

Lady Lumley's School

Newsletter

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Dear Families

Last week's assemblies, taken by Mrs Elsworth aligned with Anti-Bullying week and empowered our students to step in and call bullying out. Discussions in tutor groups have followed as they will through 'Life Lessons'. Year 9 and 10 had a gripping and vital hour with Paul Hannaford last week, sharing his life story of falling into drug use and criminality. Lady Lumley's students were fully engaged and responsive, again this theme has been followed up in Life lessons.

Our Year 13 Geographers have returned from 3 days of fieldwork, such was the success of the visit they got to swing by a well known fast food drive through. Thank you to Mrs Pye and Mrs Fuller for organising such a brilliant visit. We've also had a Senior Kangaroo Maths Challenge for an exceptionally talented mathematician which involved an exam lasting over 3hrs. Harry has done so well to gain entry to this level. Our newly elected House representatives are meeting today to look at building on the foundations of last year. The Head teacher's Ambassadors have lots of ideas for fund raising that will be shared with tutor groups very soon.

A reminder to all families that Friday 1st December is a Training Day so the school will be shut to all pupils. Clair Foden, Headteacher



Year 13 Geography Lake District residential

The weather fairies were kind to us on our annual trip to Blencathra near Keswick. Our Year 13 students headed up Brund Fell in Borrowdale, layered up and prepared for all weathers only to be greeted with wall to wall sunshine and perfect conditions for their data collection for their independent investigations. Mrs Fuller accompanied the Woodland Warriors in their quest to gather carbon storage data from contrasting woodland areas up the fell. Matthew and Kyle hugged over 24 trees to determine the circumference of the trunks, from which they could then work out carbon content. Meanwhile, Mrs Pye supported the Grasslanders in their mission to investigate the impact of management

on carbon storage and soil moisture content. Emma diligently screwed 36 augers into the soil to determine soil depth while Jack spent much of his time rolling soil into balls and cylinders to work out soil texture. The bravest group of all, the Peatboggers trekked the furthest up the mountain to reach the peat bog where a depth of over 5 metres was recorded. The evenings were spent analysing data and cooking soil in Blencathra's special soil ovens, along with fierce games of table tennis. Overall, the three day trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in real geography and collect their data for their individual investigation. Students will spend the next few weeks working on the write up of their investigation for their NEA, which forms 20% of their A level. If this trip sounds like something you would be interested in, speak to



a member of the geography department for further information on studying A level geography at Lady Lumley's.



Remembrance Sunday
Thank you to Robbie L, Ieuan J,
Charlie W and Lauren H who took part in
the Pickering Remembrance Parade last
Sunday alongside Pickering Town Council
and the Pickering Mayor. The students
were fantastic and a credit to the school
and wider community.



November news from the Library

The nights are drawing in and we are in the season of *hygge* – that Scandinavian expression that means to get cosy and comfortable – and there's no better way than to curl up with a good book!



Book buzz books are here!

I returned from half term break to a collection of boxes from the Book Trust – Christmas came early! If you have a student in Year 7 or 8 you may have seen them clutching their Book Buzz choice. It has been wonderful to see the looks of pleasure on so many faces when they hear that these books are theirs to keep. Plenty of research shows that "Having access to resources and having books of their own has an impact on children's attainment." Gov.UK So I am especially happy that I can help put books into the hands of our young readers.



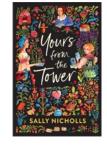
Some of our students in KS3 and Sixth Form had the opportunity to attend writers' workshops given by published author, Jules Brown, aka Rex Burke. I was in the library at the time and was impressed with the level of creativity from our students. I look forward to having some of their work on our library shelves in the future!



We are delighted to be welcoming best-selling children's author, Sally Nicholls, on Friday, 24th November.

