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Foreword

I often say that our aim at LRGS is to combine *the best of the old and the new* – and I love those occasional moments when you come face-to-face with our school's long history.

One such moment this year came from an archaeological dig in the shadow of Lancaster Castle. Lancaster and District Heritage Group uncovered the foundations of the old schoolhouse, where the grammar school stood from the Middle Ages until Victorian times. They even found marbles which our very own pupils must have dropped as they played!

In his brilliant history of the school, Athol Murray writes about the sad end of that building:

“

Throughout the winter of 1852-53 the old Schoolhouse by the churchyard stood shuttered and deserted. Then in May, 1853, it was sold to Miss Dilworth for £140 and she immediately ordered its destruction.

With it disappeared the last traces of Beethom's Headmastership.

The playground where his pupils had assembled to say their lessons in the summer time in the shade of the churchyard wall no longer heard the sound of their youthful voices. The benches where his pupils, like their fathers before them, had furtively carved their names were broken up. The workmen's picks tore down the old familiar walls...

”



The end of one era is the start of another, though. Selling that cramped old school house allowed Headmaster Rev. Thomas Faulkner Lee to move to much more spacious accommodation on our current site. The school flourishes today because of that far-sighted decision.

(A quiz for pupils: When the old schoolhouse was demolished, an old datestone was moved to one of our present school buildings. Where can you see that stone carved with the date 1682 today?)

Plus ça change: today of course it is the Victorian Old School House which is mid-renovation and patiently waiting for the next phase of our £2.5 million Priority Schools Building project. It is at

a fascinating stage where *the best of the old and the new* are both well and truly on display.

We opened Old School House to the public in September's national Heritage Open Day. Over 200 members of the public came through the doors. Prefects took them round; staff brought their children; local residents who had never crossed the grammar school's threshold popped in. Feedback was superb. People loved their glimpse behind the scenes.

A surprising number of former pupils dropped in. One who sticks in my mind had driven from Yorkshire. He hadn't been back for 50 years – and he came to present us with his old school rowing blazer. It was a small gesture, but it said a lot.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition of the Lancastrian. I hope you enjoy this flavour of our current pupils' achievements!

Dr Chris Pyle, Headmaster

NEWS



SCOTT DURANT AWARDED MBE IN NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Congratulations to former pupil Scott Durant, on being appointed a Member of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours 2017 for services to rowing.



BOARDING JUDGED 'OUTSTANDING' IN ALL AREAS

(OFSTED 2017)

We are delighted that yet again Ofsted has awarded us as 'Outstanding' in all aspects of our boarding provision. We were very pleased that the Inspectors commented that;

'Pupils live in a multi-national and inclusive boarding community; pupils develop tolerance, understanding and respect. Pupils unanimously speak positively about their enjoyment of their boarding experience. They develop meaningful friendships, enjoy the varied activities and feel safe and secure.'

Ofsted praised the embedded culture of mutual respect operating in the school with behaviour seen to be exemplary.

The boarding team was recognised for driving the culture of educational progress, respect and valuing diversity. We are very proud of this recognition and we are very keen to build on it and to continuously improve boarding at LRGS.

*Ian Whitehouse,
Head of Boarding*



School House boys colour dash along Morecambe Promenade for St John's Hospice



SCHOOL'S OUT FOREVER FOR ASHTON & SCHOOL HOUSE UPPER SIXTH

We've now said 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our Upper Sixth boarders. Without exception they have all enjoyed their time with us and here are some of their comments on their time in boarding:



'I feel I've improved socially and made some lifelong friends'

'It has allowed me to reach my academic capability'
'Boarding has massively helped my work ethic'

'It's given me life skills that are hard to teach'
'Boarding at LRGS has been the highlight of my time here'

'It's never boring living with people your own age as you never run out of things to do'

'It's prepared me for life by building my confidence and independence'

LOOKING BACK ON THEIR FIRST YEAR

*Year 7 boarders
share their
thoughts...*

We've heard from our Sixth Form leavers about their experience of boarding at LRGS so we thought we'd ask our Year 7 boys what they think about their first year in boarding so here are a few of their comments:

'The people in boarding are friends you will have forever'

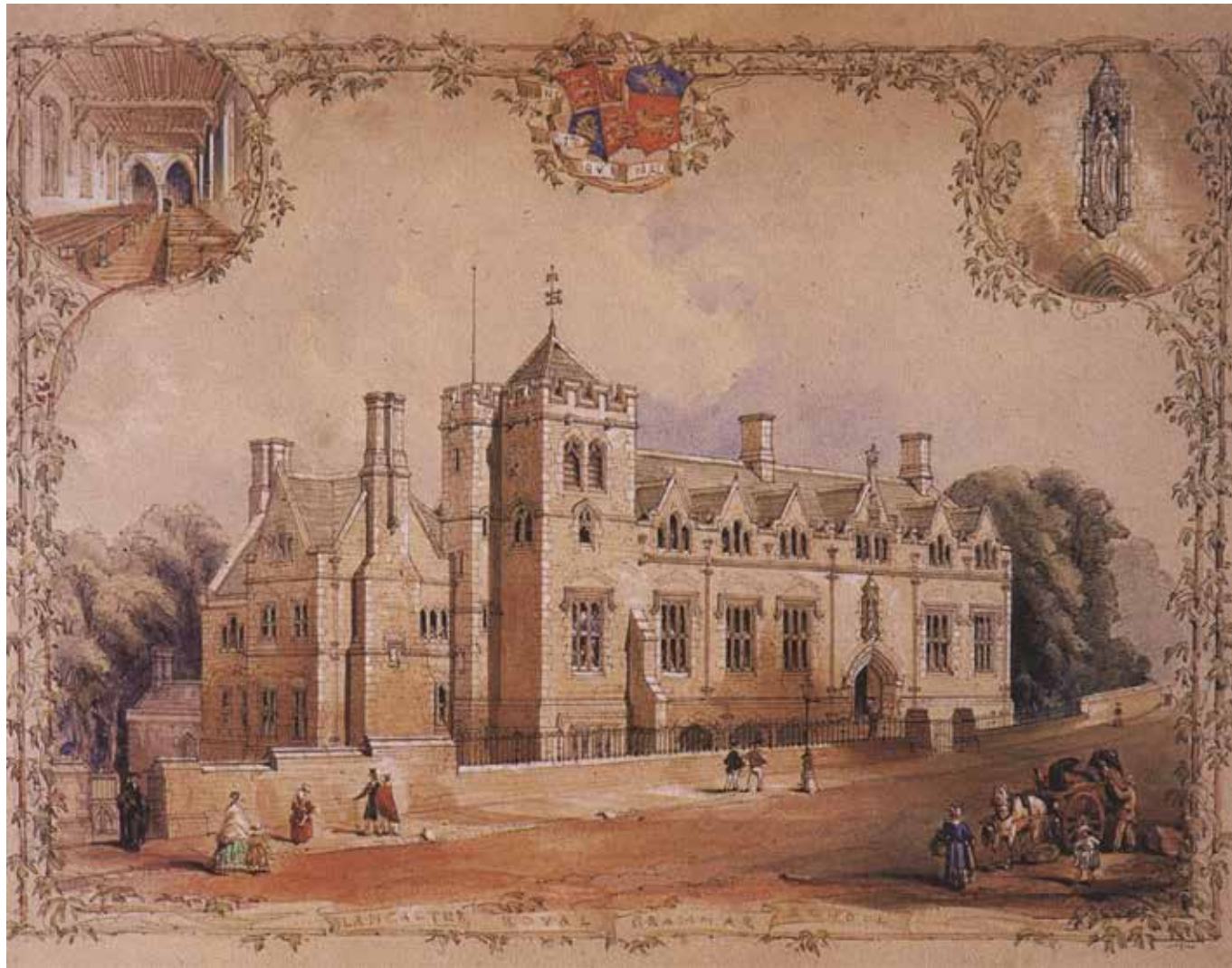
'The best part of boarding are the weekends as we always have fun activities'

'I have had some incredible banter and fun but when we played rugby with Ashton and School House it was exhilarating'

'I think that the banter in the house is really funny'

'I think the best thing is being able to do something all the time as you're living with friends'

THE CHANGING FACE OF LANCASTER



A GLIMPSE INTO THE LRGS ARCHIVES

LRGS received £19,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) this year for an exciting project entitled “The Changing Face of Lancaster”.

Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on three key 19th century alumni of LRGS who helped to shape the city of Lancaster.

The project will enable local children and adults to discover how three influential Victorian philanthropists invested in the infrastructure of the town providing buildings and schemes for the local community. The Gregson Centre was founded in memory of Henry Gregson; James Williamson, Lord Ashton, created

Williamson Park and Herbert Storey funded the Storey Institute and assisted with the development of the Westfield War Memorial Village.

The histories of the school and the city are interlinked. The archive collection at LRGS contains primary source documents of each of the three men. Working with the Gregson Centre, Storey Institute and Lancaster Golf Club, the project will involve local groups in discovering more about how these three men helped to shape Lancaster. Displays illustrating their work will be created and talks given about the three men to local residents. Volunteers will work with the project archivist developing their skills in handling

and cataloguing archives. Not only will this project enable greater access to the archive for the school’s pupils and former pupils, it will also help to create a resource centre that is available to local residents who wish to learn more about the history of the city.

Commenting on the award, Headmaster, Dr Chris Pyle said:

“We are thrilled to have received support thanks to National Lottery players and we are confident the project will provide a greater understanding about our heritage and the part that these three notable men played in the lives of Lancastrians – both past and present.”

SCHOLARS AND STORIES FOR HERITAGE OPEN DAY

LRGS opened the doors to the school’s most historic building, Old School House, as part of the national Heritage Open Days festival in September.

This was the first time that the school has participated in the festival and opened the Grade II listed building, which dates back to 1851, to the public. Over 200 people explored our hidden corridors and former dormitories as part of a guided tour. We also hosted an exhibition featuring some of our famous past pupils or “Old Lancastrians”, including; Sir Richard Owen, Lord Ashton, Sir Edward Frankland, William Whewell, Henry Gregson and Herbert Storey amongst others.

Two volunteer school historians, Clive Holden and John Fidler gave in-depth talks on the school’s history and shared memories of their personal experiences of LRGS in times gone by.

Several Sixth Form boys kindly gave up their time to take groups on tours of the building. Special thanks to Justin Ezeala, Lewis MacPherson and Will Hornby Phillips.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of new faces and many Old Lancastrians who visited for the first time since they left decades before; there

was much reminiscing about their own school days. We heard interesting stories about punishments that were doled out in the Headmaster’s Study...Some school traditions we are happy to say are well left in the past!

We received some wonderful comments in our Visitor Book:

“Have loved coming back to reminisce, my daughter enjoyed it too.”



YOUNGEST COMPETITORS TRIUMPH AT QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pupils fought off top competition from around the North West to win the regional Junior Schools Challenge Plate Trophy.

Congratulations to Tom Duke, Will Thornton, Raphael Fox and Tom Anderton, for winning the Plate Trophy in the Junior Schools championship at Bury Grammar School.

They were the youngest competitors to take part with two boys from Year 7 and two from Year 8. The quiz is similar in format to the well-known University Challenge.

English teacher and quiz team coach Mr Rafferty said: “The boys performed superbly throughout the competition after suffering early defeats to Manchester Grammar School and Birkenhead they bounced back admirably beating Bury Grammar School, Cheadle Hulme and Bolton Boys’ School in the process. This was a great achievement considering they were the youngest team in the competition.”

TOP MARKS IN 2016 A-LEVEL EXAMS

Two pupils achieved the highest marks for their Cambridge Pre-U qualifications nationally.

The awards were issued from Cambridge International Examinations to acknowledge their outstanding performance, achieving the highest marks in their subjects in the June 2016 examination series.



William Jacques excelled in Business Management and Rowan Stennett excelled in English Literature and they were among only 21 students in the country to receive this accolade.

Since leaving Lancaster Royal Grammar School William Jacques is studying Marketing at the University of York and Rowan Stennett is studying Law at the University of Cambridge.



MASTERCHEF 2017

Year 9 took part in a Masterchef competition on Thursday 6 July in front of an audience of parents and a judging panel that included representatives from Booths supermarket and a Michelin starred TV chef; Lisa Goodwin-Allen.

Lisa Goodwin-Allen, Executive Chef from Northcote Manor and 2010 winner of the BBC’s Great British Menu, said:

“Congratulations, what you have produced today was amazing, better than what I could have at your age.”



Scientists make the 'Top of the Bench' Final
Full story on page 40.



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN STEM

National recognition for achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

LRGS is one of the top STEM schools in the country, according to new rankings produced by Government backed education campaign Your Life.

Your Life which aims to boost uptake of A-level Maths and Physics has worked with data science company Starcount to analyse School Performance Table Data from the Department for Education on England's 2500 secondary schools. In doing so it has provided the first in-depth analysis of schools' performance in terms of both STEM subject and grade performance.

LRGS has been ranked 37th out of the top 100 schools in England for Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics.

Welcoming the news, Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said:

"STEM subjects are hugely popular at LRGS, and it is excellent to see our students' success in Physics and Mathematics recognised in these rankings. I hope that many of our students will continue to be inspired to go on to careers in engineering and science."

REGIONAL BEST FOR MATHS

LRGS pupils were the highest scoring team in the region at the National Final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge in 2017. As a result of their success they were awarded the 'Best in Region' certificate. Congratulations to the team: Matthew Harper, Ben Fearnhead, Ben Richards and Aaran Wang.

There were some exceptional performances in the national UKMT Individual Maths Challenge especially from William Thornton in Year 8 who won the 'Best in School' award and to Hassan Tahir in Year 7 who won 'Best in Year 7'.

Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge. Gold awards are awarded to those who are in the top 6%, Silver are awarded to those in the next 13% and Bronze for those in the next 21%. **LRGS pupils achieved 45 Golds, 39 Silvers and 47 Bronze awards in total.**

OLYMPIAD FINALISTS IN MATHS

Bright mathematicians made it through to the national final of the British Maths Olympiad in London. Well done to Cameron Peters, Rio de Vries, Timothy Ye and Matthew Chan for representing LRGS in such a tough competition.

RESULTS DAY

Hard work pays off in great results

A-LEVEL RESULTS

Students collecting their results this year had a lot to celebrate. They achieved A*, A or B grades in over 70% of all exams which they sat and 18% of all exams received the top A* grade.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said, "Well done to every single one of our Sixth Formers on an excellent set of results. These results are the product of high expectations, outstanding teaching and a great deal of hard work. It is particularly impressive that LRGS students achieve such outstanding academic results alongside their enthusiasm for sport, music, drama, outdoor pursuits, charity volunteering and much more besides."

The highest achieving student, Zachary Harper achieved 5 A*'s and is looking forward to starting his Chemical Engineering Degree at Cambridge. He said: "I can't quite explain how great a feeling of achievement my results have given me. I chose to study what I am passionate about and that is exactly what I aim to do at Cambridge; to not just improve as much as I can but to enjoy doing so at the same time."

Former Head Boy Joseph Pritchard was also celebrating an incredible achievement and said: "I'm very pleased with my results, it's great to see all my hard work pay off. I'm hoping this will set me on the path to doing well at Cambridge and hopefully a great career

beyond. I'm the first in my family to go to university and Cambridge at that so I'm very pleased."

GCSE RESULTS

Students achieved excellent results and more than two-thirds of all results (68%) were graded A or A*, or the new equivalents, and almost 40% of all results (39.7%) were graded A*, 8 or 9.

Ten students achieved A*, 8 or 9 grades in ten or more GCSE subjects: well done to Callum Bell, Chris White, Matthew Jackson, Lachlan Rurlander, Martin Kwok, Daniel Gibson, Paul Gellerson, Jaidan Reeder, Lewis Gillin and Joshua Fowler.

More than 100 of the 152 day and boarding students achieved A or A* grades in at least half of their subjects.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said: "Congratulations to our Year 11 students on these fantastic results which they have worked so hard for. We know that GCSEs are getting harder, and I am delighted to see how they have risen to the challenge! I am very grateful to all our staff as well."



OFF TO OXBRIDGE

Cambridge University

Eleven Sixth Form students received offers from Oxford and Cambridge University in 2017. Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said:

"It is excellent to see our students' ambition and hard work. Applying to Oxford and Cambridge is one of the most competitive academic challenges for any Sixth Former. Well done to all of our Sixth Formers who have gained offers from a wide range of top universities, medical schools and high quality apprenticeships."

Zach Harper, Chemical Engineering, Peterhouse

Fayo Olawore, Engineering, Sidney Sussex

Jimmy Yu, Natural Sciences, Churchill

Jamie Sykes MacLeod, Natural Sciences, Fitzwilliam

Joseph Pritchard, Linguistics, Peterhouse

Prakash Thanikachalam, Medicine, Trinity Hall

Harry Rowlands, Geography, Jesus

Tom Atherton, Veterinary Medicine, Clare

Riordan de Vries, Maths, Open

Oxford University

Michael Padfield, French and Beginners Italian, Keble



In addition, Adhvik Shetty, who was a 2016 leaver, has an offer to study Human, Social and Political Sciences at Clare, Cambridge.

REGULARS

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Our development programme is helping us to enrich the lives and the educational experience of our current pupils as well as future generations.



SOMETHING OLD SOMETHING NEW

New Science Lab Extension and Renovation of Old School House

We have been successful in gaining funding approval through the government's Priority Schools Building Programme. This will fund a much needed extension to our science facilities, providing two new laboratories, and will renovate more of the Old School House accommodation providing modernised teaching space and Sixth Form facilities. We are hoping that work will start over the next few months when we will be launching a fundraising campaign to help furnish and equip the classrooms.

Work has completed in the New Building culminating with a £400,000 programme of boiler and radiator replacement over the summer 2017 replacing an antiquated, inefficient heating system. This marked the end of a huge phase of work in that building which included window replacement, assembly hall refurbishment (thanks to former pupils, the Friends and parents of LRGS), damp work and decoration.



ARCHIVE PROJECT GAINS SUPPORT FROM HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

The school Development Office was delighted that our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to help restore and develop the LRGS archive was approved. You can read more about the project on page 8 in the article *The Changing Face of Lancaster*.

The application was based on a project with local community organisations and centres

on three Old Lancastrians who made a considerable impact on Lancaster – Lord Ashton, Henry Gregson and Herbert Storey. The funding has enabled us to employ a project manager and qualified archivist to set up workshops and talks about the three men and to start work on restoring and developing the LRGS archive.

LUNE SCHOLARSHIP & THE OPPORTUNITIES FUND

We are delighted that more families are taking advantage of the Lune Scholarship and the Opportunities Fund which provides practical support to families in helping offset costs for items such as school uniform, sports kit, bus and rail travel to school, as well as funding once in a lifetime experiences for boys who go on school trips and visits.

More details of the schemes are on the parents' page of the school website. Both programmes are funded by donations from former pupils and friends of the school. Since inception in 2004, the Lune Scholarship has helped 300 families and since last year when the Opportunities Fund was launched, 30 boys have been able to go on school trips – something they would not have done without financial help.

ANNUAL FUND

Your donations help us to go the extra mile.

We are extremely grateful to the parents who are supporting the school's Annual Fund. LRGS offers pupils many opportunities to take part in a wonderful range of extended curricular activities, clubs and societies. Boys are also encouraged to compete in a vast range of events, both sporting and non-sporting, at local, regional and national level.

Government funding provides just enough to pay for the day-

to-day activities of the school and is woefully short of what we need to continue to provide the world class education that our pupils currently enjoy.

