



Dear Parents,

Friday 13th November 2020

This is the longest term – this is when the work gets done! Every day counts at the moment: best wishes to all students, especially those who are currently self-isolating. Best wishes to **Year 11 students** as they prepare for Prelims next week. These exams are a crucial springboard towards Mocks and beyond. Well done to **Upper Sixth students** who have taken BMAT, Thinking Skills Assessments and other university entrance tests; and to **Upper Sixth Drama students** who performed (in distanced format) their excellent devised A-level piece yesterday evening.

Five steps to Well-being

Through all this, pupil well-being remains our highest priority. The NHS “Five Steps” advice is excellent. They say: **Connect** with other people, **Be active**, **Keep learning**, **Give** to others, and **Take notice** of the current moment. There are always people to help in school when your son or daughter needs support or encouragement! “Who to turn to” posters are displayed around the school – have a look on the [school website](#) here.

Aspire: Post-18 Options

Please see the 2020-21 Aspire guide which is [available online here](#). Aspire aims to provide inspiration and information to help Sixth Formers understand their post-18 options. It is a good overview of universities, gap years, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and careers – from interview advice to well-being and student finance.

Remembrance

Jack Mockett was the first former LRGS pupil to be killed in the Second World War. He was a submarine engineer on HMS Oxley, sent to patrol the Norwegian coast when war broke out. Jack and 52 other men tragically died when HMS Oxley was torpedoed in error by another British vessel. His brothers, pictured here, also studied at LRGS. The family still have links to the school, and I am indebted to them for the photograph.

110 of our former pupils died in the Second World War. Current pupils remembered them this week, with all the casualties of war.



Provisional study leave dates

Examination boards have now published their draft dates for the summer. We are planning these dates for study leave: Upper Sixth - Friday 21st May; Year 11: Tuesday 25th May.

National Geographic Competition

Many congratulations to Josh Grigg (L6CRB) whose stunning photograph is published in the current issue of National Geographic. It is used to promote a new project for young photographers focused on teenagers’ wellbeing. Winning entries will be chosen for a national exhibition scheduled for 2021. The article and competition details are at [this link](#).

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With best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle



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Sixth Form Open Evening filming



Memorial Library