Sally will talk to students in 8X about her journey from being a child who loved stories to an adult who writes them. She will also introduce her new

book, Yours From the Tower, which gives a window into the world of a young person coming of age in the late 1800s. She hopes to inspire young people with a love of history and stories. If you bought a discounted copy of her book from Kemps, don't forget to bring it in on Friday to get it signed! If you haven't bought a copy yet and would like to, follow this link and use the code SCHOOLTOWER at the checkout. https://www.kempsgeneralstore.co.uk/products/yours-from-the-tower-by-sally-nicholls-hardback



I hope you all have a stack of good books for these long nights! Happy Reading, Ms Rueth

District Cross Country

On Thursday 9th November we went to the district cross country event for the final race meet at Caedmon College, Whitby. During the running we faced many challenging conditions, meaning we ended up splattered in mud but even this was enjoyable and didn't stop us! Overall we had some very good placements, including Imogen B who won the Y8 Girls event! Well done to everyone who took part in the event.

Report written by Elsie H

Beck Isle Christmas Pompom Display

A big thank you to **Eleanor M** and **Heidi S** with all their help with making pompoms for the Beck Isle Museum, with the support of Mrs Steadman and Pickering Community Interest Company.







Anti-Bullying Week

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year has been "Make a noise about bullying". The Anti-Bullying Alliance ask people to reflect on being a bystander. Students have been asked to report any incidents of bullying either towards themselves or others and to reach out to students who are being bullied.

Years 7-11 have had an Assembly on Anti-Bullying over the last two weeks and have been asked to reflect on using the term "Banter", a word often used to excuse or cover up bullying. This included a video from the Anti-Bullying Alliance https://youtu.be/0vWCg2ElEYY

In addition to the assemblies, there have been follow-up conversations in Tutor Groups, Student Voice and some Life classes have completed an Anti-Bullying Survey – more students will be participating over the coming weeks. Initial results show that there is a decrease in bullying in the school and that students feel safe and know who to ask for help.

BANTER IS...

Banter is the harmless exchange of social interaction between friends which involves teasing or mocking one another, either on a one-to-one basis or more commonly on a friendship group basis.

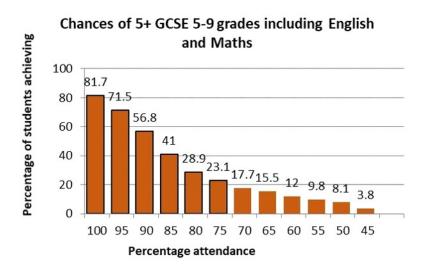
IT'S NOT BANTER IF...

- 1. You would be upset if someone said it to you.
- 2. It's hurtful.
- 3. You're not friends.
- 4. Someone's asked you to stop.
- 5. The target isn't laughing.
- It focuses on someone's insecurities.

Attendance

As you will be aware school attendance has been discussed in the press a lot this week. Post Covid school attendance is a national issue and this is affecting Lady Lumley's School like any other.

As reported in the press, attendance can have a significant impact on progress and the Department of Education research has shown that "pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well." As you can see from the graph below children with low attendance have a significantly lower chance of achieving 5+ or more GCSE Grades 5-9.



Recently there has been two trends in school:

1. Students reporting to staff that they feel unwell and going home during the school day.

We have noticed a significant increase in students who are reporting that they are unwell and asking to go home. Often, they may have a cold, feel a bit queasy or have a headache. There is a concern that some students may be doing this to avoid lessons. The student has usually told their parent/carer how they are feeling in the morning, who has made the decision to send them into school. We are also aware that calling you as parents/carers to collect can impact on your working lives and many of you have to travel to collect.

2. Holidays in term-time

Families are taking more unauthorised holidays during term-time. We appreciate the impact of the economic crisis and that holidays are cheaper in term-time however we would ask you to consider the longer term impact of the holiday. Students may have a lovely time whilst away but on their return they are out of routine and have missed significant portions of learning in lessons. This results in them struggling in the lesson and anxiety increasing as they try to catch-up.