With state funding being squeezed year on year, the school can no longer subsidise the extra activities and facilities that make LRGS so special. Whether it is a local sporting tournament, a regional competition or a national quiz, we wish to keep offering these exciting and challenging opportunities to our pupils. We ask our parents to help us continue to provide the rich and diverse experiences that are a hallmark of an LRGS education. This will help fund the broad range of activities (sporting and non-sporting), clubs, societies, associations and programmes that we currently offer outside the classroom.

OUR THANKS TO YOU

As a state school, government funding provides LRGS with the resources for day-to-day activities. It does not go very far towards helping us to cover the costs of major renovation or significant building projects nor of supporting the host of extra-curricular activities that our pupils enjoy. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our LRGS supporters who have helped us over the past year to make a difference, including our generous alumni who enable us to run the popular and valuable InspirUS, Lune Scholarship and Opportunities programmes and our parents who support the Annual Fund.



A TRIBUTE TO SHAUN HIGGINS

The response to the Memorial Fund for former pupil and former teacher, Shaun Higgins, has been heart-warming with not only generous donations, but many kind and sincere words describing fond memories of Mr Higgins from pupils, past pupils and parents as well as staff and colleagues. Thank you so much to everyone who donated. Your generosity raised an amazing £25,000 towards a lasting memorial to an exceptional and inspirational teacher and coach.

With the money raised, we have been able to create a new 30 metre cricket match pitch along with sight screen and score board. This will be used for the younger boys to develop their cricketing skills. We have bought three solid hardwood benches – each one beautifully engraved – and positioned on the perimeter of the Douthwaite Field, just where Shaun used to sit. A new cricket 1st XI honours board is on order to match the current ash one (donated

by Brian Lord) in the cricket pavilion and a rugby score board is on its way.

In addition, an unusual and unique memorial has been acquired for the school and pupils to remember and share Shaun's passion for the Classics. In a recent assembly, Tony Burns, Maths teacher and former pupil of Shaun's, told the boys of Shaun's love of academia and his belief that everyone can do well if they are set tough challenges and work hard. Shaun was a huge fan of Latin and Greek and of Seamus Heaney. So, when an illustrated limited edition version of Seamus Heaney's translation of Aeneid Book VI was published in the same year that Shaun died, it seemed just right to buy a copy in his memory. We're keeping the book safe in school where it can be viewed by all and used by the older boys during their A-level studies.

Finally, the Old Lancastrian Club and Governors approved the installation of Shaun Higgin's name on the school's Honours Boards in the library to acknowledge his dedication and long service to the school.



STOP PRESS!

We are delighted that this year your donations have helped us to buy an additional minibus allowing us to considerably reduce our travel costs.

More details on the parents' page of school website.

DIARY



After another busy year three teachers retired. **Mr Richard Hitchings** joined us in 1988 and played a huge part in the life of the school both in and out of the classroom.

To pick out a few, he led the Classics department to an outstanding level, he ran various school quiz teams often taking them to national success, organised Speech Day and edited the Lancastrian magazine. I hope Richard and Helen have a wonderful retirement.



Dr Nicholas Thorn joined in 1997 also contributed hugely to the school, becoming CCF Contingent Commander as well as Head of English, and also Lancastrian editor.

Mrs Nici Marriott joined us in 2013 – her stunning productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Kiss Me Kate* set the highest of standards for Drama at LRGS. Nici will continue to teach LAMDA lessons on a part time basis. You can read much more about the retiring staff on the following pages.



Tricia Mitchell recently stepped down from the learning support department after working at the school for many years. She was the first learning support assistant at the school and had a very interesting and challenging role which she carried out so calmly and professionally. She developed the role hugely over her time here and I would like to thank her for all she did for the boys in the school.



Mr Matthew Holden made a huge impression in the learning support department in a short time and we wish him well as he becomes Pastor in Training at Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh.

The new school year will see an expanded Year 7 to six forms so we will welcome about 200 new day and boarding pupils in September. We are also delighted to welcome new staff: **Mrs Rachael Gibson** (English), **Mrs Sarah Owens** (Head of Drama & Theatre Studies), **Mr Gareth Hamilton** (Head of Computing) and **Mr Jack Sadler** (Sports & Boarding) to the school.

Finally, congratulations go to; **David and Beth Yates** on the birth of Hannah Olivia, **Alistair and Becky Hall** on the birth of Robyn Munro, **Jonny Viney and Sally Thorley** on the birth of Maya Isabella and **Stuart and Vickie Clark** on the birth of Thomas George.

Ian Whitehouse



FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO THE HEAD OF CLASSICS

Longstanding influence during three decades at LRGS

Richard Hitchings joined LRGS in 1988 and his career both before and after that date is testament to his many qualities and his ability within the teaching profession and beyond.

Richard came from working class stock: his father was a bus driver who died when Richard was only 11 years old and his mother was a clippie, a bus conductress, who went on to work in a laundry shop. He won a scholarship to Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in Bristol and attended from 1963 to 1970 and thereafter, armed with a full quiver of O-levels, A-levels and S-levels, he went to the University of Southampton where he read Classics from 1970 to 1973; an MA followed, also at Southampton, also in Classics. He went on to the University of Exeter where he was awarded his Postgraduate Certificate of Education in 1975. With very few options for moving further south, he turned his gaze northwards, but only as far as Wiltshire, where he taught Classics at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, near Devizes, from 1975 to 1979. Having set off on his trajectory to the North, he continued apace, overshooting Lancaster and landing instead in Carlisle where from 1979 to 1987, he was Head of Classics at Trinity School.

LRGS appointed him Head of Classics, in 1988. It's something of a daunting prospect to try here to give testament to his many achievements and wide-ranging contribution to the life of LRGS and the education of three decades' worth of Lancastrians, never mind his contribution to education on a wider basis and his many and varied interests.

From 1987 to 1993, for various exam boards, Richard was Chief Examiner in GCSE Latin and from 1988 to 2006 he was Chief Examiner in GCSE Classical Greek. These two roles were far from the limit of his involvement in external examinations: He was also Chief Examiner in A-level Classical Greek from 1987 to 2006 and was Typesetter for Classical Greek examinations from 1994 to 2006.

His contributions to LRGS are as numerous as they are significant: alongside his well-respected teaching, part of his running a highly successful Classics department saw Richard organise and take six trips to Greece, beginning in 1989 and spanning many years, and he participated on a further Greek trip in 2016; between 1999 and 2014, he organised and took a trip to Italy and participated in three further Italian trips; he also organised a trip to Sicily and was a member of staff on another. He accompanied the LRGS Big Band to Rendsburg in Germany and he also went on a trip to Tampere in Finland and on a Comenius trip to Biecz in Poland. Trips run by Richard closer to home have abounded too: Hadrian's Wall to Newcastle, London, Chester,

Oxford and Cambridge. He has taught a multitude of boys in the lower school, has prepared many boys for GCSE and A-level exams, has taught a good number of boys who have gone on to be Oxbridge classicists, and has inspired OLs who have become Cambridge classics dons.

Richard has been a Teacher Governor for a dozen years and was responsible for running the LRGS Sixth Form Debating Society for an even longer period; he did an excellent job editing the Lancastrian for half a dozen years, from 2002 to 2008; he spent as many years organising LRGS Speech Day; he was LRGS

Common Room Secretary for the best part of a decade. The list goes on.

Richard has many interests, including photography; prehistoric and Roman Britain; travel, both foreign and domestic; and learning languages. He enjoys literature and film, and is a music fan; he can often be heard debating the merits of Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan among others.

Of course, as is widely known, no tribute to Richard could fail to mention quizzes, one of his many passions and one of the areas in which he has inspired so many LRGS pupils. From 1989 to 2016 he ran the LRGS Junior and Senior Schools Challenge Quiz Teams and from 1993 to 2016 he was North West Regional Organiser for the

Senior School Challenge Quiz. Richard has led LRGS boys to six national Schools Challenge titles, three at Senior and three at Junior level. Under his inspirational leadership and guidance, and through his hard work, LRGS is far and away the most successful state school in the history of the competition, and in the top three or four among all schools, a quite magnificent achievement. As a quiz player himself, he participates in the Lancaster City and Kendal quiz leagues where he has enjoyed innumerable first division titles, as well as cup and pairs wins; his name is spoken of with fear and respect by local quiz players. As for his form of relaxation on his annual holiday to Cornwall, Richard with his wife Helen, and sons Philip and Christopher should they come along, will go into one of the local pubs for... yes, quiz evenings, leaving stunned locals at the end of the night wondering who were the strangers who came in, won the quiz so easily and took the meat vouchers.

For all his abilities and achievements – and there are so very many, his teaching of Classics, his leadership and organisation – it is perhaps this, his boyish enthusiasm for quizzes that best typifies him. After such an enormous and far-reaching contribution to the teaching profession and to LRGS in particular, it's time for a well-earned rest. Best wishes to Richard and to Helen for a very long and happy retirement.

David Ashbridge

A FINAL BOW FOR HEAD OF DRAMA

Four years, two huge theatre shows and an outstanding contribution to LRGS

Nici has put in an extraordinarily energetic and eventful four years, and provided a big chapter in the history of LRGS Drama in a short time. Embracing the challenge of “all-boys-drama” after many years at Casterton, she combined a lot of hard background research with a perceptive insight and careful attention to the boys’ skills and interests to provide a constant flow of innovative and exciting material for them to work with. Anyone who witnessed any of the exam shows, either at GCSE or A-level, will still retain a strong echo of some of the highlights – as will the neighbour across the street who rang the police during one such. And even more so, those performances will stay with those actors as moments when a huge expansion in their empathy, horizons and confidence consolidated itself.

Such performances grew not only from a tremendously broad range of theatre visits and different styles of drama, but from lessons characterised by remarkable commitment and care: Nici has a truly effective way of inspiring her students to tackle their work with a sustained seriousness of purpose that they find both enjoyable and fulfilling. As a sixth form tutor and such a very successful teacher of a subject that makes intensely personal demands and involves constant groupwork, Nici was also, inevitably, a major pastoral figure and influence upon the boys, and saw the building of tolerance and confidence as central to her

role from the minute the boys first came under her wing in the junior drama club or the Year 9 curriculum. In the last four years boys have not only been encouraged and supported into RADA, the Central School for Speech and Drama, the National Youth Theatre, the Dukes, etc, but also into leading anti-bullying initiatives, charity projects, team-building events and a more thoughtful consideration of the world – and Spain, and conservation, and whales.

Nici has been quick to get involved in many other school initiatives, especially on this theme of confidence, communication and understanding – Erasmus, Spanish exchange, Poetry Live, the Arts Festival, and more.

Memories of two huge shows with LGGS, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Kiss me Kate*, will also live on for a wider audience as well as the many directly

involved. Each was a great night out, something a little bit different, breath-taking in its scale, ambition and achievement – outstanding theatre, yes, like a fully professional show, but also with the additional boost of that uplifting realisation of just what young people can do when expertly led.

This last year she juggled *Kiss Me Kate* with two different GCSE and two different A-level specifications as well as everything else, so I guess even a dynamo like Nici had to consider easing into retirement. We look forward to seeing her come in to do some LAMDA coaching, and wish her all the very best with huge thanks for all she has done.

Stephen Hirst



TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AT LRGS

Dr. Thorn - We salute you

Dr. Nicholas Thorn joined LRGS in 1997 to become Head of English after being Deputy Head at Handsworth Grammar School in Birmingham. A move this far north might seem surprising if you ever heard Nicholas talk about this part of the world, his heart definitely belongs in the south, but he soon became an LRGS legend and very much a part of the fabric of the school.

Nicholas, with an academic background and interest in Medieval Literature, as well as substantial expertise in English Language, skilfully led the English department as Head of English at LRGS for 17 years. After he stepped down from this post he continued sharing his knowledge, as an incredibly helpful and supportive colleague, for another three years after this. Involved in all aspects of the school Nicholas spent time with the Storey House boarders and his duty night was certainly one of the most memorable in a week. Nicholas’s lessons were never humdrum and the boys very much enjoyed his idiosyncratic style and the unpredictable nature of what would come next. He was for example a formidable opponent in the “Mars bar game”, a challenge of his own devising, and any boy who could come up with a word he wasn’t able to define was rewarded with a treat from the seemingly endless supply in his filing cabinet.

Whilst at LRGS, and indeed before he came to us, Nicholas was heavily involved in the OTC, the TA and had a leading role in the CCF as Contingent Commander. Nicholas did not do anything by halves, from organising people to arrive for Army inspections by chinook to once having to leave camp in an ambulance, Nicholas’s commitment to this area of his life spanned over 30 years. If you know Nicholas you won’t be surprised to learn that even after his rush to hospital he was back at camp the year after! Although later on he preferred a hotel bed to a campsite, his involvement and dedication was second to none.

As an active participant in many trips, notably the Battlefields trip and the Year 7 Geography field trips to Ingleborough, Nicholas was often very cheerful about the wettest of weather; his renditions of “the sun has got its hat on” were perhaps not always appreciated on the wetter days outdoors. However, he put his military experience to good use and was always dressed for the occasion, indeed his country gentleman look set the bar very high for his young charges. Not only was he impeccably

dressed but Nicholas was also prepared with emergency rations for long journeys, the tasty morsels he pulled out of his hand luggage being shared freely with his colleagues.

It would be fair to say that Nicholas approached many things with a boyish excitement and an enthusiasm that was infectious. His passion for military memorabilia, mainly medals and more recently (when he’d collected most of the available medals) badges, gave him much joy.

Some of the more unusual items in his collection included a suit of chain mail and a rather large spear which were brought in on occasion for the boys to play with. Who would like to end the Michaelmas term with an end of term quiz when they could be spearing paper in the Swainson building? Nicholas was not only passionate about his collection but incredibly knowledgeable and was able to discuss the finer points of them at length, sometimes as an aside from his English lessons, much to the delight of the boys.

Colleagues speak of Nicholas with much affection and warmth, both they and the pupils describe someone who was “up for anything” including

charity events such as a bush tucker trial and chilli challenge (the hottest chilli was no match for Dr. Thorn). He wasn’t afraid to let loose and embrace the more theatrical aspects of teaching, storming an assembly with the History department whilst dressed as an Anglo Saxon and wielding an axe.

It is perhaps his hospitality that is most fondly remembered by many of the staff. Nicholas is an incredibly generous host and very much enjoys cooking; the contents of his bottomless stockpot are legendary, if unknown. The throne in his dining room makes an excellent talking point, along with his Rupert the Bear style trousers and the telephone box in his garden; he has opened his home up to many colleagues over the years and they always have a memorable evening.

Summing up such a huge personality in the very magazine he used to edit is both a daunting task and a privilege. Nicholas is a complete gentleman in every sense of the word and we will miss his kindness, his intellect but above all his eccentricities. We are richer for having known such a colourful character and wish him well in what we are sure promises to be an eventful and enriching retirement.

Stephanie Mitchell



OBITUARIES

Gordon Robinson

We were saddened to hear of the death of Gordon Robinson, who taught mathematics at LRGS for forty years from 1949 – 1989. Gordon also commanded the CCF for much of that time.

After graduating from Hull University, Gordon completed two years National Service before returning to Hull to take a Dip. Ed. Whilst taking the course he successfully applied for a post at LRGS and Mr Timberlake appointed him in 1949. In the 1970s Gordon took over the job of Careers Master and in the 1980s became Third Master. Gordon remained at LRGS for the whole of his teaching career until his retirement in 1989.

Gordon proved to be a patient and inspiring teacher of mathematics. Many pupils remember with gratitude his sympathetic and understanding attitude.



SPEECH DAY 2016



Proud parents, teachers, current and former pupils and a BBC Radio Four presenter came together to celebrate Speech Day with a ceremony at Lancaster Town Hall.

Speech Day is a celebration of the previous year's achievements, including a presentation of prizes to pupils. Guest speaker was author, broadcaster and journalist and former Lancaster Royal Grammar School pupil Tom Sutcliffe. Other special guests included Mayor Councillor Robert Redfern and the Mayoress Mrs Linda Redfern.



SPEECH DAY WINNERS 2016

| PRIZE | FORM/YEAR | WINNERS |
|---|-----------|---|
| R.R. Timberlake Form Prize | 7 | T W M Duke, I T Blackwell, D J Goody, O Gabrielatos, R M Brooks |
| R.R. Timberlake Form Prize | 8 | B S Watson, M D Harper, M J O'Neill, R Ghosh, J A Smith |
| William George Form Prize | 9 | D M Lusardi, S B Manasse, I A Mort, C R McFadyen, P R Thomas |
| Year 10 Form Prize | 10 | B T Winterburn, E R Butcher, R M Reeder, D N Bohm, B E Ferguson, J W Glass |
| Year 11 Form Prize | 11 | C M Whittaker, N El Zgalai, R Mukerjee, W J Crackle, H P Douglas-Jones, B D Heseltine |
| J.Stuart Oglethorpe Prize for English | | W M Thornton, R Ghosh, J F Weir, T M Pyle, K F Conway |
| T.W. Helme Prize for Reading | | W M Thornton, K A Todd, J D Procter, L T Rurlander |
| Ashton Memorial Prize for French | | F Patel, B S Watson, P R Thomas, C A Bell, G B Jotischky-Hull |
| The German Prize | | M J O'Neill, T D Fort, B A Mattinson, A Bhattacharyya |
| The Spanish Prize | | M D Harper, D M Lusardi |
| Spanish Essay Prize | | C A Bell, M Z Absar |
| J.C. Jackson Prize for Mathematics | | D J Goody, B D Fearnhead, R Ackroyd, D T Gibson, T T Ye |
| Sunderland Prize for Lang & Learn | 7 | U Patel |
| Frank Storey Cliff Prize for Latin | | R Ghosh, D M Lusardi, P S Gellersen, A M Suleman |
| Sunderland Prize for Greek | 9 | P R Thomas |
| Greek Prize | | M K Jackson, G B Jotischky-Hull |
| The Bishop Lee Greek Testament Prize | 10 | C A Bell |
| W.J. Garnett Prize for Geography | | J Terence, B M Davies, N J Archer, C E White, A D Woodley |
| Parkinson Science Prize for Biology | | A D Bebbington, G L Williams, S J McCarten |
| Parkinson Science Prize for Chemistry | | R M Brooks, R Ghosh, C R McFadyen |
| Parkinson Science Prize for Physics | | A B Jewell, B S Watson, T Little, C A Bell, T T Ye |
| Parkinson Biology Prize | | J P Reeder, T T Ye |
| Arthur Huck Prize for Chemistry | 10 | S F McLoughlin, T T Ye |
| George Alan Wilkinson Prize for History | | O Gabrielatos, LV Eichmeyer, J F Weir, S F McLoughlin, D J Salzedo |
| Michael M Watson Prize for Divinity | | M R Rees, B S Watson, A B Gangalam, J W Fowler, J J Atkinson |
| Junior Drama Prize | | W J Helme |
| Drama Prize | | A J Woodcock, T C Oldham |
| Technology Prize | | S Metcalfc, F N Gilliat, B J Roch, M A McCafferty, L M Targett |
| Art Prize | | I T Blackwell, B S Watson, B B Anderton |
| H.E. Landon Prize for Art | | S F McLoughlin, A J Clifford, T H Halsall |
| Old Lancastrian Prize for English | L6 | O G Burrell |
| J.S. Burrough Prize for French | L6 | J Pritchard |
| The German Prize | L6 | D J Brown |
| Mrs Lee Prize for Spanish | L6 | Z J Harper |
| J & R Creighton Prize for Mathematics | L6 | C J Peters |
| R.H. Bruton Prize for History | L6 | A Long |
| W.J. Garnett Prize for Geography | L6 | H T Rowlands |
| R.H.A. Wain Prize for Economics | L6 | M P Jones |
| Barclays Bank Business & Management Prize | L6 | P Tse |
| Watson Memorial Prize for Classics | L6 | M J Padfield |
| Sunderland Prize for Latin | L6 | D J Brown |
| Storey Gardner Prize for Chemistry | L6 | T D Atherton |
| Frankland Prize for Physics | L6 | P Thanikachalam |
| Parkinson Prize for Biology | L6 | P Thanikachalam |
| J. K. Wood Technology Prize | L6 | J Yang |
| Michael M Watson Prize for Divinity | L6 | A M Crooks |
| Philosophy Prize | L6 | A D Beeching |
| Theatre Studies Prize | L6 | A D Fletcher-Hodgson |
| R. C. Penhale Extended Project Prize | L6 | Z J Harper |
| Old Lancastrian Prize for English | U6 | R S Stennett |
| Norval Helme Prize for French | U6 | H G Ip |
| Greg Gold Medal for Mathematics | U6 | D S Roy |

