

LRGS and Alumni News

October 2020

A warm welcome from LRGS at the end of what has been an unusual but productive half term.

The start to this new school year has been challenging at times but the positive energy and enthusiasm from everyone to embrace solutions for each situation that has arisen has been wonderful and I wholeheartedly thank all pupils and staff.

Please click [here](#) to view the latest letter to parents.

As always, we love to hear from our LRGS community so get in touch with [your news](#), be sure to update us of any [change of details](#) or feel free to visit us if you are in the area!

With best wishes,

Dr CJ Pyle

Headmaster

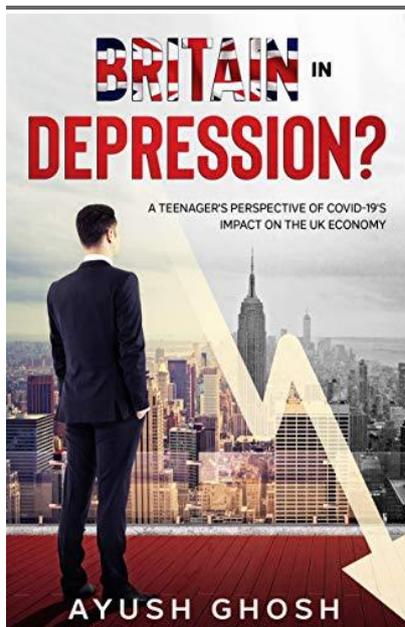


LRGS news

Year 7 Stamp Club

We are very pleased that the number of clubs and societies is growing each week, with a variety of opportunities for all pupils – from sport, music and culture to the CCF. Please meet the members of the newly formed Stamp Club who are enjoying their meetings. Andy Talks is very grateful to the Friends of LRGS who initially gave funds to get the club started.

If you are or have been a stamp collector and have stamps that you no longer require we would be very grateful if you could donate them to the Stamp Club. Please send any stamp donations to school c/o Mr A Talks.



Sixth Form Achievements

Congratulations to Alex Armer (L6AJD) and Jacob Terence (L6TCM) who have been awarded prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarships.

Congratulations also to Ayush Ghosh (U6RTM) who has published his first book: "Britain in depression? A teenager's perspective of COVID-19's impact on the UK economy." It is available for sale [here](#).

Donate while you shop

With thoughts of Christmas not far away please remember that you can donate to the school through on-line purchases, without any extra cost to you at all. We would be very grateful if you would donate to the school when you shop at Amazon through [Smile Amazon](#).

Alumni news



Tony Kelly

We are saddened to report that Tony Kelly, former Chemistry teacher passed away recently. Tony joined LRGS in 1978 for what was his first teaching appointment, becoming Head of Department in 1992 and eventually retiring in 1996. During his tenure, Tony also enjoyed his role as assistant house master in School House.

Tony's funeral was held on 20th October at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.

Richard Furlong Brown

It is with great sadness that we report the death of former Maths teacher Richard Furlong Brown who passed away suddenly on Sunday 11th October 2020. Richard joined LRGS in 1980 and during his tenure at school he also held the position of Governor, President of the OL Club, and boarding master.

Richard's funeral took place on Thursday 22nd October at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium, with donations to [Cancer Care](#) in lieu of flowers, at the request of Richard's wife.

Thank you to all those who have shared their memories of Richard and / or sent messages of condolence, they have all been passed on to Richard's wife, Rose.



Alumni Achievements

Matthew Hood OBE

Congratulations to OL Matt Hood (97-04) who has been awarded an OBE for services to education. Matt is the founder and principal of the Oak National Academy, an online classroom and resource library which was created in response to the pandemic and closure of schools for most children earlier this year.

Oak National Academy continues to support primary, secondary and specialist school learning during this continued time of uncertainty with over 10,000 video resources available for download at any time.



THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG
Wall Exhibition

Track of Time - Moments of Transition, Beijing 1986 exhibition

OL Patrick Dransfield (75-80) is currently hosting his first solo exhibition at The Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong. For those of us who are unable to visit the exhibition in person, Patrick has very kindly put together this [video](#). Patrick has also written an article for the [Financial Times](#) which includes some background information and the inspiration for the collection. 10% of proceeds will go to Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute and the exhibition runs until the end of the month.

