%, or 2 in 5) said that having books recommended to them would do this. 1 in 3 said that being given books (32.1%) or having books that represent them (31.5%) would make them want to read. 1 in 4 (23.3%) said that they would read more if their friends or family talked about books, while 1 in 6 (17.6%) said that seeing someone they look up to read or talk about reading would do this.



A final take-away that gave me hope was knowing that we can all help to increase engagement with reading, both at school and at home, by talking about books, demonstrating our own enjoyment with reading and by putting books into the hands of our young ones.

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading lives-together we can make a difference!

Happy reading and best wishes,  
Donna Rueth





## Child Exploitation

There has been a lot in the press in recent weeks related to Child Exploitation. Our staff have received training in school and it is also covered in our Life Lessons.

Parents and carers have also requested information regarding this topic and also the signs to look out for.

The following three videos have been produced for parents. The first is produced by Northamptonshire Safeguarding Partnership:



<https://youtu.be/lpggEyRGggA>

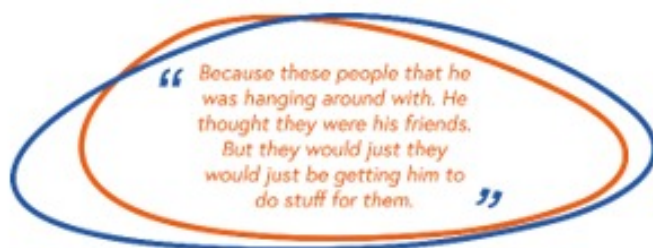
The second video has been produced by Harrogate Safer Communities, alongside NYCC Ripon & Rural Children and Families Service to show how criminal exploitation can happen in North Yorkshire:

[https://youtu.be/vz4\\_fYs3lwl](https://youtu.be/vz4_fYs3lwl)

The third is produced by the Children's Society on the stages of grooming:

<https://youtu.be/C1bT5kFN8NM>

If you have any concerns, please do contact the Safeguarding Team at school or contact the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership





# Lady Lumley's School Open Evening

For Year 5 and 6 Students and Families

**"Being Our Best"**

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**6.00 pm to 7.30 pm**

For further information call 01751 472846  
or email [admin@ll.coastandvale.academy](mailto:admin@ll.coastandvale.academy)



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#### Dates for your Diary

w/c 25th September - Y13 PPE Week  
Tuesday 26th September - Paris Visit Info Meeting, 6-7pm  
Wednesday 27th September - Y12/13 Maths Olympiad for girls  
Wednesday 27th September - Y12 Welcome to KS5/ Supporting Success Evening, 6-7pm  
W/c 2nd October - Y11 Geography River Fieldwork, Goathland  
Tuesday 3rd October - Y12/13 Senior Maths Challenge  
Tuesday 3rd October - Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening  
Wednesday 4th October - Lady Lumley's Y5/6 Open Evening  
Thursday 6th October - Y7 Invisible Man Production  
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October - Y11 Music Performance Exams  
Friday 6th October - DofE Awards Ceremony, Forest & Vale Hotel 6pm

#### Useful Contact Information:

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