SPEECH DAY WINNERS 2016

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| Lawrence Holden Prize for History | U6 | T Nixon |
| Far East Prize for Geography | U6 | A Shetty |
| Tom Tyson Prize for Economics | U6 | D S Roy |
| Barclays Bank Business & Management Prize | U6 | W R Jacques |
| Peter J. Hustings Prize for Classics | U6 | W T Croft |
| Sunderland Prize for Latin | U6 | R S Stennett |
| Michael M Watson Prize for Divinity | U6 | A D Townley-Wells |
| Philosophy Prize | U6 | S Hunt |
| W.S. Rickaby Memorial Prize for Art | U6 | A R Bevington |
| The Richard Wilson Chemistry Prize | U6 | M O Panchal |
| Armitage Prize for Chemistry | U6 | M H Pettit |
| Armitage Prize for Physics | U6 | M O Panchal |
| Owen Prize for Biology | U6 | M H Pettit |
| J. K. Wood Technology Prize | U6 | E S Duffy |
| The German Prize | U6 | G W Elletson |
| J.G. Swainson Prize for Spanish | U6 | O R Smith |
| The Eric Taylor Prize for Debating Senior School | U6 | M Masci-Gore |
| The Junior Debating Prize | | J F Weir, D M Lusardi |
| The Philip Carter Memorial Prize (Th St) | U6 | S Kennedy |
| Greg Holdcroft Memorial Prize | | M Kwok |
| T. W. Helme Prize for Reading | L6 | D Ackroyd |
| Knowles Prize for Spoken English | L6 | O G Burrell |
| C. Knowles Prize for Social Service | | E S Duffy |
| Rev. S. Coey Prize for Charitable Work | U6 | P J Taylor |
| Judge Cunliffe Prize for Music | | I T Blackwell, G L Williams, B J Roch |
| Stocks Memorial Prize for Music | | D T Gibson, T T Ye |
| John L. Spencer Prize for Music | L6 | E F Gilliat, B J Taylor |
| Old Lancastrian Albert Henderson Prize for Progress and Effort in Lower School | 9 | T D Fort |
| Professor Oglesby Prize for Progress and effort in the Sixth Form | U6 | E Cowen |
| The Ian McFarlane World Development Prize | 9 | I A Mort |
| Rugby Cap | U6 | Z M Barrow |
| Cricket Bat | U6 | M H Bevan |
| LRGS Sculling Champion | | T R Kerr |
| Cambridge Local Prize | | W J Howard |
| E. H. Keir Memorial Prize | | B R Nuttall |
| A. Huck Memorial Prize | U6 | B J Taylor |
| Alec J. Sanders Memorial Prize | | O R Wilson |
| Margaret Pettitt Memorial Prize | | C P Dimgba |
| Robert A. Coates Memorial Prize | | J H Steele |
| Boarding House Prize | U6 | I C Medhurst, H J Robb |
| D. Sharratt Junior Athletics Prize | | E J Gill |
| D. S. Rowbotham Athletics Prize | | J P Reeder |
| The Johnson Trophy | | F I Johnson |
| The Douglas Cameron Trophy | | R V Parekh |
| The Richard Hutton Swimming Trophy | | R O Mead |
| The Sid & Leah Gunn Prize for Cross Country | | T J Bowe |
| Peter Atkinson Memorial Trophy | | J H Royce |
| Rev. F. A. Cliff & Dr. K. S. Cliff Prize | U6 | M Masci-Gore |
| Sir John E. Singleton Prize | U6 | M Masci-Gore |
| Queen's Prize | 5 | W Burrow |
| Victoria Schols. & Leaving Exhibitions | U6 | T Moller, M O Panchal, M H Pettit, D S Roy, A H Shetty, R S Stennett, |
| Shackleton Bailey Prize | U6 | B J Taylor |

BUSY YEAR FOR THE FRIENDS OF LRGS

ANNUAL REPORT: 2016 -2017

After a golden summer of Olympic and academic success at LRGS the Friends began the academic year with a new initiative, a termly newsletter aimed at promoting our events and to keep in touch with school families. Many new parents have joined the Friends of LRGS Facebook page.

Autumn is a busy season in terms of Friends activities and the term started with the annual Fun Run and Supper. This was a hugely energetic and joyous evening, blessed with warm sunshine. Over 300 runners participated ending with a carnival atmosphere thanks to the LRGS jazz band, and chip butties served by the Friends. The Runner's Centre and Walling's Ice Cream also supported this event.

In welcoming the new families to LRGS, the Friends were able to support the Headmaster in hosting the Year 7 welcome evenings and thereafter sponsored the Year 7 singing evening, held jointly with LGGS at the Winter Gardens in Morecambe. A green fingered group of Friends and families joined in our Ground Force Day. A glorious autumn morning saw us plant around 400 bulbs on the upper site, with a welcome opportunity for coffee, chat and homemade cakes.

In mid-November the Friends hosted the LRGS Art Festival, under the direction of Mr Chris Bagnold. The creative talent of pupils, parents, grandparents, OLs, staff and Friends. A variety of visual and 3-D media was displayed in the art department, with a reception hosted by the Friends. The next day, the Friends were on hand for the Speech Day reception in the Banqueting Suite in Lancaster Town Hall to celebrate the outstanding academic and sporting achievements of our young Lancastrians.

In December, the Friends hosted an in-house pantomime, thanks to Stuart Langhorn and his travelling theatre group. The Assembly Hall was transformed into Sherwood Forest, where an audience of LRGS boys and families were treated to an evening of fun, frivolity and end of term fever!

The seasonal Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols followed at the Priory Church. In preparation, Mrs Mossop and the boys invited the Friends and parents to join in the mince pie making, with coffee and carols in the Food Tech Department. Over 400 mince pies were baked, and later served with mulled wine, at the Priory by the Friends.

In January 2017, the Friends held their annual Burns Night Celebration in the Ashton Hall. Guests were greeted by the Friends and sixth form photographers. The evening included a whisky tasting experience, with artisan shortbread baked by Angela Rowe. Piping of the haggis led to the traditional "Address," (performed by Rev Chris Newlands), the Burns night supper, ceilidh and grand raffle.

As the days began to stretch out, volunteers from the Friends spent a morning, fuelled with cakes and coffee, spring cleaning the School Shop. The shop stocks all the essentials needed by the boys with all profits going back into the school, including LRGS T-Shirts; £2 from each shirt sold goes directly to the Friends' funds. Thank you to Mandy Whitehouse and the Friends who continue to run the School Shop.

The Friends' Gin Tasting Event sold out quickly in March. A spirited night was held in the Grab and Go, courtesy of the Lancaster Wine Company, who provided a variety of gins, botanicals and mixers. These were complemented by a selection of canapés provided by Cath Mossop and volunteers from the Friends.

During the summer term the Friends continued to support LRGS and welcomed the new families at the Year 7 Induction Afternoons. This year we were pleased to welcome boys joining LRGS T and B forms.

The funds raised by the Friends this year were realised in the following pledges:

- Refurbishment of a quiet room in Wyresdale House for support for the boys.
- Team running vests for LRGS Cross Country team.
- Display cabinets for the Geography department.
- Funding for Year 8 and 9 boys to attend the national Maths Challenge.
- Orienteering equipment.
- Library books on emotional health support.
- Provision of a designated area for private prayer space, requested by the school Chaplaincy.
- LRGS Masterchef prizes for July 2017.
- Climbing wall recreation facilities.
- Digital cameras for the Art and Drama departments.
- Programmable robots for Year 9 boys.
- Shakespearian costumes for the joint LRGS/LGGS "Kiss Me Kate" production.

Looking back, it has been another successful year in the calendar of the Friends. However, it was with sincere thanks, that we presented red roses of Lancaster to our Upper Sixth families; Alison Bargh, Alex Tetlow and Janine Weston, all of whom have contributed enormously to the Friends of LRGS. We look forward to continuing our support of the school this academic year. Dr Chris Pyle acts as Chair of the Friends' Committee, Wendy Preston as Treasurer, and Michelle Whitton as Secretary.





OLD LANCASTRIAN CLUB

2016 was a year of change and not just because of the result of a certain referendum. After more than a decade of service as the OL Secretary, Peter Dyer (68-75) decided that someone else should have the opportunity to record the OL committee decisions. I was fortunate enough to be asked to take on the role and officially took over from Peter last year. I would like, on behalf of all the OL committee members, to thank Peter for his diligence and commitment over the past ten years. Peter has been very supportive in transitioning the role and I am grateful for all the guidance he has provided. I have some very big shoes to fill.

The OL committee spent a considerable amount of time over the past year looking to update the school Honours Board in the Library. The list has now been finalised and the following were added to the Board in time for its unveiling at Founders' Day this year.

- Roger Ainsworth Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, 2002 to date.
- Brian Ashton MBE England RU Head Coach 2006 - 2008.
- Scott Durant Olympic gold medallist.
- Don Foster MP (Lib Dem) for Bath 1992 – 2015, Created Baron Foster of Bath in 2015.
- Shaun Higgins, 1958-1966, LRGS Teacher, mentor and inspirational coach for 42 years.
- Peter Ratcliffe Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine at Oxford University, Clinical Research Director of the Crick Institute, FRS 2002, Knighted 2014.
- Richard Shaw Retired Principal and Vice Chancellor of University of the West of Scotland (formerly Paisley University).
- Paul Wellings CBE, Vice Chancellor of Lancaster University for 11 years.
- Peter Young, distinguished Professor of Physics at UC Santa Cruz, elected member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences 2012.
- Major. General Nigel W Wingate-Saul.

The OLs also funded the completion of a "Head of House Board" for Ashton House; which is a fine addition to the boarding house.

A wise old Geography master once said:

"TRAVEL IS THE ONLY THING YOU BUY THAT MAKES YOU RICHER".

This is a sentiment shared by the OL committee as we continue to support pupils through funding for school sports tours and through the OL travel fund. Earlier this year the committee agreed to support the school rugby tour to Argentina, by funding kit bags emblazoned with the school crest.

Through the OL travel fund we have been proud to support William Ferdinand with his trip to Uganda working with the African Village Support charity, Michael Padfield and Jack Taylor in their continued study of "Le banlieue" in Lyon.

Eagan Carson Walker was also selected for support. His trip to Honduras to participate in environmental and marine studies should engage and interest many more pupils.

The boys will provide reports and presentations about their trips, which we hope to make available via the Alumni section of the school website.

The regional branch dinners are still going strong and I must thank all the branch secretaries who organise these thoroughly enjoyable events. The Manchester Dinner having been moved to October is particularly well attended and is enjoying a renaissance since its move into Manchester City Centre.

Having been Secretary since last year one thing I must do is thank Jenny Cornell and the Development Office for all the support provided both to Peter Dyer and myself. Jenny's support, guidance and managerial expertise enable the OL committee to operate effectively and continue its work in supporting and promoting the school and its ethos.

Chris Balmer, OL 1983 - 1988

FROM THE "LANCASTRIAN"

100 years ago: 1917-1918

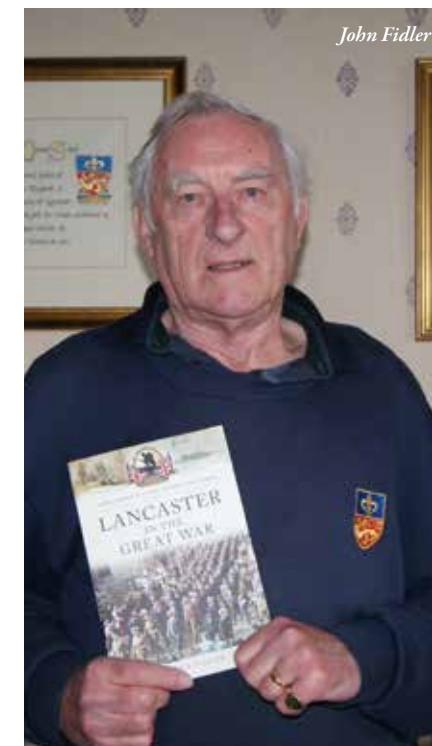
A memorial service was held in Christ Church to commemorate the 47 Old Lancastrians who had already died in the Great War.

Plans were drawn up for a Memorial Library in the projected New Building.

The Whewell Society approved the building of a Channel tunnel, but was opposed to the formation of a League of Nations.

Every boy was weighed and measured at the beginning and end of each term; this was recorded on their reports. This practice, which took up a great deal of time for the PT department, continued until 1965.

Harold Douthwaite was Head of School, Captain of the XI and senior Victor Ludorum. After Cambridge he returned to LRGS as a member of staff, retiring in 1962 as Second Master.



LANCASTER IN THE GREAT WAR

John Fidler, former Head of History and Admissions Officer at LRGS, has recently published a new book, Lancaster in the Great War. The author traces the story of



75 years ago: 1942-1943

Mr WRW Deed retired as Second Master. He had joined the staff in 1898, had re-founded the OL Club in 1913, and had been the first Contingent Commander of the OTC (now the CCF) on its formation. A TA Officer of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, he served with them throughout the Great War.

Salvage operations led to the removal of the railings around the school buildings. The use of the bell (outside the Bell Room) was forbidden, except as a warning of invasion.

The 1st XV had its most successful season to date, winning 11 matches and losing only to Sedbergh.



the county town of Lancaster between 1914 and 1918, a town with a population of just 40,000, of whom some 5,000 men saw war service. Over 1,000 of them did not return.

The book is now on sale in bookshops in Lancaster, such as Waterstones in Cornmarket, price £9.99, as well as in the Lancaster Visitor Information Centre and directly from the publisher, Pen and Sword Books. It is also available on Amazon.

John Fidler's History of LRGS is available for sale in the Friends' Shop and in the Development Office at LRGS, price £10.

Mr Fidler has also published a book titled; Battleships of the World Struggle for Naval Supremacy 1820 – 1945. The book is available from the publisher, Pen and Sword Books and via Amazon.

50 years ago: 1967-1968

The Boat Club won eight regatta trophies, and the 1st XI was unbeaten for a fourth successive year. The Rugby Club made a tour to Northern Ireland (just before "the troubles").

The end of Saturday morning school was announced. The four lessons were added to mornings, and the CCF parade moved from Monday mornings to after school on Tuesdays.

Mr A Huck retired as Second Master.

25 years ago: 1992-1993

The Timberlake Building for Mathematics and Information Technology was opened in November 1992.

A Classics trip to Rome, the Languages department visited our sister schools in Rendsburg and Perpignan, and the juniors and seniors went on ski trips.

The Chess Club won the NW England division of "The Times" Schools competition before losing to Hymer's College, Hull in the inter-zone final.

Four cadets of the RAF Section CCF won flying scholarships.

The swimming team registered a tenth successive unbeaten season, while the XI was also unbeaten, winning eight of its eleven games. Alex Cooper represented England at water polo for a second season.





Vaughn Hollingsworth (Yr 7)



Daniel Raymond (Yr 7)



George Gellersen (Yr 7)



Alex Machell & Tom Garner (Yr 7)



George Carney (Yr 8)



Jamie Wright (Yr 8)



Simon Accialini (Yr 8)



Chikelundu Ukoh (Yr 9)



Joe Kelly-Bird
(GCSE Exam)



Boroumand Zeidaabadi
Nezhad (Yr 10 GCSE
coursework)



Callum Kershaw
(GCSE Exam)



Aaron Leigh
(GCSE Exam)



Christopher Ng
(Yr 10 GCSE coursework)



Sam McLoughlin
(GCSE Exam)



Theo Neal
(L6th A-level coursework)



Edward Higgs
(L6th A-level coursework)



Will Humphries
(L6th photography)



Thomas Halsall
(A-level Exam)

FEATURES

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS



James Fenna
(A-level exam)



George Ibbotson
(A-level Exam)



Joshua Wheatley
(A-level Exam)

Perhaps the highlight of the artistic year at LRGS was the art exhibition held in November 2016, featuring artwork by current pupils, parents, OLs, staff, governors and friends of the school. More than one hundred works by forty-one artists featured in this comprehensive display and the evening viewing was certainly a vibrant occasion. My sincere thanks to all those who contributed to this event: the artists themselves, of course, but also the Friends of LRGS, who provided the refreshments and organized the sale of many of the artworks on display. Thank you too to the legions of people who formed such an appreciative audience.

The Art department also had a successful academic year. There were some excellent exam results at A-level, where seventy-three per cent of pupils achieved a grade B or higher and also at GCSE where approximately two-thirds of pupils achieved a grade B or higher. Raw statistics do not necessarily do justice to the 'true picture' of a department, nor acknowledge all the hard work that underpins individual achievements. Each year I am constantly struck by the dedication of those artists who choose to put in many extra hours of studio time during the lunch hour and after school. Many congratulations to Jack Taylor of the U6th, who was successful in securing a place on the Photography as Fine Art course at the Glasgow School of Art; also to Tom Halsall, whose A-level coursework and exam submissions were strong enough to earn the descriptor 'exceptional' in more than one assessment category. Without going into too much detail (the nuanced semantics of assessment descriptors in art is not an especially uplifting topic) it is fair to say that this really is a very significant achievement and Tom thoroughly

deserved his grade A* at A-level. His display of altered mobile phones under the heading '*Absolute Communication; Absolute Isolation*' articulated a key attribute of the modern age, namely the tragic lure of hand-held technology. I shall also never forget Joe Fenna's mixed media exam piece, which displayed great artistic maturity, creative depth and personal integrity. As can be seen here, there was plenty of technically accomplished and thought-provoking artwork from our GCSE and younger pupils.

The importance of seeing art at first hand can hardly be overstated. Mr Hallsworth and I once again accompanied Sixth Form artists to galleries in London. The highlight of our trip was intended to be the viewing of the Robert Rauschenberg exhibition at Tate Modern, but events took a rather unexpected turn when one of our group spotted the singular figure of David Hockney, complete with newsboy-style flat cap, shuffling through the Rauschenberg show. Conscious that a plucky introduction might be rather tiresome to this elder statesman of British Art (who seemed to be suffering from jet lag and a cold) we let him proceed unmolested. As he departed the exhibition ahead of us, however, I couldn't resist murmuring "have a nice day, Mr Hockney" – you may spot the reference. The Year 11 trip to the Liverpool galleries was perhaps less eventful, but aesthetically and conceptually uplifting nonetheless. My sincere thanks, as ever, to my departmental colleagues – Mr Hallsworth, Mrs Ashby and Mrs France – for all they do to enliven and enrich the experience of art at LRGS.

