

Lady Lumley's Academy

Newsletter

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Dear families,

What a lot of opportunities and events over the last two weeks! We welcomed our prospective Year 7 for 2026 at a packed Open Evening last week. Our student helpers were amazing and shared their experience of Lady Lumley's, from 'Quiz Up' to Proud, their favourite subject to Japanese Club.

On Friday last week our Year 11 attended their Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening which looked like the Oscars! Mr Mann and Mr Fairclough recognised this prestigious award with 60+ Year 11. Thank you to Ms Daplyn and Pickering Town Council for allowing us to borrow the Kirk Theatre.

Over 40 of our Year 11 have also returned from France this week having had a brilliant time in Lille. Miss Wilson said the students were fantastic - great company and inquisitive learners.

Year 10 had a visiting author present to them, Jeffrey Boakye brought a different, challenging and engaging view of the world to our students and Year 8 have been out to Scarborough to investigate careers in the STEM, Mr Heeley was delighted to see students engaging and thinking about their future options.

There's a lot to be proud about in lessons too - a packed Proud Thursday again and students notching up 'perfect streak' weeks from quiz up. All the best to our Year 11 as they start their Wave One Pre Public Exams today. They have been well prepared through Walking Talking Mocks and were locked in and working hard by 9.00 today!

Clair Foden
Principal — Lady Lumley's Academy



Year 11 French and Art visit to Lille: 5th-8th October

Earlier this week a group of 38 Year 11 students took part in a French and Art trip to Lille. We left school at midnight on Saturday night and arrived back Wednesday evening after a fantastic few days of culture and exploration.

We arrived at our hostel in Lille at midday on Sunday and spent the afternoon exploring the city centre, visiting a market, the cathedral, and the students had time in small groups to explore the main square and surrounding area.

Monday was our museum day; we visited the Louvre-Lens,

a satellite of the main Louvre museum in Paris with many works on loan. Our students had space and time to look for specific paintings and practise their sketching skills. A highlight was finding the works of Arcimboldo – portrait figures where paintings of fruit and vegetables make up the face of the person. Students remembered having seen this paintings as part of their Year 7 art curriculum. In the afternoon we visited the Lille Fine Art museum, a beautiful space where students enjoyed the variety of paintings displayed and once again practised their sketching skills. They then had free time to practise their French in shops and cafés nearby.

Tuesday we visited the Wazemmes market in the morning, where one student successfully managed to haggle in French for a good deal! We then visited the town of Arras, followed by



Wellington Quarry, an important site for learning about the 1917 battle of Arras. Following this we visited a war cemetery, a very moving experience which gave students a chance to reflect on the tragic losses of life in the First World War which led many to reflect on their own potential family histories from the time.

In addition to the cultural activities for French and Art, students also provided a lot of entertainment during their nightly room inspections – where staff were treated to a range of performances from singing French songs, comedy sketches linked to experiences on the trip and some excellent display of French speaking skills.

Our Year 11 students were an absolute credit to the school and we thoroughly enjoyed spending this time with them. They were enthusiastic, resilient, interested and great fun. We hope this has given them inspiration not only in their studies of French and Art, but also for developing their independence and taste for travel and experience of other cultures.

Many thanks to Mr McGrath, Mrs Marley

and Mrs Jennings for giving not only their time, but also their skills, patience and great sense of humour.

Miss Wilson—Head of MFL

Year 11 Pizza Party Rewards

Last week 70 Year 11 students who had all achieved 100% attendance, and attended both the supporting success evening and study plus sessions celebrated a super September start with a lunchtime pizza party! Mr Fairclough even came dressed for the occasion which made for a very fun surprise! A great time was had by all and more rewards for both Year 11 and the rest of the school are planned in the near future so watch this space!

Ms Daplyn—Year 11 Behaviour Manager













A Fantastic Turnout for Our Year 5/6 Open Evening!

On Wednesday 1st October, our Academy opened its doors to welcome Year 5 and 6 students and their families for our annual Open Evening - and what a brilliant night it was! The corridors were buzzing with excitement as future students explored classrooms, met staff, and got a taste of what life is like at Lady Lumley's.

From the moment visitors arrived, our students were on hand to greet families, provide guided tours, and share their own experiences. Many guests commented on how polite, confident, and enthusiastic our students were - showing exactly what makes Lady Lumley's community so special.