Track of Time - Moments of Transition, Beijing 1986 by Patrick Dransfield

Venue: Main Bar

Exhibition dates: October 1 – 31, 2020

Non-members are welcome from 10am-12 noon & 3pm-5:30pm daily

Please join first to register at the Concourse before visiting

The exhibition is located at the Main Bar

No entry to anyone aged under 18 years or inappropriately dressed (eg. no singlets)

Address: North Block, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong
Tel: 2521 5111

University Challenge

We were delighted to watch OL Owain Burrell (10-17) representing Warwick University on University Challenge on 28th September, it was a nail biting battle against Wolfson College, Oxford culminating in a victory for Warwick with a score of 255 to 105. We look forward to seeing Owain and team again in Round 2!



Sports report success

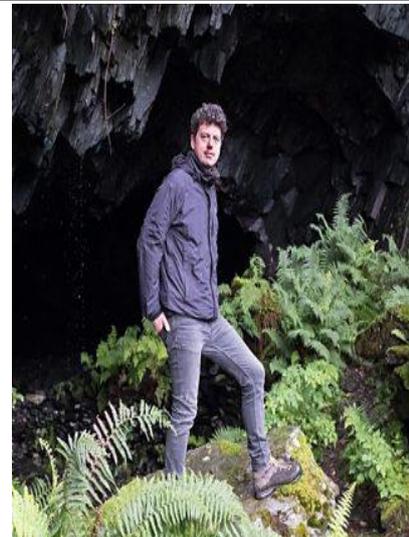
Congratulations to OL Tom Pyle (12-19) whose recent article about Pogačar's success in this year's Tour de France was featured in the Durham's independent student newspaper, Palatinat.

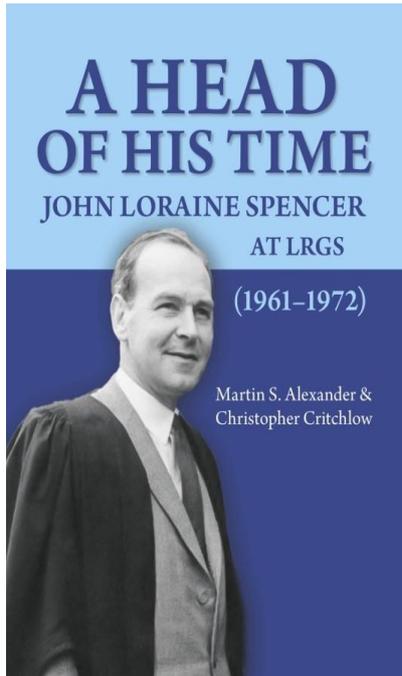
The article begins " It's a late September evening, and the wooded slopes of 'La Planche des Belles Filles' are tinted with orange light. Nestled amongst the pine trees, along a strip of black tarmac, two riders are locked in a battle that will go down in the annals of cycling's greatest race. One, clad in white, is producing the performance of an age, whilst another, head to toe in yellow, is seeing his dream go up in flames with every pedal stroke...." Click [here](#) to read the article in full.

Cave life for beginners

OLs Ben Cottam (95-02) and Giles Story (95-02) recently spent a few days living in a cave above Borrowdale, following in the footsteps of mysterious Victorian explorer Millican Dalton. Could a cave be a home? This is the question that Ben, Giles and numerous guests including actor, performer and writer Peter McQueen, author Will Hunt, archaeologist Rebecca Wragg Sykes and former drummer and author Paul Hanley explore.

Click [here](#) to read the full story and listen to the documentary





A Head Of His Time

OLs Martin Alexander (68-73) and Christopher Critchlow (62-69) have written a book about John Spencer TD MA, Headmaster of LRGs from 1961-72, it primarily covers his war service, from his landing on Gold Beach in Normandy on D Day 6th June 1944 to the end of the war in May 1945 and includes his time as Headmaster of the school.

The book would be a great Christmas or birthday present to not only alumni who attended the school during the 60s and early 70s, but also to those who enjoy reading about the history of LRGs. It is an evocative record of life at the school during those years of change.

The book is available in both hardback and paperback priced at £25 (+p&p) and £15(+p&p) respectively. Please e mail the [Development Team](#) if you would like to purchase a copy.

And finally.....

Letter to the Lancaster Guardian

OL Peter Hardisty (48-53) currently lives in Queensland Australia and is planning a trip back to Lancaster (when restrictions allow) for what will possibly be the last time. Peter lives in a remote area and does not have access to the internet and / or social media and has written to the Lancaster Guardian with a plea for anyone who remembers him and still lives locally to the school to get in touch with him prior to his visit. If you remember Peter and / or would like to get in touch with him, please write to him at the following address:

Mr Peter Hardisty

3269 Isis Highway

Childers 4660

Queensland

Australia.



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We thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