Mr C. R. Bagnold





HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT BENEFIT FROM INSPIRUS

Our school has taken primary pupils on an inspired journey

Over two hundred pupils from local primary schools have taken part in the InspirUS programme this year.

InspirUS is open to all of the Lancaster district's primary schools, boys and girls, aged 8-10 years, in Key Stage 2. It aims to raise aspirations and to encourage pupils to explore avenues well beyond the confines of the National Curriculum. Almost 1,500 pupils from 50 primary schools have taken part since the programme began in 2010.

Pupils take part in a five week programme learning a new topic each week including; the planets, water, Japan, little boxes and optical illusions.

Mrs Kathryn Page, InspirUS Co-ordinator and Head of Year 7 said: "We hope that by taking part in InspirUS more children will be made aware of the opportunities available to them and they will feel more confident in both their prospects and potential. The programme has a strong focus on art and creativity as we want to encourage children to discover alternative ways of thinking, working and learning. We want our teaching to help the children be the best they can be; to love their learning and be hungry for more."

"Our sessions include all aspects of the National Curriculum, yet we also go above and beyond this. We want to really 'wow' the children and give them lots to think about. Not even the brightest child will find InspirUS

'easy'. It is designed to challenge even the most able of children, making them think in a critical and creative way. During each session we provide several different activities that the children can try. We always make sure that there is something that each child will enjoy."

All pupils are given a homework bag filled with extra resources to extend their learning experience beyond our sessions and include 'kitchen sink' science experiments, quizzes and art. In addition, there is an InspirUS webpage that children can access to maintain contact with the InspirUS team. This includes all the resources from each session, as well as many new challenges the children can try, to continue their critical and creative thinking skills. There is also a social networking element to allow children to communicate with their new friends from different schools. To maintain contact, children who have had involvement in the programme are regularly invited back to LRGS for open days and one off sessions.

The InspirUS team is led by Mrs Page and assisted by Mrs Bird, Mrs Watson and an enthusiastic group of Sixth Form volunteers.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said: "Since 2009, InspirUS has provided masterclasses for children from virtually every primary school in Lancaster, Morecambe and surrounding villages – inspiring children

from every part of the city to love learning and aim high! The programme is funded by generous donations from friends of the school and former pupils, and it meets in the "New York classroom" which was provided by a group of alumni in 2013."

The feedback from those who take part in InspirUS is heartening. A pupil taking part recently wrote to tell us: "I love InspirUS it's a wonderful place. We do lots of art and learn new things. They teach us songs to remember things. InspirUS InspirUS I love you so much you're a wonderful place, I can't get enough! I love InspirUS!"

A parent whose son attended InspirUS said:

"We are amazed by how much our son has enjoyed and enthused about the course; it is the highlight of his week! He is now desperate to come to LRGS as he already feels at home here."

InspirUS is funded solely by donations. There is no government money to support the programme even though it's recognised as an excellent example of outreach. It's a very popular scheme with primary schools and parents. And the lovely thing is that it encourages boys (and girls) from disadvantaged backgrounds to consider the grammar schools as their secondary school choices. Some of the youngsters who have come through InspirUS and joined us at 11+ would never have considered applying here otherwise.

CELEBRATING POETRY

Poetry by Heart

Once again the English department had excellent fun entering the National Poetry by Heart competition. This event involved competitors learning and reciting two poems from a collection, one from the Pre-1914 category and one from either the post 1914 selection or from their World War 1 showcase.

Miss Mitchell organised a competition in school to find our finalist who would go through to the Lancashire County Contest. There was lots of interest in this and a high standard from the entrants that impressed our guest judges Mr Burns, Mrs Denwood and Mrs Marriott; two of our entrants also went on to perform different poems they'd learned at the Founders' Service. Tom Pyle won the overall LRGS competition and this year his winning entry went forward to the County competition via a You Tube video link. Although our journey this year ended at this stage of the competition we were very impressed with all of our entrants and look forward to taking part again next year.

Dallas Road Poetry Event

For the second year running LRGS was invited to take part in Dallas Road Community Primary School's poetry celebrations in October.

Primary school children from almost every year group had spent time learning poetry to perform in front of the whole school and boys from LRGS were delighted to join them.

This year William Thornton, Riddhiman Ghosh, James Weir and Kai Conway all performed their poetry recitals alongside a very high standard from their younger counterparts and we've been invited to do it all again next year.



KISS ME KATE

Often have I found myself within an audience simply gawping at leading actors who command the stage with a seeming effortless which naively leads one to believe that performing musicals is easy, and it was with this innocent naivety I entered the ring, Frederick C Graham (literally described as “super-man” in the stage directions) is a role destined for a strapping Lancashire lad with an unfailing tenacity for perfection and the stamina of a Greek god or, failing this, an ignoramus who is either sufficiently arrogant or stupid enough to accept the part. I have yet to decide which of these categories I fall into.

Six months. Undeniably the most intense and emotionally challenging six months, condensed neatly into four excruciating nights, staggering away from each agonising performance a crude imitation of what I once was. Never have I felt so worn, both physically and mentally, in all my life, and I truly believe that I am yet to make a full recovery. However, for every tiring low, there is a euphoric high and when a stage flourishes with talent and energy, you cannot help but feel part of something much bigger. It’s a feeling which compels me to keep pursuing theatre in my every waking hour and I cannot thank all of those involved enough, for it is to you that I owe my passion.

Anthony Fletcher-Hodgson

AUDIENCES IN AWE OVER HUGELY TALENTED CAST

Pupils from Lancaster Royal Grammar School and Lancaster Girls’ Grammar School performed the musical Kiss Me Kate to sell out audiences at the Dukes Theatre, Lancaster in March 2017.

Nici Marriott, Head of Drama and Director of Kiss Me Kate said: “It seemed an appropriate choice to take up the call of Cole Porter, in accordance with his motto; ‘Brush Up Your Shakespeare’, and do just that in the year following the Bard’s 400th anniversary.”

She added: “The minimalistic set provides a glimpse into the world of a working theatre with black, white and grey tones providing a photographic snapshot of post-war America. The Elizabethan setting

uses token props and scenery to capture the period which is further embellished in the costumes with the sumptuous green, red and gold hues favoured in the original conditions. The actors and musicians are at the centre of the story-making process which mirrors how it would have been traditionally performed. The split level set captures the musicians’ gallery of the Globe or Rose Theatre and the 20 musical numbers cement the narrative.”

“We also felt that a comedy would provide a contrast this year to previous shows and the cast of Kiss Me Kate have ‘Brushed Up’ beautifully and been great fun to direct in this ambitious musical.”



As Stage Manager, my experience was very different to that of the actors. I wasn’t tasked with learning lines and choreography but instead with sourcing, keeping track of and moving ninety-seven assorted props and mending anything and everything that might break, and it did. One of my highlights of the show was the point at which we discovered that the hair and makeup team had unplugged our fridge to use hair straighteners and we had four

packets of chicken back stage that had very much gone off needing to be used on stage fifteen minutes later. The mad rush of cast members being ‘helpful’ and shouting, ‘Don’t eat the chicken, you might die on stage!’ until they were shushed as the audience could hear the bizarre chant, so proceeded to whisper it with the same level of vigour, really made me realise me how much I want an office job...

Jacob Steele

REVIEW

Despite having been involved in many drama department escapades in my time at LRGS, this year’s production of Cole Porter’s *Kiss Me Kate* has been by far the grandest and most impressive effort and performance I’ve had the pleasure of being a part of. Following three years of highly ambitious and professionally produced musicals was never going to be an easy task, yet the spirit shown by the cast, crew

and especially the directors led to a piece of theatre that matched this high calibre, if not raised the bar (although that may just be personal bias) and was definitely worth trudging through hideous technical rehearsals, furiously scrambling to learn lines and the hours spent brushing up our Shakespeare.

Playing the ‘prestigious’ role of First Man with my partner in crime Second Man certainly proved an entertaining experience, from our slightly mutinous cameo

appearance in *Too Darn Hot* on the closing night, to the fantastic costume that appeared at the end of the second act, to our props master vehemently reminding us one night not to eat the chicken from the feast onstage as he’d forgotten to put it in the fridge the night before. All in all, it was a pleasure and an honour to work with such a fantastic and talented cast and crew to put on a performance that I’m sure none of us will forget.

Joe Fenna

MORE FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT



TOUR OF THE GLOBE

The Globe Theatre is indisputably the most famous and eminent theatre in the world. Home of the most prominent playwright the world has ever graced us with, William Shakespeare. Now, it is worth mentioning that this wasn't the original Globe, the first being burnt down thanks to the cannon which Shakespeare insisted was fired at the end of *Henry VIII*. By some strange coincidence, nobody in the class had ever visited the Globe before, excluding Miss Marriott of course. As the tour began it was impossible not to notice our teacher's mannerisms alter and her inner being unhinge itself from the normal boundaries of the usual every day. It was something which I had never had the pleasure of seeing before, nor do I really want to see again. The way in which she terrorised the poor tour guide with the zeal and unpredictability of a lobotomised chimp was quite the spectacle. Her anticipation of the great stage was palpable, and promptly infused the group with a peculiar mixture of exhilaration and fear. Now, though I'd love to describe to you what the greatest theatre in the world was like to witness, being honest, I was much more concerned, yet mesmerised, by this personage sitting next to me, whom I thought I once knew as a rational being.

You'll be pleased to know that after this brief spell of unadulterated, primordial folly, Miss Marriott's normal and much more agreeable self came back to her on our return to Lancaster.

Anthony Fletcher-Hodgson

Following the entertaining and informative tour of the Globe, I just had time to drag the set into the Tate Modern for a flying visit to the new Switch House extension and the Turbine Hall. The theme of the exhibits that we saw were centralised around people's relationship to space and form, and provided an interesting breath of alternative cultural significance to the London visit.

Joe Fenna

After our brief yet interesting Fenna tour of the Tate, we found ourselves outside the National Theatre, eagerly anticipating Simon Godwin's interpretation of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. We took our seats and observed the spectre of the dominating centre steps. Without a doubt the highlight was the performance of Sir Tom Belch and Sir Aguecheek whose stage presence sparked the inner rouge within us. I also enjoyed the Jacuzzi scene, not because of the sexual tension between Viola and Olivia but because the bubbling water looked enticing. We found that although Malvolia was disliked for most of the play, we certainly sympathised with Tamsin Greig's depiction of her demise.

Christian Tetlow



ROYAL SEAL OF APPROVAL

Teaching of Music and Foreign Languages
goes above and beyond the curriculum

The teaching of Music and Modern Languages has been given the Royal seal of approval from The Prince's Teaching Institute.

The Prince's Teaching Institute recognises and rewards school departments that develop inspirational ideas and activities which enhance teaching of selected subjects, regardless of their pupils' backgrounds or abilities. To achieve the PTI Mark, departments have to demonstrate that they have increased the challenge within their subject curriculum; developed their staff's own specialist subject knowledge; developed subject-based links outside school; and enthused their pupils through subject-based activities beyond the curriculum.

Head of Music, Emma Lamb, said:

"It's a real pleasure to work with the PTI to ensure that we constantly challenge and extend the boys at LRGS both inside and outside the classroom. As staff, we gain wonderful opportunities, new ideas and share our experiences with other teachers around the UK through the PTI and it's great to see our pupils benefit in turn from our continued learning."

NON-STOP MUSIC AT LRGS AN EPIC CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR

The academic year 2016 – 2017 began with the department being awarded the Princes Teaching Institute Mark. In 2017 - 2018 we are hoping to become an Associate Department and begin our 3 year research project.

We were also pleased to be awarded the ISM/ISM Trust Bronze certificate in Music in 2017. More than 10% of the overall Key Stage 4 cohort at LRGS achieved an A* - C in GCSE Music, putting us in the top 424 schools in the country.

September started as usual with the LRGS Big Band opening the Lancaster Jazz Festival. Before this a number of boys joined Phil Meadows and the Lancaster Jazz Festival team for a workshop in school. Some also took part in the performances on Sun Square over the weekend.

Kiss me Kate auditions took up much of the first part of term. Mrs Marriott and Mrs Lamb were very pleased with the final casting and enjoyed working with such a talented cast throughout the year, culminating in an impressive performance in March 2017.

Our friends from Altenholz visited us again this term and they enjoyed many different concerts and activities over their time with us. A particular favourite was the concert at Morecambe Parish Church where the choir and the host families are together after a very successful concert. During their visit we also held our Singing Day. This year we welcomed Lee Reynolds, Music Director of Glyndebourne Youth Opera to work with our choirs.

Thanks must go to the Blues Band for their contribution to the LRGS Supper Run, keeping the runners going to the end!

In November the Joint Grammar School Orchestra received its first outing of the year at Lancaster Priory with pieces from Prokofiev, Copland and Bernstein. Later in the year they performed again in a joint concert with the Lancashire County Symphony Orchestras at the Great Hall at Lancaster University in March, performing a revised edition of a piece by Bill Connor, called Turning Circle with the Joint Choirs of the two schools. In April they performed Turning Circle again as well as Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky in Lancaster Cathedral.

There were three concerts over the year. The Michaelmas concert featured all ensembles as well as solos from George Hollinrake, Joe Wilkinson, Aron O'Donnell and James Cressey. On the 24th May we held our Summer Concert at Christ Church and all profits raised on the evening went to the Christ Church Night Shelter. We enjoyed solos from Edward Wilkinson, Barney Watson, Daniel Raymond, Thomas Starr, Nico Martin, Arijit Bhattacharyya, Alex Whyte, Daniel Goody, Oliver Beaumont, Josef Demir and Ben Parkinson, and the Rockschoo Bands made their yearly appearance to showcase the work they had been doing all year alongside the String Group, Choirs, Barbershop Quintet and the Year 10 Collective, ably led by Mrs Edmondson.

The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was a joy to work on yet again! With over 80 boys in the choir there were a lot of man hours put into preparing the

service and we are very grateful to the boys for all their hard work.

Singing featured heavily in the traditional Founders' Day service as well with a performance of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring from the String Group. The String Group also performed at the Burns Night Celebrations in January, organised by the Friends.

The LRGS/LGGS Joint Choir performed in the November concert. In April the Joint Choirs, staff and friends performed Rutter's Requiem in Lancaster Cathedral. A triumphant evening was had by all – even if it had been the only time we were all in the same room at the same time!

Our instrumentalists were also out and about with LRGS Brass performing at Lancaster Castle at the Christmas Markets and the Big Band at the Jubilee Club in Torrisholme. The Big Band also had a great time working with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra at a workshop in January before performing at a concert with both the Lancashire and Cumbria music Hubs at the Queen Katherine School.

The Lent term also saw two other workshops exploring Street Band (in January) and Folk music (in February). Many thanks to Lancashire Music Service for making these possible for our Key Stage 3 students!

Our Rockschoo bands were amongst the last performers of the year at the Open Day in June. It was great to see boys from all year groups taking part in the concert from the balcony!

Emma Lamb

None of our many and varied activities could happen without the amazing team of music staff that run the music department.

Thanks must go to all our team of peripatetic staff – Mr Paul Froggatt (woodwind), Mr Andrew Warriner (brass), Mr Dave Shooter (guitar), Mr Tim Lockyer (guitar), Mr Reg. Compton (guitar), Ms Yvette Price (piano), Miss Penny Holt (lower strings), Mr Julian Davies (upper strings and piano) and Mr Andy Smith (drums) and particular thanks must go to Mrs Kim Taylor in Lee House office who co-ordinates the music tuition programme for us.

Thanks to all for a great 2016-17! Here's to another amazing year!

TALENTED MUSICIAN ATTENDS PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC SCHOOL

David Whyatt followed in the footsteps of some of the country's top musicians by attending the National Youth Jazz Collective Summer School in August 2017.

Previous Summer School participants include former winners of BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year. There was a strict selection process and David had to audition with the NYJC. During his course he worked as part of an ensemble with professional tutors, received one-to-one instrumental tuition, participated in aural and harmony classes, workshops and masterclasses and as a non-pianist he also had tuition in jazz piano.

The course culminated in a concert at Kings Place, London.

Mrs Emma Lamb, Head of Music said:

“ It is an incredible achievement and we are extremely pleased that David had this opportunity to take part in such a prestigious music school particularly with the competition being so strong and places limited. ”





ICAEW BASE ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

This year the Economics department entered two teams of Lower Sixth students into the ICAEW BASE competition hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). The competition was made up of two rounds, regionals heats and then the national final for winning heat teams.

At the regional heats, held at Blackburn F.C Stadium, 20 teams of Business and/or Economics Students from around Lancashire were tasked with analysing a business scenario. In less than two hours the teams were required to assess the risks, strengths and weaknesses of a business plan and finally to reach a decision on which business strategy should be chosen. The task required a lot of reading, analysing and discussion where there was often not one clear answer.

During the day students were also able to talk to employers offering advice on careers in Accountancy and Financial Management as well as on personal statements, School Leaver Schemes and graduate jobs in chartered accountancy and business.

The event ended with each group presenting their findings in a pitch format in under four minutes to a panel of judges acting as the business' CEO's and directors. Out of the twenty teams who participated, one of our teams comprising; Tosin Oyabola, Joseph Twigg, Adam Leech, Rob Kennedy, Joe Atkinson and me as Team Captain, were named as the Regional Champions which meant we progressed to the National Final held at the Hilton Hotel, Birmingham. At this event our business acumen was further tested in a similar way to the regional heats but under more time pressure and up against over fifty of the best teams from all over the UK.

Regrettably we didn't win the National Final but we had a great time making the most of the night in the hotel, the food and after dinner games all generously paid for by the ICAEW and their sponsors. Many thanks to Mr Wareing who entered us into the competition and supported us throughout, his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Marcus Blackett-Ord



BANK OF ENGLAND CHALLENGE

When Alex McKay, Oliver Helme, Thomas Howson, Joe Wood and I entered the annual Bank of England Target 2.0 Challenge, none of us knew exactly what we were signing up for. We didn't realise we would be competing in the final 2.0 challenge, and subsequently we didn't realise that we were going to be the last ever champions of North England, Scotland and Wales.

The 2.0 Challenge is an opportunity for 6th Form students studying Economics to challenge and develop our understanding of the models utilised by the Bank of England to control the inflation rate to achieve the sacred 2.0% inflation target. To do this, we had to examine a huge range of factors, including: employment rates, developer's products, the value of the currency, current affairs, trade deals, political negotiations, consumer spending and the mysterious 'quantitative easing.' We then had to explain whether we would increase, decrease or leave interest rates the same, justify our answer by explaining the effect this would have on inflation and present our case to members of the Monetary Policy Committee, the people

who must make these decisions for the Bank of England to direct the future of the country's economy. I have no doubt that our presentation had a huge influence on their most recent decisions.

In the first round, we competed against another 10 top performing schools to win the area championships, progressing into the final regional championship. We then faced the top 8 teams in the regions of North England, Scotland and Wales in the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Manchester, Piccadilly. It was an incredibly close competition, and we were convinced that we were beaten by the incredible team from Sale Grammar School. It was only the following day when Mr Ralston, exuberant with happiness, announced to us that Sale finished second, that we would be taking the last ever trophy for the champions of England, Scotland and Wales as well as a £1500 cash prize!

Mr Ralston has been running our school's participation in the challenge for years, and it was only thanks to him and his thick file of tricks and tips that we achieved the success we did. Due to this, the money has been given back to the Economics department in the hope that something else can be organised to enrich future student's learning of Economics following the closure of the 2.0 Challenge.