Throughout the evening, departments put on a fantastic range of interactive activities. In science, families got hands on with dissections and setting Miss Wilson on fire! (Miss Wilson was not harmed in the process!) In PE students had fun bouncing on the Olympic sized trampolines and testing their bravery on the climbing wall, whilst students in Drama showcased their creativity with stage makeup.

Our Principal, Miss Foden's, presentation was very well attended, with standing room only in the hall. Parents, carers and prospective students learned about our community values, achievements, and the many opportunities we offer - both in and out of the classroom.

A special thank you must go to our four-year 7 student speakers (Charlotte H, Leanne N, Gracie R and Maddy W), who spoke confidently and eloquently about their experiences at Lady Lumley's. Their speeches captured the true spirit of our community - showcasing the pride, ambition, and enthusiasm that make our students such excellent role models.

Visitors also had the chance to talk to our support staff, learning about the systems in place both from a pastoral and educational perspective to help every child to thrive. The evening ended on a high note, with refreshments served in the canteen from the amazing Mrs Best and plenty of smiles all around.

A huge thank you goes to all staff and students who gave their time and energy to make the evening such a success. And of course, thank you to all the families who came along - we can't wait to welcome many of you back as new students next September!

Mrs Gill—Year 6 Transition Co-Ordinator/Year 7 Behaviour Manager







Scarborough STEM Week

Students in Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to this year's Scarborough STEM week, whether that was by interacting with the wide array of activities (cracking codes at GCHQ, balancing a bus's load at Alexander Dennis or picking locks at CU Scarborough) or finding out more information about the array of careers available within the wider North Yorkshire area (construction and engineering at York Minster, the many roles within the Navy or the many routes into the NHS). The students were a credit to Lady Lumley's Academy, something which was once again commented on by the many employers attending. In fact, staff and students were having so much fun, the only photo Mr Heeley managed to take was of this robo-dog!



Mr Heeley— Careers Lead



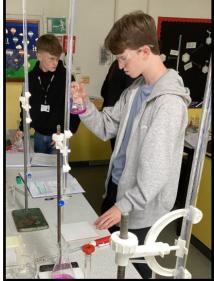
Y12 CHEMISTS IN THEIR ELEMENT

Our wonderful Y12s are performing titrations in their A level Chemistry lessons this week. This important analytical technique is sued to calculate the amount of substance that is unknown.

This is used in industries such as; chemical manufacturing, food processing and pharmaceutical manufacturing

Well done Y12! Miss Wilson







October News from the Library

Book Buzz

The books have been chosen and the order placed, now we wait with bated breath for the arrival of the boxes! I know the students are eagerly awaiting their gifts of books – they ask me daily "When are the book buzz books coming?" so we are all practising deferred gratification! In the meantime, students in Year 7 have been exercising their writing skills in the library, thinking about settings, characters and language that define genre. Year 8 students have been taking a closer look at the book buzz books that they didn't choose, hopefully finding a book they would like to read. There will be another challenge this year to read as many of the 16 books in the selection – prizes for the most avid readers!



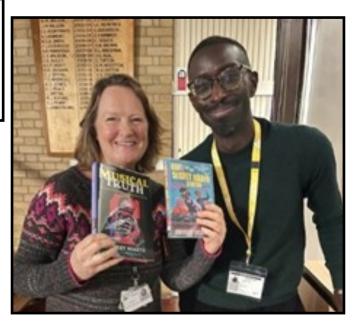
Year 9 students continue to make progress with their group reading – there have been some interesting discussions about the stories chosen and we hope that it will spark renewed interest in reading for pleasure. Perhaps you could talk with your Year 9 student about the book they are reading – talking about books is proven to increase pleasure for reading.

Year 10 Students had the benefit of a very interesting and engaging visit from Jeffrey Boakye, whose talk was wide ranging, entertaining and relevant to their lives. He talked about identity and stereotypes – what labels are assigned to us, do we conform to expectations and how do we deal with the way other people see us? He also talked about social media and the power it can have over our lives – how can we make sure we are in control? Ask your Y10 student what they thought – responses I had this morning were all really positive and included comments such as "He didn't talk down to us, he was really on our level." "He made me think a lot." "I really enjoyed his presentation." "He was energetic!"