From Monday 27th November, we will manage the students who report as unwell in the following way. We will continue to talk to them and ensure that they have had a drink, some food that morning, had fresh air and taken some paracetamol if appropriate (students are allowed to carry 2 paracetamol tablets only in school). We will then return them to lessons unless a first aider thinks they need further treatment or to go home. If a student has a medical condition, we will continue to follow the procedures already agreed in school.

As parents and carers, we are asking you to support the school in the following ways:

- 1. To advise us of any serious medical conditions that we are not aware of
- 2. To support us in trying to keep students in school and accessing their learning. There is a useful guide here that gives advice on whether your child is too ill for school https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/
- 3. Students who frequently present as unwell often have another underlying issue e.g. friendship issues or bullying. Please discuss this with your child and inform their Pastoral Officer if they share any worries with you.
- 4. Please avoid booking term-time holidays.

We really appreciate your support in these areas.

Tanya Elsworth

Assistant Headteacher & Student Welfare





Flu vaccinations - Just a reminder for all families to fill the e consent form if you wish for your child to have the upcoming flu vaccination.

Attendance - As cold and flu season approaches please can all parents/carers ensure that they contact the school everyday that their child will be absent by 9am.

Dates for your Diary

w/c Monday 27th November - Y9 PPE Week
Tuesday 28th November - Y7 Netball, LLS, 1.30 - 4pm
Wednesday 29th November - Y8 Football, Malton School, 3 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 29th November - Y8 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7pm
Thursday 30th November - Y8 Netball, Eskdale School, 12.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 30th November - Y11 Virtual PST Consultation Evening, 4.30 - 7.30pm
Friday 1st December - Staff Training Day, School Closed to Students
w/c Monday 4th December - Y13 PPE Week
Tuesday 5th December - Y8 Hockey, Scarborough College, 12.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 5th December - Y10 Football, LLS, 3 - 5pm
Wednesday 6th December - Y7 Football, Malton School, 1 - 6pm
Wednesday 6th December - Y10 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7pm

Thursday 7th December - Y10 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7pm

Thursday 7th December - Music Winter Concert Rehearsal, 9.10am - 12.30pm

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Monday 11th December - Wednesday 13th December - Y10-13 German/History Visit to Berlin
Tuesday 12th December - Y7 English Theatre Visit
Tuesday 12th December - Y10/11 Hockey, LLS, 1.30 - 5pm

Wednesday 13th December - Y10/11 Drama Theatre Trip, 'Brief Encounter', Manchester Thursday 14th December - Y9 Virtual PST Consultation Evening, 4.30 - 7.30pm w/c Monday 18th December - Y7-9 NGRT Assesments (English Lessons)

Tuesday 19th December - Y7 English Theatre Trip

Wednesday 20th December - School Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December - School Closed for Christmas Break 12.30pm
Monday 8th January - Students Return to School

Useful Contact Information:

Main School Office: 01751 472846

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Advanced Teaching Support Vacancy at Lady Lumley's School

Advanced Teaching Support

You will help to supervise classes for absent teaching staff, work with students on a one to one basis and work with our pastoral team to provide support to the SEND provision.

A fantastic opportunity for those wanting to build on their experience and skills in a secondary school setting or wanting to take the next steps in to a teaching career.

To find out more about the roles or how to apply, clink the links below:

Advanced Teaching Support at Lady Lumley's School | MyNewTerm

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information.



FEAST

Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together.

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for kids of all ages from Reception to Year 11.

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at the **fantastic selection of school holiday clubs and activities.**

FEAST is here to help families throughout the school holidays, by providing food and things to do without adding to the growing pressure on income.

FEAST is open to all children and young people in North Yorkshire, and is free to eligible families.

Eligible families receive information about FEAST and a voucher to **book their free place via their school through an online system called HolidayActivities**. If you're registered for benefits-related Free School Meals and don't have your voucher, **please contact your school**.

Information for Families - North Yorkshire Together