Vedant Rungta

SHARES FOR SCHOOL

Last year the Economics department offered eight Lower Sixth students and me a fantastic, unique opportunity to invest real money into the stock market. Upon finding the rules of the competition, the eight of us were incredulous! To give an overview, the competition was such: Take £1500 and over the course of six months maximise your returns. The team with greatest total value wins.

The timing of the challenge couldn't have been more exciting, with the political shockwaves lingering due to Brexit, combined with fresh change due to Trump's elevation to President, the stock market was in full turbulence. Originally, we were confident, daring and enthusiastic; splitting half our money into the 'safe' asset of gold and hunting for profit with what was left. We examined classic Blue-Chip companies, scrounged through Japanese markets and dared

chemical engineering plants and drug testing facilities. I still remember during one of our meetings it was suggested we 'buy 10-20 shares in Apple,' predicting their subsequent rise in value following the release of the new iPhone. A share in Apple costs \$153. We don't talk about that proposal anymore. In the end, we were slightly more cautious, investing a significant proportion of our money in commodities such as gold and silver, as well as in the Japanese stock markets.

The entire experience was a massive learning curve for us, and by the end of it we truly began to appreciate how deceptive the simplicity of the challenge was. The stock market is incredibly difficult to navigate, and to make a profit in a timeframe as short as six months not only do you have to have skill and information, but also a healthy dose of luck! Following this challenge, we gained

a real insight into the investing world. The experience has been incredibly useful for us all, showing some of the team that investment banking may not be the career for them; while developing a passion in others strong enough to push themselves towards that career.

We are all incredibly grateful for this opportunity and would like to thank Mr Wareing for supporting us throughout the challenge, with his calming personality and insightful criticism. That being said, we would certainly not recommend anyone approaching him for advice in the stock market! Regardless, I am excited to follow the progress of the next group of students taking part in Shares4Schools, and I hope that the challenge will continue to run for years to come.

Vedant Rungta



The year started with a large intake of 30 cadets in Year 9 and at the same time we welcomed Sgt. Day from the Cadet Training Team but also said a sad farewell to Sgt. O'Fee.

The annual Cadet Skill at Arms competition was held at Altcar Training camp. Jonathan White performed outstandingly, winning the overall competition which made him the NW Champion Shot.

Exercise Brass Monkey which took place at Halton TC, introduced the new cadets to military training and camp routine as well as live firing of the .22 rifle, orienteering, climbing, radio operating, the assault course and command tasks.

The Year 10 cadets took part in the annual self-reliance expedition to a rather cold and dank Holcombe Moor. Those who had signed up to the CCF DofE scheme are able to use this as their qualifying expedition.

During the year senior cadets E Powell, T Nicholls, Z Beresford, N Dalton, A Daw, O Wilson and M Blackett-Ord completed the week long Senior Cadet Instructor Cadre (SCIC) and M Blackett-Ord, A Royce and J White completed the Easter Cadet Leadership Cadre (CLC)

which focussed on instructional methods, advanced infantry skills such as fighting in buildings and woods as well as leadership and cadet values.

The CCF proudly represented the school on Remembrance Sunday in Lancaster with a turnout of over 40 cadets from all three sections.

In January, Exercise Night Owl saw the junior cadets taking on leadership roles as they took command of their own sections, navigating in the dark through Knotts Wood to various checkpoints and over challenging terrain. Cadet Millsop led his section to victory due to advanced escape and evasion skills.

The Lent Field Day took place at Altcar Ranges with a night exercise in close proximity to SAS Helicopter manoeuvres. On the next day, all completed the classification shoot with Sgt. M Blackett-Ord and Sgt. T Nichols scoring the Highest Possible Score (HPS).

The DofE Gold qualifying expedition was a huge success. The boys yomped for 5 days over challenging terrain from Threlkeld to Keswick via Helvellyn and Scafell Pike producing presentations on team morale and Nasmyth's rule.

Exercise Lion's Den went ahead at the Ripon Training Area in Yorkshire with the friendly forces commanded by RSM Tetlow, whose WW1 style tactics led his platoon to a decisive victory through a surprising but methodical exploitation of the enemy's rear, despite the enemy's strong resistance. C. White obtained a field promotion through aggressive and determined leadership.



Before summer camp the Year 9 cadets completed a self-reliance practice expedition to Littleedale. Those who have signed up to the CCF DofE scheme may use this as their practice expedition.

The LRGS Army section arrived at Nescliffe Camp in force, easily being the largest contingent there. Our superiority continued throughout the camp, winning the inter-contingent Tug of War, Gun Run,

Electronic shoot and the prestigious but unofficial Arm Wrestling competition with special thanks to A Daw. The annual senior's meal was a fine send off for our solo U6 and leader C Tetlow, we very much hope will return to help out as a member of the University Officer Training Corps.

The exercise was a huge success bringing together the whole year's training and demonstrating the fighting spirit of the Army section. RSM C Tetlow's unorthodox tactics saw two swift and bold attacks on the enemy positions, most notably his concentration of

overwhelming force directed into a gaping hole in the enemy defences leading to a knockout blow. The camp ended with the final parade in which the LRGS Army section was awarded best contingent on camp.

Our role of honour of Gold DofE success stands as: P Collins Price and T Nixon. Whilst for Bronze it is: Z Beresford, M Blackett-Ord, A Clifford, A Daw, J Eastham, J Eckersley, T Guinan, Z Harper, W Hornby-Phillips, T Lane, G Littler, A Mahmoud, J Marsh, S McGowan, T Moore, K Oommen, C Rowley, A Royce, J Schofield, J White,

S Siddiqui, B Taylor, C Tetlow, O Wilson, P Wilkinson and X Zhuang.

After yet another tremendously successful year and on behalf of the whole contingent we say a huge thank you to our staff volunteers: Major Rowe, Major Dower, Captain Channing, Lieutenant Atkinson, RSM Routledge, Corporal Powell and Lt.Col Thorn as well as Dr. Shawcross. Their unmatched dedication to both our achievements and our enjoyment is greatly appreciated.

Marcus Blackett-Ord and Alex Royce



OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITY DAY

During the summer term at cadets we run various activities including drill, leadership training, and outdoor exercises such as capture the flag and sports nights. This summer term in addition to our normal cadet sessions we were also given the opportunity to attend an activity day at our local cadet centre. We spent the day doing a range of activities including climbing, abseiling and completing an obstacle course where we had to scale walls and cross obstacles blindfolded. Many of us also had our first experience of shooting an air rifle which we all really enjoyed (even though I didn't actually manage to hit any of my targets!). In the afternoon we got to complete a series of command tasks which required us all to use a bit of problem solving and teamwork to successfully complete the tasks. Overall, the day was a great success and a highlight in our summer term and we hope to run more activity days such as this in the future.

Flt Sgt Evans



SUMMER CAMP

This summer we made the journey to Inskip Training Centre on the outskirts of Preston for our annual summer camp. Along with cadets from two other sections, we had a great week. At the camp itself there were excellent facilities: great food, nice dorms, a climbing wall, low ropes course, air rifle range and plenty of equipment with which to complete command tasks. This left us with lots to do in our fully packed days. Day trips included kayaking, orienteering and Go Ape. There was also a trip to a local army base to do camo and concealment, shooting, and observation (this last activity resulted in me sitting in a field, trying not to be spotted for over an hour). We visited RAF Leeming, home to No. 100 squadron which operate the BAE Hawk T1 which act as the 'red air' in training engagements. To round the week off we had a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. It was a fully packed week and the perfect weather ensured that it was enjoyed by all. On the final night, there was an inter flight competition, capped by a drill parade which encouraged friendly rivalry, and helped to unify the cadets from the different sections. The staff were excellent and friendly, making the week run smoothly and enjoyably. All in all it was a brilliant week, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sgt Burrow

AIR CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

During the summer holidays Flt Sgt Evans and I were given the opportunity to complete the Air Cadet Leadership Course. Held at RAF Cranwell, the week-long course aims to give cadets an understanding of the leadership principals used in the RAF and to develop these through a series of increasingly difficult command tasks (team building exercises). The course was intense from the offset with an early morning fitness test on the first day. Our schedule followed much of the same pattern with early starts and no free time in order for us to complete command tasks and prepare for what seemed like countless inspections and drill practices. For the first few days we slept in an accommodation block. However, on the Wednesday, the course moved into the field; sleeping under tarps and living on ration packs while all the time maintaining inspection standards. On the Thursday we also completed exercise Top Dog, an orienteering course followed by a 3-mile log run. On the Friday the course broke camp and prepared for the graduation parade outside the Officers' mess. This is a particularly special event because it is the only time, other than when officers pass out, that the parade square is used. I was lucky enough to be in the best flight for my course. I would like to thank Mrs Haywood for providing the opportunity to attend the course in the first place.

Sgt Attwood

THE CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge for Lower Sixth Form (C3L6) consists of a demanding set of questions which they tackle during June. The questions are designed to stretch and challenge at and well beyond A-level standard.

Congratulations to all who took part in this tough challenge and thanks to the Chemistry staff for taking

on the extra marking needed at a busy time of year.

Dr Peter Wothers, Teaching Fellow in the Chemistry Department at Cambridge University, said: “Thank you for entering students into the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge this year. The results have now been finalised and your student results are summarised in the table below.”



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Results

| Mark/Award | | Mark/Award | |
|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| David Eastham | 36 Au | Mohamad Al-Rifai | 18 Cu |
| Timothy Ye | 43 Au | Eagan Carson-Walker | 15 Cu |
| | | Joseph Collin | 16 Cu |
| | | Sam Gelder | 20 Cu |
| William Burrow | 32 Ag | Seun Idowu | 16 Cu |
| Benjamin Knott | 32 Ag | Anthony Tai | 18 Cu |
| Tom Nicholls | 26 Ag | Gabriel Littler | 24 Cu |
| | | Lewis MacPherson | 19 Cu |
| | | Finnian Mclean | 19 Cu |
| | | Justin Pau | 23 Cu |
| | | Abhinav Sinha | 17 Cu |
| | | Adam Suleman | 15 Cu |
| | | Jonathan White | 24 Cu |
| | | Alexander Whyte | 16 Cu |
| | | Xiyao Zhuang | 20 Cu |

NATIONAL FINALISTS IN THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

On 28th April, A Goel, I Mort, A Parkinson and R Ghosh set off with Mr Ryan towards Loughborough for the National Final of the RSC Top of the Bench competition.

There were 32 teams in the final. The boys were tested on their theoretical knowledge of Chemistry and then given a practical challenge.

This followed with a Balloon Debate featuring four young PhD students, each one fighting passionately to defend their field of research.

Then came the moment of truth. The top three schools were announced in reverse order. Sadly, we weren't in the top three but it was good to congratulate Bolton School (Boys' Division) on their victory.

We found out later that we had been placed 14th. Considering that we had entered this competition for the first time in many years and had little idea what to expect, we were pleased with this. We look forward to trying again in 2018.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

The amazing array of clubs and societies is one of the reasons why LRGs is such a great place to grow as an individual.

The Clubs and Societies Fair is held every September to present Year 7 pupils with all the activities on offer.

Pupils and staff were on hand to promote their clubs including; the brand new InspirUS Club, the Junior Debating Society, Canoe Club, History Society and Drama Club,

Board Games club, the Warhammer Club, Armchair Generals and many more.

The event offered a great opportunity for older and younger members of the school to come together.

Many of these activities are supported by the Annual Fund, which aims to provide support the widest possible range of extra-curricular activity to all boys in the school.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said:

"It is very often the activities outside the classroom that will give our pupils their first opportunities of leadership and service. Sport, music, drama, outdoor pursuits, Combined Cadet Force, interform rivalries, clubs and societies give them opportunities to learn to work together, learn how to take initiative, learn how to win, learn how to lose, and learn what things are more important than winning and losing."



KAYAKING CLUB

We thoroughly enjoyed our time at the LRGs Kayaking Club. We learnt how to ride a kayak, including essential skills like; capsizing safely, moving the kayak sideways and successfully doing T rescues while using a spray deck.

We both found that the club helped us to feel safer around water, as we both did not like the idea of being upside down underwater, unable to escape from our kayaks. However, in a calm and safe environment, soon we were all able to confidently enjoy using spray decks.

Mixed in with training sessions were fun games like; 'The Battle of Trafalgar' (the aim of which was to capsize the enemy's boats) and 'Star Wars' (which had a similar aim). The lessons were helpful for those who knew nothing and those who were experts.

Everyone there enjoyed the club and the fun, interesting way in which it was taught.

Daniel Goody and Harry Golbar



PUPILS RAISE OVER £19,000 FOR CHARITY

Pupils raised over £19,000 for Lenten charities this year.

This amazing total was achieved by the boys through fundraising activities, some individual and many organised by forms. Activities included; an auction, a non-uniform day, quizzes, mini-golf and raffles, along with whole school events such as the Set Run.

The school has a Charities Committee made up of pupils who are involved in selecting which charities are chosen. Then, earlier this year all pupils were invited to vote on which charities were supported. Benefiting from the £19,000 total raised this year are:

Rosemere Cancer Foundation, Christ Church Night Shelter, Cancer Research UK, Just Like Us, Money for Madagascar, North West Ambulance Service and Water Wells for Africa.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said:

"I am delighted that our pupils were able to meet with representatives from the local, national and international charities that were nominated this year. Hearing from them what the donations will be spent on reminds us why we support them and shows we are genuinely looking out for our community."



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

Generations old and young come together every year for the annual Community Christmas party. Pupils and staff were on hand to cater to our esteemed guests every need from providing a taxi service to serving the puddings.

Talented pupils provided live music with performances from a jazz band, the brass section, a Capella singers and a finale of festive classics including 'White Christmas'.

SCHOLARSHIPS, MOTORCYCLES & SUPERCARS

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE FOR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Another packed year has passed in the Design & Technology department. We have had successes in regional and national competitions, Arkwright Scholars, local and international trips and not to mention some fantastic academic achievements.

Nine students, three groups of three (Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12) entered the annual BAe Rotary tournament. They were required to design and build a method of clearing blocked pipelines for oil companies. All three teams had fantastic, innovative creations but it was the junior and senior teams who brought home the trophies. Many of our A-level students entered the Triumph motorcycles design competition this year. The Design Awards competition, which is open to 16-18 year

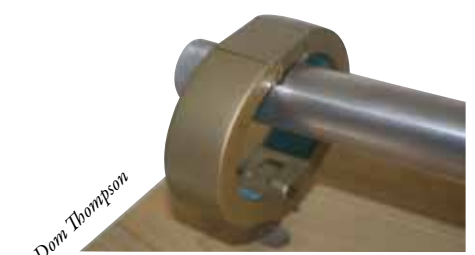
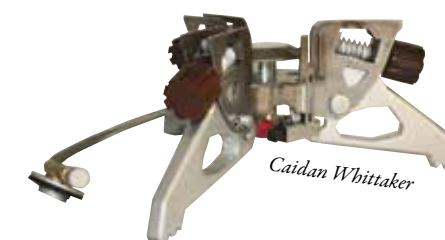
old students studying a relevant STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths), asks entrants to design a product which solves a real world problem. Design engineers from Triumph shortlisted 26 finalists to exhibit their work at the third national final, during which all entrants had the opportunity to present their design ideas to senior and chief engineers from the Design Department at Triumph. Of the 26 finalists three were from the LRGS Product Design course!

This year saw 2 more LRGS students make successful applications to become Arkwright scholars. Henry Jackson and Bryce Ferguson both passed a tough 2 hour exam and a grueling interview process to be accepted into the programme. As Arkwright scholars they will receive a bursary and be placed with a mentor to work on fascinating engineering tasks while attending talks around the country.

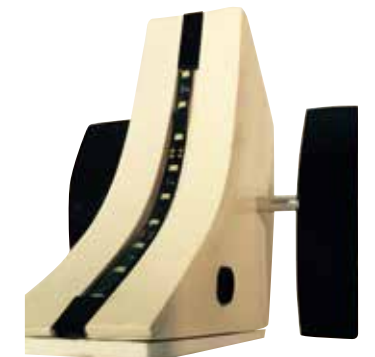
Our annual trip to the Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Club to attend the 'Engineering Your Future' event was a resounding success as well as trips to Northern Hi-Tec and Leyland Trucks to get up-close and personal with real world engineering.



This year also saw the first international trip organised by the D&T department. 25 students from Year 11 to 13 flew out to Pisa, Italy before travelling by coach to Florence. 4 days were spent touring around the region of Tuscany visiting the home of supercars. We attended the Ferrari museum in Maranello, the Lamborghini museum in Sant Agata and had a guided tour of the bespoke engineering plant of Pagani in Modena. This once in a lifetime trip allowed the students the opportunity to stay in the city of Florence for 4 days. They absorbed the Italian culture as well as appreciated the astounding architecture on show in the historic city.



The year was rounded off with some fantastic GCSE and A-level results. The standard of project continues to improve year on year. Some examples of these can be found here.





OPEN DAY

ACTION PACKED EVENT

We were delighted to welcome hundreds of potential pupils and their families to our Open Day in June.

All departments offered fun activities to give a flavour and an insight into life at LRGS. Lots of visitors enjoyed taking part in science experiments, sampling some tasty snacks in Food Tech, experimenting with foreign languages - and trying to answer some tricky riddles and puzzles in English and Maths!

Our junior boarding house was open and visitors were able to meet staff and current boarders, whether they were interested in boarding - or just curious!

Our school Open Day is not only a chance to demonstrate to the wider community what we offer but a great day for the whole school to work together. Pupils from Year 7 to Upper Sixth all help in some way, from acting as tour guides to demonstrating experiments, from baking and catering to providing musical entertainment. We feel that the pupils are the best ambassadors of our school and are able to talk to families on a one to one basis about their experiences at LRGS. It is one of the event highlights of the year and we look forward to doing it all again in June 2018.

TRIPS & TRAVEL



NORMANDY

In July 2017, over sixty Year 8 boys travelled to Normandy on a trip which was to become memorable, informative, wet, thought-provoking, competitive et fantastique! >



> We arrived at school at 5.45am, bleary eyed but excited. We clambered onto the coach and set off, heading to the ferry in Portsmouth for our crossing. Although the journey took over 15 hours it wasn't all bad as the ferry staff took great care of us and even provided some quality entertainment such as: a penalty shootout, a quiz and virtual reality headsets. Despite the length of the journey, I am sure all the other boys would agree it was definitely worth it. We arrived in the rain, late at night. We were sorted into our dorms and quickly fell to sleep.

On our first day, we were immediately immersed in French culture with a trip to the market. We separated and spent our money on what took our fancy. It was good fun and a great opportunity to put our French skills into practice. It was also very funny witnessing some of the boys attempt

to bargain with the shopkeepers with their best French accents (with some success!). We then visited the Bayeux Tapestry and it was very interesting to hear and learn of its history and the great story it holds.

Over the next few days, we visited the beautiful Mont St Michael, learning of its history thanks to Seb and Sulli (our guides for the week), meandered around the shops and got soaked crossing the bay. We visited two cemeteries, the landing beaches and a 360 cinema. We also got competitive at the chalet where we tried our hand at a variety of activities including archery, Aeroball (which quickly became our new favourite sport) and bread making.

Having been used to mixing with the boys at school and on the sports field, it was very poignant to watch the solemnity descend upon us all as we took in the white

crosses and headstones at the cemetery, representing the young men who were not much older than ourselves. It was a moment that will stay with me for a long time to come.

On behalf of all the boys, I would like to thank Seb and Sulli who provided great entertainment, companionship and knowledge of the places we visited; the kitchen staff at the chateau who provided us with lovely food and helped us to enjoy the French cuisine (including snails); and finally, I would like to thank Mr Hall and all the other teachers who organised the trip, looked after us and made the trip spectacular.