We are very grateful to the Lady Lumley's foundation, who provided the funding for this author visit and also for the Book Buzz books – two wonderful advantages made possible by their generous sponsorship.

As always, please email me if you have any questions about the library, including book recommendations, and I wish you happy





Navy Life Lesson with Year 12 Students

Year 12 students participated in a life lesson session run by the Navy, providing them with an engaging introduction to naval life and values. The session included a team-building activity designed to strengthen communication and collaboration skills.

Students were challenged to work together effectively, learning the importance of clear communication, trust, and teamwork—core principles in both the Navy and everyday life. The experience offered valuable insights into military culture while helping students build essential life

skills. It was a great sessions and all students enjoyed

this!

Donna Twamley - Post 16 Pastoral Leader









District 7-A-Side Football Champions

Last Wednesday Year 8 participated in a District 7-A-Side Inter School Tournament. Our first game was against Malton B team which came out as a strong win for LL, beating them 6-0. We then went on to play Malton A, which was a tough game being 2-0 down at half time. The team came together and managed to pull back a 3-2 win, a strong performance 2nd half from LLs. Our third game was against Norton, who put up a good fight but with confidence building in the team we won 1-0. With successful wins against Ryedale and Whitby 2-1 and 2-0. Having an unbeaten run LL came out as winners of the tournament!

Throughout the tournament the team bonded very well together and as captain I'm very proud

of everyone's performance.

Tobias M - Year 8



Scarborough Rugby Tournament. September 2025.

A great start to the competition, with a comfortable win against Malton with some great individual tries and an amazing result. Unfortunately, we lost Alfred due to injury. Despite some excellent running in our next game from Freddy and dynamic defence from both lestyn and Jacob, Whitby High School ran out winners three tries to one. Spirits were quickly lifted onto the third game against Scalby School, where we asserted our dominance with direct running from George and some nifty side stepping from Harvey which saw a great win. The fourth game against Saint Augustine's School, saw a similar performance and result. With some big hits and amazing tries we moved onto the final game with confidence, chasing the second place spot. This would be a great game against Norton College with them breaking away with two tries in the first half. However, all the action came in the second half, with Lady Lumley's earning two end to end tries, bringing the score to 2-2. After this, in the final minute the score was tied 5-5. Lumley's gained a scrum in their own half with the backs flowing through the gears finishing with an amazing try in order to gain the second-place spot!



Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation Night

On a stormy night last Friday Pickering Town Council celebrated the success of our DofE students with a glorious awards night. This event recognises the time and effort given by our DofE students volunteering within the community in the last year.

Councillor Nunn and Mr Mann presented the certificates and pins to each student and it was wonderful amazing to hear such positive feedback from the town councillors about our year 11 students and how supportive they are of one another and what a great asset for our community and the school they are.

Well Done!

Ms Daplyn—Year11 Behaviour Manger





World Mental Health Day

As part of discussions around World Mental Health Day, this week's assembly looked at the impact 'doomscrolling' and overwhelm can have on people. Further information can be found here: World Mental Health Day 2025 | Mental Health Foundation

Turn off 'push' notifications

Turning off instant alerts for social media or news apps can give you a break from aroietyprovoking information.



Set a time limit

Setting a time limit on your scrolling can help, as long as you stick to it. Find something that gives you a gentle signal that it's time to put the phone down.



Consider phone-free zones

You're allowed to have quality time that isn't interrupted by notifications every few minutes.



Use a watch or an alarm clock

If you often doomscroll in bed, it may be because your phone doubles as your alarm clock. Switching to using a watch or a physical alarm clock may help.



Manage your social media feeds

You could make changes to what appears on your feed by blocking or hiding certain profiles, allowing you to limit the negative content you are exposed to.



Balance the negative with a positive

Mindfulness, reading, spending time with others, and exercising are all great self-care activities that can benefit your wellbeing.





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Sign up for the Sixth Form Open Evening here





MUSICAL MONDAYS

What's on?

When? Monday Lunchtimes in MU2-



₩ Why Learning a Musical Instrument is Amazing (and in more ways than you might expect!)

Have you ever thought about picking up a guitar, flute, piano, or even something more unusual like the tuba? Learning a musical instrument is one of the most rewarding skills you can develop—and it's not just about making music. Playing an instrument helps your brain grow stronger. Recent studies show it improves memory, focus, and problem-solving skills which are all essential in both our careers and personal lives. It's



like a workout for your mind! Music also encourages creativity, letting you express yourself in ways words can't. But the benefits don't stop there. Making music builds confidence as you master new pieces, and it teaches patience and perseverance—skills that help in every subject at school and set you up for your future. Playing and instrument with others in a band or orchestra also creates teamwork opportunities and builds lasting friendships. And of course, it's fun! Nothing beats the feeling of



playing your favourite song or performing in front of an audience. So, if you've been curious, why not give it a go? The Music Department have a team of 8 instrumental and vocal teachers from the **North Yorkshire County Music Hub** who teach during school time here at Lady Lumley's. Instruments

currently offered are: violin, viola, cello and double bass; flute, clarinet and saxophone; guitar, electric guitar, ukulele and bass guitar; piano and keyboard; trumpet, cornet, trombone, tuba, French horn and tenor horn; drum kit. Pupils entitled to a free school meal are also entitled to have a free group instrumental lesson. To request a lesson or find out further information from the Music Hub, please visit their website directly at https://northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk/ or ring on 0300 131 2131.

Whether you dream of rock concerts, classical recitals, or just playing for yourself, learning an instrument is a journey worth starting.

Pupil Achievements in Music at Lady Lumley's

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of three of our pupils who have recently passed their **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Grade 1 and 2 exams** in music performance.



- Lydia Fletcher has passed with Merit on Piano, showing great dedication in her practice and wonderful progress in her playing skill.
- Edie Hodgson (year 9) and Rowan Brown (year 8) both passed on the **Tenor** Horn- an impressive accomplishment on a challenging brass instrument.

These results reflect not only their hard work, but also their enthusiasm for music and the support of their instrumental teacher and families.

Well done to all three of our young musicians—we are very proud of you! 4

By Emma Welburn-Kelly Head of Music

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Richard Lucas Cross Country

On a brisk autumn afternoon, our students took on the challenge of the Richard Lucas Cross Country event, hosted at Scalby School. The course was mostly flat and fast, but runners were put to the test with the infamous "hill" section – a real test of stamina and determination. Our teams showed grit and commitment throughout the competition, representing the school with pride:

KS3 Boys – 4th overall

KS3 Girls – 5th overall

KS4 Boys – 5th overall

KS4 Girls – 5th overall

Every runner gave their all, showing fantastic team spirit and resilience against tough competition. A huge well done to all who competed – you did the school proud! The next event

is due to take place at Malton School, get your running shoes ready!

PE Department



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Mrs Jackson — Designated Safeguarding Lead



Duke of Edinburgh Award Key Dates

DofE is well underway at school. The Year 11s Bronze students have passed and attended a wonderful award ceremony last week. Year 10 Bronze students met with Mr Mann and began their DofE Bronze journey. Finally, next week Year 11 Silver and Year 12 Gold students will meet with Mr Mann to get started!

Here are the key DofE dates and deadlines that all participants must meet. These deadlines are essential—not only for organising and staffing the expeditions effectively, but also to ensure that students are fully committed to the award and motivated to succeed. Meeting these milestones helps us plan safe, well-supported expeditions and confirms that students are actively engaging with their DofE journey.



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Year 10 Bronze					
Expedition	You must meet this deadline to attend				
26th - 28th January 2026	Upload 1 assessor's report to EdofE by 1st				
	December 2025				
Intensive skills practice expedition - Peat					
Rigg					
23rd – 24 th April 2026	Upload all 3 assessor reports to EdofE by 1st				
	April 2026				
Year 11 Silver					
13 - 15 March 2026	Fully set up your EdofE account				
	Find and liaise with your assessor for each				
Silver practice expedition - North York	section				
Moors					
13 – 15 July 2026	Upload all 3 assessor reports to EdofE by 1st				
	May 2026				
Silver qualifying expedition – venue tbc					
Year 12 and 13 Gold					
13 – 15 March 2026	Fully set up your EdofE account				
	Find and liaise with your assessor for each				
Gold practice expedition - North York	section				
Moors					
13 – 16 July 2026	Upload at least 1 assessor reports to EdofE				
	and secure a residential by 1 st May 2026				
Gold qualifying expedition – venue tbc					