I thoroughly recommend it to next year's Year 8.

Tom Duke

TRAVEL AWARDS

The OLs supported four students with travel grants. William Ferdinand visited Uganda, Michael Padfield and Jack Taylor went to Lyon and Eagan Carson Walker travelled to Honduras.

"On the 19th July 2017 I a group of us set off on a three week trip to Honduras. It took four days, three planes two coaches and a partridge in a pear tree to get into the jungle of Cusuco National Park, Honduras.

We spent a week assisting scientists with their work analysing and protecting the rainforest which is threatened by deforestation and the chytrid fungus.

We spent half of the week in a remote satellite camp which meant we could get great results to help fight against chytrid which kills 70% of amphibians by essentially suffocating them very slowly.

We then spent the rest of the week in a village



in the jungle which was the best experience of my life! Meeting people who have nothing, really made us realise how lucky we are. We stayed in their house so obtained first-hand experience, despite my reluctance at first! I could use my limited knowledge of Spanish to speak to the family - after they had stopped laughing at me dancing around to Bob Marley!

We then travelled for a whole day to Roatan, an island off the coast of Honduras, where we learned to open water dive and were educated about protecting the coral reefs. We got a PADI open water dive certificate and got to see the coral reef 20m down which was extraordinary.

This was truly a trip of a lifetime; helping my language skills, testing me physically and improving my scientific knowledge.

Thank you for helping give me and providing me with the opportunity."

Eagan Carson-Walker

BATTLEFIELDS

At the end of September 2016, we, a group of Year 10 and 11 History pupils, made a trip to the World War One battlefields in Northern France and Belgium. We learnt about the main events and got a feel for the conditions that these men suffered and died in.

Honourable mentions go to Professor Martin Alexander (OL), the History Department and honorary member of the History Department, Dr N Thorn and of course the organiser of the trip, Mr Atkinson.

A key advantage of the trip was that it made it much easier to visualise the events of the First World War as they happened, actually standing on the battlefield, learning about the fighting that had taken place there 100 years ago was incredible.

Learning about the conditions that the men were living in by visiting museums such as Ypres and the tunnels at Arras gave us a window into the lives of the men who fought and died there and seeing the graves in both the German and Allied cemeteries helped give us a sense that the people who gave up their lives were real people rather than simply numbers.

Through the information from our fantastic tour guide Steve Roberts, we learned about the tales of the individual men and women who took part in "The

Great War". In short the trip showed us the human aspect of a subject often seen as mainly theoretical; we could see and walk over the hills which before we had only viewed in textbooks. We could make our way through reconstructions of trenches that we had only previously seen in diagrams and we could see the cemeteries full of men who we had only seen as numbers, it brought history alive.

The trip gave us a sense of the weaponry and strategy used in the 'Great War.' We learnt that the bolt-action rifle was a prominent weapon and that it could fire and successfully kill a man from 1.4km away. Machine guns, chlorine gas and mustard gas were also used proficiently.

Throughout World War One, warfare and technology advanced hugely. The tank made its first ever appearance in an attempt to overcome the deadlock of trench warfare, Rifles and longer-ranged weaponry became more consistent and mistakes were learned from. Although the thought of killing another human within eyeshot was often abhorrent, we found that if a man didn't know for sure he had killed someone, it would be often overlooked and taking someone's life would be depersonalised. When we visited Mametz Wood (on the Western Front at the Battle of the Somme), a poem was introduced to us with the same name written by Owen Sheers in 2005. Part of

it reads; "where they were told to walk, not run, towards the wood and its nesting machine guns." Throughout the trip we digested the cruelties of war and how these strategies that were seemingly unable to be avoided, wasted millions of lives of innocent people.

One of the main themes that we all took back home from our trip to the Battlefields was the scale of warfare. Many of the cemeteries which we visited such as Langemark and Tyne Cot gave us a clear sense of the horrific scale of the campaign in France and Belgium. Visiting these cemeteries also made us aware of the scale of the massacre on the opposing side of the war, which was new to many people, perhaps due to the media's focus on the allied success. Due to these sprawling cemeteries, we could see how the individual story of a soldier who died could easily be forgotten amidst the grandeur of the flowers and thousands of marble head stones. However our guide, Steve Roberts, informed us in detail about the lives of many men and women who either fought or served in the attempt to drive the Central Powers back into the German Fatherland. The trip allowed us to understand the sheer loss of life the war created and to understand the bravery and honour of those who sacrificed their lives, and how they fell in their millions.

James Weir

STATESIDE

It was early in the morning when we first arrived at JFK airport. We then took a coach back to our hostel, gazing out of the windows as we watched the iconic Manhattan skyline slowly come into view as we entered the city. The scale was the first thing that hit me; a concrete jungle truly was the best way to describe it, as skyscrapers in every direction shadowed our path towards Central Park, near to where our hostel was located. This was useful as it allowed some of the boys to go on a run in the morning and see a lot of the park very quickly, however, I found that a leisurely stroll later on in the week was better suited to me.

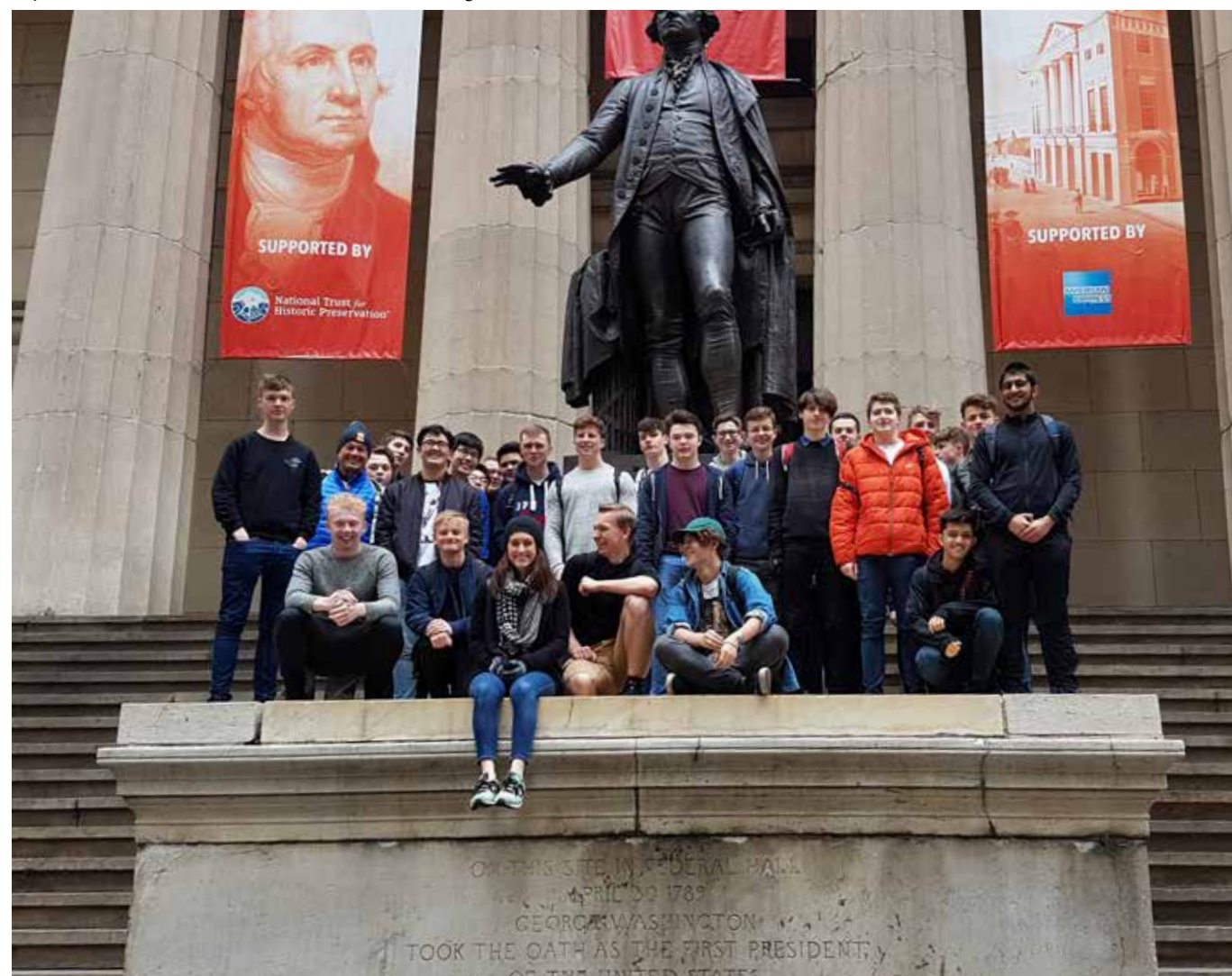
From here we dropped off our bags, took the Metro, then entered the centre of the city. We had a meal at the base of the Empire State building, and by now some of the boys were starting to get hungry. This was my first experience of American food and although I had heard the stories of huge portions with disproportionate amounts of salt and sugar, I was still surprised with the final outcome. From chips and burgers to pasta and brownies, there was tons of food available and never have I eaten so much in one sitting! We also tried authentic New York Bagels at Sid Lee's, where we got an insight into marketing. Here we saw how their work with Stella Artois helped shape its brand image.

Over the next few days we managed to see pretty much every major tourist attraction in the city. Some days we clocked over 30,000 steps and we were always jumping on and off the Metro, planning our routes trying not to get lost. My favourite attractions included the trip around the Statue of Liberty where we waited until the last day so that the weather was clear; this allowed us to get the best

view of the South Manhattan skyline in all its glory and at only \$9 it was one of the more reasonably priced things in New York. I also enjoyed the trip up the Empire State building, although we waited for almost 3 hours to get to the top, it was definitely worth it. By the time I got to the 80th floor, the sun had started setting. We were told the only way to see the sun set was to run up the remaining 6 floors to the observatory deck. The last orange rays before twilight shone across the city as the sun set over the horizon, creating a magnificent view for us watching on.

Somehow, despite being one of the most hyped up cities in the world, New York managed to live up to all of its expectations. Unfortunately, as we were only there for five days, there is still a lot more I would love to see and experience so I hope I get to return sometime soon.

Charlie Nicholls



WIND, SEA, ICE, RIVERS AND FIRE

Iceland Geography Study Tour 2016

The team: Ben Adams, Laurie Atkinson, George Attwood, Josh Banks, Matthew Bargh, Tom Bowe, Gabriel Bowles, Dominic Brown, Joe Chapman, Dan Clemson, Joe Conefrey, Andrew Crooks, Will Ellison, Eliot Greenwood, Oli Helme, Liam Hinnigan, Christian Hodgson, Andrew Hughes, Thomas Kerr, James Marsh, Dylan Morgan, Jamie Morphet, Harry Page, Cole Parkin, Henry Potter, Patrick Proctor, Will Ritchie, Callum Robinson-Brooks, Harry Rowlands, Nathan Slack, Kyle Weston, Christian Tetlow, Jacob Thomas, Dominic Thompson, John Tobin, Thomas Turner, Michael Walsh, Ben Woodruff.

Staff: Mr Crooks, Mr Ledward, Mr Mellon, Mr Talks

27th October

Within an hour or so of landing we were exploring a landscape much like the surface of the moon; black lava and ash split assunder by the mid-Atlantic ridge that rises above sea level on the Reykjanes peninsula. Nearby mudpots and fumeroles belch sulphurous fumes. No wonder the Icelandic sagas talk of trolls and witches! The open air geothermal swimming pool in Reykjavik finished a perfect first day. Tomorrow would be an adventure to remember.

28th October

Our ferry crossing to the Westman Islands had become a 2.5 hour crossing as the harbour for the shorter crossing was full of ash. With strong winds this journey became epic! We should have realised it was going to get rough when the ferry personnel handed out sick bags. The wise headed on to the deck. I have never seen such waves and experienced such a roll on a ship. Boys turned green and clung on to the rails. The bottle green seas tossed our boat around like a play thing. Seeing the volcanic island of Surtsey that formed in 1963, and then to reach the calmer waters of the harbour was a great relief.

We then headed up Eldfell or Fire Mountain after dumping our bags in the hotel. In 1973 this volcano destroyed a third of the town of Heimaey. As we walked up, a car came screeching round the corner and stopped by us: "Are you ready for the football match later?" "Of course, we'll see you later after climbing the volcano". I had challenged the local and only secondary school on the island to a football match in an attempt to gain back some pride after Iceland had defeated England in the Euros. On top of the volcano we warmed our hands where vents released warm air and steam. Down at the foot of the mountain we explored lava tunnels.

Now for the football match. We got to the indoor astroturf as the boys talked up their skills. In the event, the boys were humbled by an Icelandic team that were simply brilliant. The final score was something

like 23-6! A dip in the geothermal pool was once again a great way to relax at the end of the day.

29th October

Crossing back to the mainland wasn't bad at all as the wind had changed direction. We did stop to see Skogarfoss and Seljalandsfoss, both 60 metre waterfalls which are quite spectacular. Back in 2010 it was this area that was blanketed in ash after Eyjafjallajökull erupted. Eventually we saw the icecap of Vatnajökull as we crossed the black sands of the Skeiðarársandur and our hotel near the Svinasfjallajökull outlet glacier. To make the most of the day we used the last daylight to look at the snout of this glacier from the valley side near our hotel. Even as the rain continued to fall to see up close the blue colour of the glacier was impressive.

30th October

Next day we drove further east to the famous Jokulsarlon or glacial lagoon. This place never disappoints with amazing ice sculptures both in the lagoon and on the beach. The sun glinted off icebergs being battered by surging waves.

Glaciers became the theme for the day as we explored the landscapes of Fallajökull and Kviarjökull before heading for Solheimajökull where we walked on to the glacier with guides. For many this was a real highlight as equipped with iceaxe and crampons we could explore a glacier close up. What we also noticed is how far the glacier has retreated since we first came.

31st October

Our final day took us through the golden triangle: Gullfoss, Thingvellir and Geysir before heading to Reykjavik where we had time to explore the city. That evening we concluded our busy tour by going to Blue Lagoon, completing another great tour.

My thanks go to the students and staff who made the trip as memorable as ever.

Mr Talks



The Geography department have been going to Iceland since 2004 making this the seventh trip to this amazing island in the middle of the Atlantic. It is such a fantastic place for geography where the processes that are shaping the earth are clearly at work: wind, sea, ice, rivers and fire.

SPORT

RUGBY

RUGBY CAPTAIN PLAYS FOR ENGLAND SQUAD

LRGS rugby captain of the 1st XV, Sam Stott, was selected to play and Captain the England U18s Squad in Ireland in March 2017.

Sam Stott said:

“It was a very surreal moment, I didn't really take it in because it was like a dream and to lead this team is a huge honour. I had a fantastic week in Dublin with a great set of lads. We didn't achieve the results we wanted but I had an amazing experience in the white shirt!”

CALUM OWEN SELECTED FOR SALE SHARKS U18

LRGS First XV player Calum Owen has played for Sale Sharks U18s. Calum has been involved with Sale Sharks Academy for the last 3 to 4 years and has played in a number of games for the club.



PUPILS JOIN RUGBY LEGENDS IN REMEMBERING JONAH LOMU

Pupils, staff and Old Lancastrians joined international rugby stars to pay tribute to Jonah Lomu. Several members of the LRGS rugby 1st XV team and sports staff were kindly invited by OL Kevin Roberts to attend the Jonah Lomu Memorial Dinner held at Finsbury Square, London. They were amongst a thousand guests to attend the black tie event which has helped to raise around £250,000.

ARGENTINA RUGBY TOUR

In July 2017 over 40 rugby players took part in a 19-day tour of Argentina. It was a once in a lifetime experience and included several fixtures and excursions.

LRGS took on training games and matches with teams including: CUBA, Tala RFC, Universitario de Santa Fe, Gimnasia y Esgrima Pergamino and San Juan el Precursor.

Outside of training and playing rugby, there was a city tour of Buenos Aires taking in; the Presidential Offices and government buildings, the financial district and military headquarters, which have seen the beginnings of several military coups. The boys also got the opportunity to visit the impressive Buenos Aires Cathedral where the current Pope Francis was the previous Archbishop. They also visited the La Boca district, the old dock area, littered with colourful distinctive houses - home to the Tango, and the world-famous Boca Juniors Football Club. The boys then entered the striking blue and gold La Bombonera stadium to learn about the history of the best supported football club in Argentina. The tour bus skirted around one of the city's many favelas, unfortunately we were unable to stop in the area because it is unsafe for even the Police and Ambulance services to enter. In contrast, they also visited the city's most desirable and affluent area, Puerto Moreno. The high-rise apartments overlook the world's widest river, the Rio de la Plata. Another tour highlight was visiting the Recoleta area of the city, an area of great historical and architectural interest largely due to the distinguished cemetery, which contains the graves of Eva Perron,

previous Presidents of Argentina and Nobel Prize winners. In 2013 it was listed among the 10 most beautiful cemeteries of the world.

They also managed to fit in a coach tour of Rosario. This is the birth place of both Che Guevara and Lionel Messi. They tracked the Rio Parana, the third largest river in the world. Mr Yates would have been envious of the number of rowing clubs on the banks of the river! A stop off to admire the Nuestra Señora del Rosario bridge, linking the towns of Rosario and Victoria.

Mr Stewart said: "A massive thanks to all the parents, sponsors and staff who made the tour possible, and special thanks from the staff to the boys for conducting themselves in the best possible traditions of LRGS whilst we were out there. They were excellent ambassadors for the school."

He also added: "A final mention for the Upper 6th formers, who are leaving us after the tour. They have given everything for LRGS since joining the school and have continued to take rugby forward during their time. The commitment needed to balance the demands of rugby, alongside academia and the other aspects of school life can't be understated and these guys have been great examples to the lower years. We thank them for everything they have done on the field and off it. They are: Matthew Bargh, Ed Cross, Ben McGuire, Sam Stott and Max Walker."

More information about the tour is available at: www.lrgsrugby.com



U12A

We play on a tough circuit and have a brief period in which LRGS boys can learn the intricacies and laws of quite a complex game. Our toughest opponents were QEGS Wakefield, Oakham School, Loughborough GS, Manchester GS and Dartford GS.

Typically U12 LRGS rugby players are relatively small in size, inexperienced (save a handful), immensely brave, committed and intelligent; this crop was no exception.

They narrowly lost their first major game against Kirkham away by four tries to five at the end of September. Following years of tradition and expectation they certainly delivered; they improved their handling and contact skills tremendously with each game. The team produced their greatest all round performance in their last match on the vastly exposed, coastal plain at AKS Lytham against a team of behemoths and big athletes from Dartford.

Sam Walton was the outstanding player of the season, he was ubiquitous and engaged in virtually all phases of every game, often without regard for his own safety; essentially if someone moved with the ball from the opposition, then Sam would scythe them down and then get to his feet and snaffle the ball.

He was ably assisted by Ben Parkinson another ‘tackling machine’ and Theo Timmins often first to support the tackler. Max Rowe, Robin Kalis, Joe Cronshaw and Ashley Ali were ever present and these forwards significantly improved their skills as the season wore on. We certainly could have done with a few more games as I felt the boys were at the absolute zenith in mid-January.

Hayden Mills is a super scrum half with searing pace, Henry Clifton is fantastically strong tackler and elusive runner with great feet, Freddie Whatmuff is a diamond in the centres with genuine pace and an intuitive reading of the game, Conor Kyriackou is the final member of the quartet with pace, bravery and great running skills.