Enrichment Opportunities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Musical Monday Music 2 EWE Lunchtimes A & B	Chess Club Maths EST Lunchtime A	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Library Tutor Time	Crochet Club Learning Support EHO & PLA 3-4pm	Debating Aspire Years 10/9 His3 DFA and Team Lunchtime C
Drama Club Drama Studio SGO Lunchtimes A & B	Year 10 & 11 Volunteering Library EDA 3-4pm	LGBT+ Club LA5 MHE and Team Lunchtime A	Games Club Hist 2 CHU & Team 3-4pm	
		Japanese Club LA4 RWI 3-4pm	DofE Bronze/Silver DMA and Team As advertised 3-4pm	
		Football & Netball PE Team PE 3-4pm	Outdoor Education club DMA and Team As advertised 3-4pm	
		Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award enrichment. DMA and Team Period 5	Sports Leaders CTW PE 3-4pm	
All welcome – check which Year Groups		Home Learning Learning Support LS Team	Year 11 Aspire Group SO1 ACA & DFA Lunch A	
Invite only		<u>Sparx</u> Science IT1 CWI & Team Science Lunch A & B		



Year 11 Study Plus (New 4 O'clock Bus)							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
English	STAFF CPD	Science	Mathematics	History			
Art		German	French	Drama (see schedule)			
Drama (see schedule)		Geography	Drama (see schedule)				
PE		Product Design	Food Tech				
		Drama (see schedule)	Computer Science/ BTEC IT				

Equipment Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the essential equipment students are expected to bring to school each day. Ensuring students are fully equipped helps to support their learning and allows lessons to run smoothly.

Please note, scissors and pencil sharpeners are not permitted in students' personal equipment. These items will be provided by the class teacher when required during lessons.

Mrs Clare—Pastoral Intervention Officer and DDSL

School Uniform

A reminder about the uniform policy regarding skirt length.

Please ensure your child's skirt is knee-length or just above the knee, and not rolled up. This is to maintain a professional and appropriate school appearance. We welcome your support in speaking to your child about skirt length or providing a skirt that meets school expectations. This will prevent your child being challenged or consequence. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on the School Website.



School Shoes

All students should wear formal, plain black school shoes. Students should not wear shoes that have coloured or reflective strips or logos, backless sandals, branded trainers or 'leisure' shoes. We have put together the following guidance sheet, to provide further clarification to assist you when purchasing footwear.

The following photographs illustrate examples of acceptable footwear:



The following styles of footwear do not meet the school's uniform policy:

Velcro Fastened Styles

School Trousers

All students should wear approved branded trousers. Students should not wear ultra-skinny or "spray-on" trousers. No leggings or jeans are allowed. The following photographs illustrate examples of acceptable school trousers:



The following trousers do not meet the school's uniform policy. These are not and will not be approved for branding:





Please note that all shirts should be tucked in at all times, with the top button fastened. Ties should reach to the navel.







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Dates for the Diary HALF TERM 1 2025-26

Sunday 12th October—Year 11 Inspector Calls Rehearsal 10am-3pm
W/C Monday 13th October—Year 11 PPE Week
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Thursday 16th October—Year 11 Inspector Calls Rehearsal 3pm-4.45pm
Wednesday 22nd October—Year 11 Inspector Calls Rehearsal 3pm-4.45pm
Wednesday 22nd October—Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 23rd October—Year 11 Drama Evening Performance

Friday 24th October—School Closes for Half Term Monday 3rd November—Students return to School

Wednesday 5th November—Year 11 Sixth Form Experience Day W/C Monday 10th November—Year 12 PPE Week Wednesday 12th November—Year 9 Theatre Experience Day Wednesday 19th November—Year 9 Invisible Man Performance

Staff Training Days

Monday 1st December 2025 Friday 30th January 2026 Friday 26th June 2026 Monday 20th July 2026

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28 August 11:00 - 12:00 Transition into year 7

<u>25 September 16:00 – 17:00 Friendship</u>

23 October 16:00 - 17:00 Resilience

20 November 16:00 - 17:00 Anxiety

11 December 16:00 - 17:00 Winter wellbeing and low mood

All webinars can be accessed through Microsoft teams and are free to join. We welcome young people, parents and carers, teachers and other professionals to join.

Joining information will be posted on our social media channels closer to the time.



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If you have any questions please contact tewv.wimtwsa@nhs.net