The back three of Joe Eaton, Nathan Kay and Isaac Beaumont have serious pace and a strong defence.

Sam Chilman forced his way into the team by the end of the season and will be a serious force next year; Brendan Rodgers is a player of raw strength, he could prove to be a first choice prop or second row in future.

I would like to thank Mr Jacques for his youthful coaching skills and support through the season and a huge thanks to all parents who were present at most matches; full of pride, care and enthusiasm for their boys. That is why we love rugby at LRGS, a collective belief in the value of the team and support for each other. Smashing !

Mr Ledward

U12B

A successful season for the U12B team, who lost just two matches. Many of the team had not played rugby until arriving at LRGS but they trained hard in games and after school, to learn and then hone the skills needed. Highlights of the season included a 50-0 drubbing of St Mary’s Stonyhurst, in which Stephen Dingba scored four excellent tries and a brutal scrap at Leeds where the whole team tackled like heroes and Sam Chilman scored two tries and Joe Eaton a wonder try; running the length of the pitch to seal the win. The two defeats were against bigger and more experienced opponents but the boys always learned from defeat and came back stronger.

The following boys made significant contributions throughout and should be proud of their bravery and commitment in representing the School:

| Forwards | Backs |
|----------|-----------|
| Timmins | Summers |
| Chilman | Norfolk |
| Raymond | Dingba |
| Waters | McGrath |
| Scammon | Edmondson |
| Peries | Matthews |
| Graveson | Phillips |
| Winder | Letchley |
| | Beaumont |
| | Parfitt |

RESULTS:

Kirkham GS (away) won 50 – 0

Stonyhurst (away) won 50 – 0

Leeds GS (away) won 20 – 10

Wakefield GS (home) lost 35 – 10

St Ambrose (away) lost 35 – 15

Ripley St Thomas (home) won 35 – 15

Ethelburgas (home) won 50 – 0

Austin Friars (home) won 22 - 12

U13B

Whenever you think of a ‘B Team’ you tend to think of number two or second best. This season we have very much thought of ourselves as the ‘other A team’ and gone into every match with amazing positivity.

All the players in our team have had exceptional talent. We have had a fantastic season with many wins and only two losses to Leeds Grammar and Stonyhurst As. We beat the local rivals Kirkham and had the pleasure of playing a lot of the A teams in our local and surrounding area, winning at Morecambe, Heysham and Ripley.

We have been very lucky to have such good coaching and the team’s mentality on and off the pitch has really improved because of this. Key players have also had the opportunity to play in the Lancashire Cup and the numerous rugby sevens tournaments that took place. Most of the B team squad managed to get some A team experience during the season, some players even moving up as regular A team players.

I know the team would like to thank all the coaches for their time and effort in and out of school to make our rugby possible. Over the season we have scored some sensational tries and the moves we worked so hard to do in training really paid off in matches. Most importantly we enjoyed the whole season and now we look forward to next season.

We are proud to represent LRGS and we will continue to give our best endeavours on and off the pitch.

Finlay Swindlehurst



U15A

After coming so close to back to back Lancashire Cup wins at the end of last season, LRGS U15 came into 2016-17 with another win set firmly in their sights. Expectations were set high right from the start by Mr Stewart and Mr Hall, who gave up many hours of their time to ensure, with the help of ex-England Manager Brian Ashton, that the team was in the best possible position to succeed.

The season started with a run of difficult games against strong opponents, the first of which was away at old rivals QEGS Wakefield. In past seasons every meeting between the two sides had been close and this encounter was no different, Wakefield managing to come out on top 28-7. Next up was another away trip, this time to Macclesfield. Lancaster performed exceptionally and triumphed 40-24. Leeds Grammar School visited the Memo Fields for the first home game of the season. The Yorkshire team played a very physical game and battered their way to a 27-14 victory. The team competed for the first time in the NatWest Cup which includes teams from all over the country. In the first round LRGS recorded a comfortable 48-0 victory against local rivals Ripley in late September.

Next up were Kirkham Grammar and Stonyhurst College, two traditionally difficult games. Lancaster however won both 55-0 and 88-0 respectively. The match against Stonyhurst was the first round in the Lancashire Cup. The second round of the NatWest Cup against QEGS Penrith proved more of a challenge. LRGS learned of the importance of proper game preparation, the game was made much more difficult than it should have been. Lancaster still managed to pull out a 31-12 victory. The long anticipated match against Sedbergh fell on the 12th of November. Lancaster scored first but couldn’t cope with the pressure put on them by an extremely well organised Sedbergh side who took a 54-8 victory. A 21-7 victory against Altrincham Grammar in round 3 of the NatWest Cup set up another game against Sedbergh in the round of 32. Once again Sedbergh was too strong and came out 45-0 winners, ending a successful cup run into the last 32 teams in the country. Unfortunately games against Newcastle and QES Kirkby Lonsdale were cancelled due to unplayable conditions.

The focus now shifted onto regaining the title of Lancashire champions, St. Mary’s Crosby were the opponents in the quarter final. Any fears from before the game were quickly squashed with Lancaster dominating the game, especially towards the end of the second half, in the end winning by over 50 points. A few weeks later was the semi final, again at home, against Bolton School. Another excellent performance from the whole squad meant another final was set up against last years opponents, St. Edwards College Liverpool.

In the weeks before the final were two very winnable sevens tournaments, at Giggleswick and Macclesfield. First up was Giggleswick. In the group stage easy victories against AKS and the hosts, meant LRGS progressed to a second group stage, the winner of which would win the tournament. Lancaster once again won both games and picked up their first piece of silverware. The tournament at King’s Macclesfield was always going to be more of a challenge, with strong teams from all over the England >



>competing. LRGS again topped their group, beating Audenshaw 57-0, St. Josephs Ipswich 34-10, St. Ambrose 14-10 and losing 25-21 to Manchester Grammar. Quick and clinical sevens was played by everyone involved and a quarter final was set up against old rivals Kirkham. Great work rate and finishing from Lancaster gave a 31-5 score line and the team moved on to a semi-final versus Sandbach. More brilliant play and a 26-5 win meant another showdown with St. Ambrose. This time however they were too strong and ran out 19-7 winners.

With two medals already under their belts, the team now concentrated on the 22nd March rematch with St. Edwards College. After losing by a point last year, LRGS had a point to prove and came out strong, scoring an early try and setting the tempo for the game. St Edwards replied with a try of their own and the rest of the first half remained a cagey affair. In the second half however Lancaster pushed on with more tries and withstood all efforts from an extremely skilled St. Edwards team to win the final 35-17.

After a very successful season the squad move on to a tour of Argentina in the summer and hopefully another successful season next year. Thank you to Mr Stewart, Mr Hall and Brian Ashton for their expert guidance and thanks to all parents and others for incredible support at every match in any weather.

Nat Archer

U16

During the summer pre-season and early on against QEGS Wakefield and King’s Macclesfield the RGS Lancaster squad worked tremendously hard and with real intensity to improve on their skill level, their fitness and their efforts from the previous season. Both the opening games resulted in very narrow defeats to strong sides and there was much to be optimistic about at the end of September. Sadly injuries, call-ups to the 1st XV and a lack of depth meant that a large number of results went against us. That said, the boys trained exceptionally hard into the October half term and enjoyed an impressive Lancashire Cup run into the semi-finals where they lost narrowly to MGS, away from home. Congratulations must go to the boys who made a name for themselves at 1st XV level this season – Henry Higginson, Josh Fowler and Jaidan Reeder to name a few. Many more of these boys will do the same next year and hopefully in two years time they will form the mainstay of a very successful 1st XV and can set about reversing some of the scorelines from this season. Praise should be given to Francis Branford, Joe Wills, Matthew Mitchell, Charlie Love, Sam Proctor, Tony Statter and Zach Templeton alongside the boys listed above who featured in more or less every training session and game we played.

Player of the Season Award: Jaidan Reeder

Mr G Mason & Mr J Viney



1ST XV

It was an interesting season for the 1st XV this year. Coming in to the season the side had a combination of an almost fully U6th backline but had very little 1st XV experience. As the old adage goes, its the forwards who decide who wins the game and the backs by what margin.

The first couple of games of the season went as feared, with the new-pack adjusting to the rigours and pace of 1st XV rugby. Wakefield and Macclesfield both beat us, but over the course of these two games the pack learned the importance of protecting 9 in attack and ensuring we were playing with our heads up in defence. The players learned a lot early on and to their credit they rose to the challenge well. Our first win of the season came in game 3 at home to Leeds. The lineout was much improved and was a real strength in taking on the Leeds forwards. The backs duly did what we hoped they would and they ran in several tries from all areas of the field with memorable moments from Bargh, Stott, Owen and Robinson-Brooks. A resounding 33-5 win raised expectations throughout the camp. Another away win at AKS mid week saw us through into the next round of the national cup, we were missing a couple of key players in the backs in that game and whilst AKS really made a game of it in the first half it was very pleasing to see some of the other players stepping up and taking control of the game. We came away in the second half and scored a number of good tries, taking the score to 37-17.

Next came our run of very difficult games that saw the side have to face Kirkham, Stonyhurst and Sedbergh all within a month of each other. In both the Sedbergh and Kirkham games the score was close at half time. The Stonyhurst game was a typically tight and competitive affair. They knew exactly what was needed and kicked a lot of ball to touch where their bigger forwards were given the chance to compete against us. Whilst the LRGS forwards put in a good display they were physically over matched and despite us putting some good phases of play together which kept the game on a knife edge, in the end it was Stonyhurst who crept over the line victorious.

Giggleswick away has become an increasingly tricky fixture over recent years but LRGS put together one of their most controlled performances of the year. The backs put together some excellent attacking play and this led us to a memorable win.

Equally memorable was the away trip to Bury GS, a 57-0 win. The forwards really hit their stride with a number of good performances, particularly in the front row and we again scored from all areas of the field.

The final domestic game was against another emerging scholarship side with St. Ethelburga’s visiting the Memo Fields for the first time. An incredibly tight game came down to the last few minutes with LRGS playing some of their best rugby of the season it was a shame to come away on the wrong side of the result 22-24.

The final game for the squad came in the Lancashire Cup Final against old foes Stonyhurst. As it has been in previous years, the game was an excellent advertisement for schoolboy rugby. Having trailed for much of the first half LRGS were chasing the game and a couple of scorers mid way through the second half put us ahead. As a team, our failing was that we didn’t then recognise the game had changed and we kept playing as if we were behind, running the ball from deep in our own half and keeping ourselves under pressure. A turnover on our 10 metre line was capitalised on by Stonyhurst and led to them scoring the decisive try. Another excellently fought final and although LRGS were on the wrong side of the result, they were a huge credit to the school in how they conducted themselves and the dedication they showed throughout the game.

Sam Stott captained the side extremely well, he got better and better as the season wore on and this did not go unnoticed culminating in him captaining England Counties on their tour of Ireland.

Mr A Wilkinson

2ND XV

The season started slowly but as we pulled together as a team we produced four good wins against strong opposition. They always played hard but fair and they were a real credit.

A number of lads progressed to the first team over the season but we always had a strong front row. Will Ferdinand, Karan Banga, Will Burrow and Prabhu Thanikachalam were strong in the set piece and effective in the loose. I was very impressed with the play of Joe Fenna,

Sean Otto, Tom Fyfe, Hamish Mackie, Cameron Rowbotham and Christian Tetlow. The back-row was equally effective where Ed Cross, Luke Milner and Will Sewell (who also led the side very well) deserved enormous credit.

The half-backs of Will Minchom, Jacob Thomas and Ben Maguire directed the side well and helped to allow the rest of the backs the room they needed. Jamie Smith, Connor Parkinson, Daniel Dixon, Ruairidh Barker, James Marsh, Pat Procter

and John Tobin ran hard and scored some outstanding tries and defended well.

Thanks go to Mr Ralston for coaching the team with me and Mr Curran for his refereeing of many of the games. Thanks also to the parents who supported us all over the north of England.

Mr I Whitehouse



3RD XV

The squad:

Dominic Salzedo, Joe Atkinson, James Kidd, Louis Kamijo-Flanagan, Seun Idowu, Hamish McKie, Angus Clifford, Mitchell Thackrah, Andy Crooks, Cameron Rowbotham, Alex Royce, Will Minchom, Jia TYang, Dan Dixon, Tom Atherton (captain), Jamie Webber, Theo Blakeney-Edwards, Patrick Proctor, Dan Rillie, Joe Rogers, Tobi Mustapha, Dhillon Bohm, George Horsfield and Ed Deeks, Hamzah, Tosin Oyebola, Eugene Otoibhi, Sean Otto, Will Ferdinand, Will Humphries, Justin Ezeala, Brian Kwok, James Marsh, James Eckersley.

This season was full of endeavour with some famous victories and hard-fought battles. Rugby is a physical game that requires considerable commitment. It is a great credit to the boys listed above who showed the qualities that make Lancaster Royal Grammar School a great school by giving their all.

Here are a few exerts from our match reports from the season:

3rd XV vs Kirkbie Kendal, lost 40 - 24

The 3rd XV put on a brave performance against Kirkbie Kendal 1st XV. The coach, Mr Talks, made a tactical error giving our two best players to Kirkbie Kendal in the first half who had come with 13 men. Once Dan Dixon was playing for us, he scored twice early in the second half! Praise should go to the whole team who battled to the last whistle. We are sure to get better as the season continues.

3rd XV and 4th XV vs Wakefield

A hard-fought game saw LRGS 3rd XV come so close to beating Wakefield. The Lancaster lion roared as Sean Otto burst through tackles and scored under the posts in the first half, edging ahead of the Yorkies 7-5. Unfortunately, two kicked penalties in the second half by Wakefield sealed their victory in this War of the Roses by 11 points to 7. Well done to the team for a much-improved performance.

On pitch 4, the 4th XV, made up of the U16Bs and Sixth Form footballers, who now realise rugby is a much better game than soccer, cruised to victory 40 points to 24. A superb result, well done!

3rd XV vs Bolton

Up against Bolton A/B team, the 3rd XV battled hard away at Bolton. The final score was 19-14 to Bolton. Men of the match were: Justin Ezeala and Brian Kwok who both asked if they could play, showing great commitment for the school.

3rd XV vs Stonyhurst

On a perfect autumnal day, the 3rd XV produced their best rugby of the season so far beating Stonyhurst 43-12. The whole team played their part in what the coach, Mr Talks, said was a fantastic team performance. Man of the Match was captain, Tom Atherton, who scored a hat-trick of tries. Well done to everybody.

Mr A Talks

ROWING



LRGS BOAT CLUB

This year (2016/17) has been another very successful and exciting one for the boat club. The year started with the ultimate achievement – OL rower Scott Durant winning Gold in the Men's VIII at the Rio Olympics. He returned to school early in the year with his medal to talk to all the boys and we even featured on

North West Tonight!

The boys were busy through the summer holidays. With us moving buildings at Halton Army Camp we had to clear the new building, build racking and prepare it for the season to come. We are now set up with far better premises than before and as a result have been able to train far more effectively than in previous seasons.

The seniors were quickly into their training and we had a very large new Year 9 group start. It was great to see many of the senior rowers volunteer their time to come and help coach.

The Head season started with a Red Rose event in Lancaster. This saw the usual strong turn out and dominance from LRGS crews at these events, with the pair of Will Burrow and Sam Gelder taking the overall victory.

Agecroft Head a week later saw excellent racing. Although we didn't win any events this year, we came home with a lot of 2nd places and the feeling that crews were showing huge potential for the year to come.

At Northwich Head Sam Gelder and Caidan Whittaker returned victorious in their J17 double with many others finishing in 2nd and 3rd places against very tough opposition.

The Red Rose Head in November was the first chance for many of the new Year 9 group to experience racing. It was great to see so many of them take part with three coxed quads and a J14 double all competing. The seniors once again dominated the event with Tom Kerr taking the overall win in a single scull.

The grind of winter training was rewarded following the floods from last year. The first chance for many of these to race was in the January Red Rose. Timing errors meant no one was ever sure who was the fastest single sculler, but the 1st quad laid down a very impressive time to win the event.

Trafford Head was the first chance for some of the new Year 9s to race and they represented the school really well. The seniors had a very successful day with wins in J17 singles (Sam was also the fastest junior sculler of the day) and our 1st and 2nd quads were the fastest and 3rd fastest crews of the entire event, beating all the adult and university crews present. With lots of 2nd and 3rd place finishes from our other crews, it showed how well the winter training had gone.

The North of England followed soon after. Our 1st quad was victorious in J17 quads with the 2nd quad not far behind setting them both up well for the School's Head a week later. An excellent 2nd place finish for the J14A coxed quad showed how well they were developing and it could have been oh so different for the J15 coxed quad if only they hadn't crashed just short of the finish line!

The two senior quads finished a busy half term of racing with a trip to London for the School's Head of the River Race. Competing against the very best crews in the country our quads finished 20th and 21st just 0.1 seconds apart, with the "B" crew just coming out ahead of the "A" crew.

It was great to see the Lancaster City Regatta return to the calendar and LRGS crews from across all age groups had a busy day of racing. A great team effort saw us victorious in the Victor Ludorum.

The National School's Regatta at Eton Dorney is always the focus for our top crews. Our J14 coxed quad made it into the semi-finals. A disappointing semi-final taught them a lot about racing and gave them the opportunity to put things right in the B final. A great performance saw them overcome crews who had beaten them in the semi-final to finish in 4th place in the B final and 10th overall.

The two senior quads were racing in the Championship quads and the 2nd quad events. Great performances from both crews saw the A quad finish 2nd in the D final of Championship quads and the B quad came 5th in the final of 2nd quads.

Talkin Tarn Regatta was the final external event of the year. The J14 A coxed quad was able to bring home the medals as they recorded their first win with a very strong performance.

The season finished with the BBQ Regatta. As always this saw us mix up the most senior and junior members of the club for a fun day's racing. ROCAP provided a fantastic BBQ as always, and after prize giving we held a boat naming ceremony for the new boats in the fleet.

Rowing is a demanding sport with a lot of extra hours put in by the athletes, staff and parents. As always thanks to Mr Ledward and Mr Love for all their efforts and commitment. Thanks to ROCAP and all the parents who have helped in any way. Finally thanks to the captains, Tom Kerr and Lewis MacPherson for all they have done this year.

Mr D Yates



ENGLAND HOCKEY SELECTS TWO PUPILS FOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Two pupils have been selected to join the Under 15 England Hockey Performance Centre.

Jay Christian and Alex Armer have been placed in the top 16 of the most promising players in the region. This achievement is only awarded to players who consistently show their talent and potential.

They will be involved in evening training sessions, weekend training and competitions and could be selected to represent the whole of the North in the Futures Cup next summer.

Good luck boys from all at LRGS!

HOCKEY SEASON REPORT

New season, new team; with over half the team moving on to university.

Training with coach Nick Davey meant that the new team quickly unified, expanding our knowledge of hockey tactics as well as developing individual skill.

Once again, LRGS participated in the Lancashire Cup, the highlight of which was an opening goal scored by Alex Rose against Rossall School, a feat not achieved in over 7 years.

Progression from the Lancashire Cup saw the U18s compete in the North West finals in Manchester. Despite getting eventually knocked out, the team showed increasing maturity and quality over the course of the day, playing three games against the top hockey schools in North West England. With county and England scouts present, pressure fell on the very best members of the team. The player of the day was Matt Jackson, showing his older peers the art of control and composure.

As the season came to a close, mixed aged teams enjoyed multiple friendly fixtures with Lancaster University. As always, it's a great occasion to play home and away to the men's and women's sides. Unfortunately, this has been the first year in memory that the annual LRGS vs LGGS fixture didn't take place; hopefully, in coming years it will return as it is often the highlight of the season and a great charity event.

Despite defying expectations this year, the future looks even brighter with the U16s showing great potential. I wish next year's team the best of luck and hope that they continue the upward trend.

Kyle Weston



TOP 100 | FOR SCHOOLS | CRICKET



Once again, Lancaster Royal Grammar School will feature in the Top 100 schools for Cricket in 2018 as decided by The Cricketer magazine.

This is a great achievement and recognition for the school and the second year running that we have made the grade.

We continue to work on improving and developing our facilities which include four cricket squares on the main site. In memory of former teacher Shaun Higgins, there has been improvements made to the pitch on the Douthwaite field with two sight screens, a scoreboard and three new benches installed as part of his legacy.

Along with LRGS more than 250 schools entered submissions and were then matched against an exhaustive set of coordinates, with the schools chosen all having outstanding cricket programmes.



U12A

Played 15 ~ Won 5 ~ Lost 10

A tough season for our new Year 7s; no hardball cricket is played in primary schools and so the only exposure to that form of cricket is through local cricket clubs; Torrisholme, Shireshead, Garstang and Fulwood/Broughton all have excellent junior sections.

Cricket is a slow burn and it takes time to acquire all the fine techniques of bowling, fielding and batting. The best way to apply these is through competitive matches. The U12A team had plenty of these and many players certainly improved; I hope the taster of last season will spur many boys to take on a love of cricket and play as much club and school cricket as they can in future.

The old quote which is so applicable with young cricketers and indeed most others sports is: “It’s not how you start, it’s how you finish!” This crop of boys should be judged when they are playing 1st XI, senior cricket.

Our two most notable games were firstly, at Woodhouse Grove, where we played a strong side but some great individual

performances pulled us through. Freddie Whatmuff with the ball, followed by Ben Mcgrath and Rohin Ram with the bat, leading to a victory by 4 wickets. The second great match was against Bolton School with the coach neglecting to bring his trainers and relying on a pair of flip flops to umpire. We lost by 1 wicket off the penultimate ball. Henry Clifton scored his maiden half century by virtually batting through the innings, he is a talented sportsman and can also keep wicket and bowl very straight. Freddie Whatmuff was again the most successful bowler taking three wickets; he was co-captain during the season. Rohin Ram is a quick bowler who should really believe in his ability, he bowls a powerful and effective in-swinging yorker, his batting improved immensely towards the latter part of the season. Ben McGrath won player of the season in the annual awards with his 250 runs and lovely, looping leg spin; his bowling will develop with time and confidence. Arjun Manjare possesses a heap of talent with the bat and ball and with some strength and a summer in ‘some compost’ he will prove

to be a super senior player. Spin bowling is a mysterious but frustrating art, Koby Cheeseman and Freddie Edmondson have great potential in this department, with practice and plenty of matches they will develop. Joe Lechley will also develop as a wicket keeper as he is soon keen and eager to do well. Sam ‘man of steel’ Walton was a keen contributor in all aspects of the game, especially considering that he had played no cricket at all pre-LRGS. Joe Eaton is a quick and accurate seamer who will take heaps of wickets in the future.

Many thanks to Mr Whatmuff who came up to school every week in games and after school sessions to coach the boys; full of energy and passion for school sport, I am delighted with his contribution. Many thanks to parents for their unstinting support.

Mr Ledward



U13A

Played 8 ~ Won 6 ~ Lost 2

The season started very well with the team training hard from Easter and progressing through the local and regional phases of the Lancashire Indoor Trophy and into the finals at Bolton stadium and the team played superbly to maintain their unbeaten record and emerge as Indoor County Champions.

The start of the outdoor season began with defeat to an excellent Bolton side and showed that work still needed to be done on technique: particularly with batting against quality seam bowling, with only Captain Ben Rosbottom (56) able to score freely. However, the team responded well and recorded a comfortable win against Cheadle Hulme, followed up by an excellent victory over Sedbergh and a Lancashire Cup victory at Rossall.

Progress was being made but cancellations for rain and the exam period intervening meant that the team had not played as many competitive games as usual. Defeat in the Lancashire Cup at Clitheroe was largely down to the magnificent unbeaten century scored by Lancashire batsman Harry Singh (142 NO) but the general performance was lacklustre and showed that the team needed more fixtures under their belt and to toughen up.

Fortunately the last three games were the best and they thrashed Woodhouse Grove before claiming excellent wins away at an unbeaten Wakefield and at home to an MGS team that they had not beaten before. These wins showed that the team do have the talent and ability to be one of LRGSs best for some years, if they continue to work hard.

Success was due to consistency and discipline in the bowling (apart from the Clitheroe game!) and Harris Wood (13 wkts) and Ben Rosbottom always took early wickets. The three spinners: Freddie Deeks, Sam Dawson and Jack Barry (14 wkts) all turned the ball prodigiously and were able to build pressure and take wickets. The batting came together as the season progressed and Parkinson-Sanz (169 runs) and Dawson began to look like a formidable opening pair, with Rosbottom (205 runs), Deeks (96 runs) and Butterworth bringing real firepower to the middle order. Player of the season was Sam Dawson for his 239 runs and 16 wickets.

A huge thanks to all the parents for their support in all weather and particularly to Mr Lonsdale as scorer and Mr Wood as Team Statistician.

U13B

Cheadle Hulme 35 all out (J Windle 4 for 3)
LRGS 41 for 0 (E Haigh 20 n o) **LRGS won by 10 wickets**
LRGS 122 for 5 (K Donaghy 26, G Kerrighan 23)
St Mary’s 43 for 9 **LRGS won by 79 runs**
LRGS 151 for 1 (M Stringer 50 n o, I Blackwell 40 n o)
Macclesfield 59 all out **LRGS won by 92 runs**
LRGS 207 for 2 (M Stringer 53 n o, B Richards 52 n o)
Sedbergh 82 all out (G Kerrighan 5 for 6) **LRGS won by 125 runs**

LRGS 178 for 3 (I Blackwell 50 n o, K Donaghy 38 n o)
Giggleswick 38 all out (Z Desai 4 for 11) **LRGS won by 140 runs**
LRGS 119 for 5 (K Donaghy 33 n o, G Kerrighan 30 n o)
Wakefield 110 for 8 **LRGS won by 9 runs**
LRGS 113 for 9 (T Woodruff 27 n o, W Hilton-Briggs 20)
Carnforth 101 all out (T McCombe 3 for 7) **LRGS won by 12 runs**
Players: Z Desai, J Shoroye, J Windle, L Basur, C Dimgba, G Kerrighan, K Donaghy, T Woodruff, I Blackwell, E Haigh, B Richards, M Stringer, T McCombe, W Hilton-Briggs, O Cross, I Morris.

Congratulations to all players in the 13B/C squad for a fantastic season, winning all their matches.

A Burns

U14

Played 12 ~ Won 8 ~ Lost 4

LRGS started the season as Lancashire County Champions but started the season slowly with three disappointing losses to Cheadle Hulme, Bolton and Rossall. The team showed great character and then proceeded to go on a six game unbeaten run which saw them through to the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup. Unfortunately an inconsistent performance saw them drop out of the Lancashire Cup to a strong Oldham Hulme GS.

This season also saw leading run scorer Chabbra play two very classy innings of 72 against Bacup and the best of the lot was a mature 81* against Sedbergh. Support was provided by Captain

Schofield, Henderson and Crabtree who contributed with some powerful ball striking which cleared the boundaries by some way.

Memorable performances with the ball include Henderson’s magnificent 4 for 8 against QEGS Wakefield. Schofield finished leading wicket taker with 21 wickets with the highlight was his spell against The Manchester Grammar School finishing with figures of 1-16 off 6 overs.

The team have been magnificent throughout the season and have shown good team spirit.

Ben Schofield (U14 Captain)

U14B

Played 6 ~ Won 5 ~ Lost 1

A solid season overall for the U14Bs with good progress made amongst the whole squad, despite not as much game time as we would have like thanks to the typical British weather. Much the same as last year, a large squad was used throughout the season with 18 players making at least one appearance and nearly everyone sitting out a game in the interests of squad rotation. Hopefully this will see boys continue with their enthusiasm for the game further up the school.

Captaincy was shared ably this year between the contrasting styles of Adam Parkinson and Jack Copsey, both of whom did an excellent job. Kieran Todd and Will Douglas scored the majority of the top order runs, both knocking up 30 not outs in the process. Whilst Toddy took some excellent catches in the field, Douggie earned himself a justified call-up to the first team squad on a couple of occasions. Hopefully there will be much more to come from these two next season.

At the start of the season, netting on rock hard surfaces, it appeared we had a plethora of middle-order hitters who would be able to accelerate the game away from most teams. Unfortunately, claggy, wet wickets were not conducive to this sort of play and batsman such as Ali Saleem, Kang Guo-Benson and Rohan Ashok will have to learn how to adapt over future years in order to score runs in a variety of situations.

Thomas Rigby always looked solid at the crease, able to occupy whilst also hitting bad balls for four, and the odd cameo with the bat from Aghash Sivaram, Daniel Candela-Martinez and Rushan Kadri showed great promise.

The highlights of our bowling came from the steady line and length of Tom Rigby- who, when fully fit and really concentrating, pitches the ball right up to the batsman and from two surprise packages; Riddhiman Ghosh and Daniel Candela-Martinez. In pre-season nets, Riddhiman looked the least threatening of all our bowlers, tossing up gentle off-spin. However, other bowlers can learn a lesson from him; bowl full and you’ll take wickets.

Daniel Candela-Martinez showed what can happen when you have the right attitude. Having never played cricket before in his life, Daniel was desperate to learn and from unsteady beginnings; bowling off the wrong foot and halfway down the track, to becoming the fastest, most accurate and most consistent bowler in the team! It was a pleasure to see, a certain A-team bowler for the future.

Finally, it was a pleasure to have a natural and enthusiastic gloveman behind the stumps in Taylor Sayer. His partnership with Riddhiman Ghosh in taking numerous stumpings, and conceding very few byes in the season considering the state of the wickets we played on, show that Taylor should have far more confidence in his own ability than he currently does. Special mention too, should go to Owen Russell and Benedict Clarkson, who consistently turned up to nets but didn’t quite as much game time as they would have like.

Most Wickets: Riddhiman Ghosh
Most Runs: Kieran Todd
Player of the Season: Daniel Candela-Martinez

U15

Played 10 ~ Won 10 ~ Lost 0

only dismissed once. Liam Burns (140 runs) and Hamsa Malik (146 runs) played well at the top of the order. Liam seeing us through a tense match at Woodhouse Grove and Hamsa doing the same thing against Manchester Grammar School. Patrick Bishop smashed a great 50 at Kirkham and Dev Sharma scored a hard hitting 70 against Bolton and Kane Donaghey scored an unbeaten 50 against Birkenhead.

Sam Medhurst took most wickets over the season and was the most economical. He had great control and will develop into a top class bowler. Joel Derham bowled with skill and variety and he made excellent progress and deserved his promotion to the first team. Hamsa Malik, Charlie Wilkinson, Patrick Bishop and Ben Edge all took crucial wickets and Lucas

Atherton, after recovering from injury, bowled with real pace and has massive potential.

Ben Anderton worked hard to develop his skills as the wicket keeper and was very dependable. He had limited opportunity to bat unfortunately but he is talented. Thanks also to Guy Copestick, Daniel Cooper, Dylan Berkeley who played for the team over the season.

I would like to thank Mr Ralston and Mr Hall for running the B team and helping with the squad. I was very grateful to Mr Glover for his help in coaching the boys and he did a large amount of the umpiring. The ground staff did a sterling job throughout and produced good wickets for the boys to play on and finally to the parents who supported the team all over the north of England.

U15B

Played 9 ~ Won 9 ~ Lost 0

The 2017 U15B season was a very successful year, playing and winning every game we played. This included some hard fought victories over teams such as QES, Stoneyhurst and Sedbergh. We also went unbeaten at the schools cup at Torrisholme, beating the local teams from Morecambe, Central Lancaster and Heysham High School. There were plenty of notable contributions: Ben Roch, Callum Currie, Dylan Howard, Will Bowker and captain Thomas Atherton all made good contributions with the bat, and

Ben Edge, Lucas Atherton, Dylan Berkeley and Euan Cowan with the ball. But the standout performers for their contributions when we needed a big innings or some key wickets were Dan Cooper and Aashray Gangalam, who always produced when the pressure was on and the team needed them.

Tom Atherton, Captain 2017

2ND XI

Another very successful season from a talented Second X1 under the leadership of Will Sewell, who did a terrific job as captain.

Unusually for the LRGS 2XI we lost two games outside of the 20-20 competition, but the team were delighted with a strong win against Manchester GS where Will himself scored 56 n.o.

Andy Beet was the player of the season, talented with the ball and the bat; one to watch next year.

Useful batting contributions came from Matt Mitchell, Anthony Sealy, John Tobin, John Hallam, Ed Cross, Ankur Singh and the big hitting Prabhu Thanikachalam.

The pick of the bowlers were; Francis Branford, Andy Beet, Alex Royce, George Attwood and Prabhu. We were helped through the season with useful contributions from Harry Finnan, Dan Curwen, Ben Little, Jonathan White, Judd Bennett, Aniket Kochhar, Henry Higginson and Michael Padfield.

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| David | Ackroyd | University of Exeter | Apprenticeship with Aspidistra Software | 2017 |
| Benjamin Thomas | Adams | University of York | Biomedical Sciences | 2017 |
| Michael James | Ashman | Manchester Metropolitan University | Business/Economics | 2017 |
| Thomas | Atherton | University of Cambridge | Veterinary Medicine | 2017 |
| Laurence Joel | Atkinson | | | |
| Samuel | Atkinson | | | |
| Joseph Tun | Aung | St George's University of London | Biomedical Science | 2017 |
| Zain | Baguneid | Edge Hill University | International Business | 2017 |
| Joshua | Banks | Loughborough University | Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying | 2017 |
| Matthew Charles | Bargh | | Gap year | |
| Arpan | Bartaula | Heriot Watt | Chemical Engineering | 2017 |
| Nathan | Beamer | University of Sheffield | Engineering with a Year in Industry | 2017 |
| Alexander David | Beeching | Newcastle University | Computer Science with Industrial Placement | 2017 |
| Judd Mark | Bennett | University of York | Economics/Politics (Equal) | 2017 |
| Mark | Bevan | University of Sheffield | Biology (4 years) | 2017 |
| Gabriel John Dermot | Bowles | University of Leeds | Civil and Environmental Engineering | 2017 |
| Christopher Shinya | Bradshaw | Durham University | General Engineering | 2017 |
| Dominic | Brown | Durham University | Modern Languages and Cultures (with Year Abroad) | 2017 |
| Owain | Burrell | University of Warwick | English Literature | 2017 |
| James | Canty | Heriot-Watt | Electrical and Electronic Engineering | 2017 |
| Aditya | Chakravarty | University College London | Ancient World | 2017 |
| Jonson | Chan | University of Portsmouth | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Joseph John | Chapman | University of Leeds | Geophysical Sciences | 2018 |
| Laurence | Cheetham | University of Bristol | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Hoi Him Jason | Chiu | Durham University | Finance with Business Placement | 2017 |
| Malcolm Ying Yau | Chow | University of Brighton | Physical Education | 2017 |
| James Samuel | Crabtree | Manchester Metropolitan University | Philosophy (Foundation) | 2017 |
| James Anthony | Cressey | Royal Holloway, University of London | European and International Studies (Spanish) | 2017 |
| Andrew Michael | Crooks | University of Glasgow | Geography | 2017 |
| Luka James Gregory | Davies | Lancaster University | Biological Sciences | 2017 |
| William | Denby | Loughborough University | Economics | 2017 |
| James George | Eastham | Bangor University | Psychology | 2017 |
| William | Ellison | University of Liverpool | Geography | 2017 |
| Benjamin | Fairclough | | | |
| Samuel James | Farey | University of Liverpool | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Daniel | Feldman | University of Sussex | Film Studies | 2017 |
| Joseph Henry | Fenna | University of Leeds | Film, Photography and Media | 2018 |
| William Sebastian | Ferdinand | University of Aberdeen | Real Estate | 2018 |
| Joshua Edward Ind | Fidler | Swansea University | Geography with foundation year | |
| Harry | Finan | Manchester Metropolitan University | Electrical and Electronic Engineering | 2018 |
| Thomas Ian | Fyfe | Cardiff University | Biomedical Sciences | 2018 |
| Shane | Gallagher | | | |
| Jacob John William | Gavaghan | Loughborough University | Industrial Design and Technology | 2017 |

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| Ewan Fergus | Gilliat | | | |
| Eliot James | Greenwood | Loughborough University | Industrial Design and Technology | 2017 |
| Alasdair William Herbert | Grunshaw | Loughborough University | Chemical Engineering | 2018 |
| Christopher | Hall | University of Gloucestershire | Photography | 2017 |
| Thomas Hugh | Halsall | University of Leeds | Fine Art | 2017 |
| Jack Charles | Hampsey-Cook | University of Liverpool | Accounting and Finance | 2017 |
| Ismaeel | Haq | Durham University | Mathematics (3 years) | 2017 |
| Zachary | Harper | University of Cambridge | Chemical Engineering (via Natural Sciences) | 2017 |
| Luke David | Harwood | University of York | Philosophy | 2017 |
| Hussain Ali | Hassan | University of Leeds | Medicine | 2017 |
| Oliver | Helme | Loughborough University | Geography with Economics | 2017 |
| Chun Chuen | Ho | University College London | Linguistics (International Programme) (4 years) | 2017 |
| Thomas Haworth Cadwallader | Howson | University of Liverpool | Economics | 2017 |
| James Paul | Huber | University College London | Classics | 2017 |
| Andrew | Hughes | University of Leicester | Geography (Human) | 2017 |
| Benjamin | Hynes | University of Bath | Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Sandwich) | 2017 |
| George Graeme | Ibbetson | Aston University | Transport Product Design | 2017 |
| Thomas | Jarvis | Newcastle University | Philosophy | 2017 |
| Max | Jones | University of Exeter | Economics | 2017 |
| Harry | Jowett | University of Sheffield | International Relations and Politics | 2017 |
| Abhishek | Kamath | University of Leeds | Mechanical Engineering | 2017 |
| Matthew | Khan | Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts | Acting | 2017 |
| Joshua Mark | King-Cox | Newcastle University | Marketing | 2017 |
| Aravind Shyam | Kumar | London School of Economics | Business Mathematics and Statistics | 2017 |
| Brian Kai Yin | Kwok | University of Sheffield | Biomedical Science (3 years) | 2017 |
| Wei Ho | Lee | | Not placed | |
| Adam | Long | Durham University | History | 2017 |
| Hamish | Mackie | Durham University | Business and Management | 2017 |
| Eugene Anthony | Magee | Lancaster University | Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology | 2017 |
| Robert David | Mason | University of Edinburgh | Linguistics | 2017 |
| Alex | McCaragher | Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London | Acting | 2017 |
| Jack Alexander | McClements | | Gap year | |
| Alistair John | McLauchlan | | Gap year | |
| Scott | Mcgowan | Durham University | General Engineering | 2017 |
| Sean Francis | Milligan | Durham University | Chemistry (4 years) | 2017 |
| Luke | Milner | University of Portsmouth | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Conrad | Moody | Oxford Brookes University | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Dylan James Henry | Morgan | | | |
| Surya | Nardeosingh | St George's, University of London | Biomedical Science | 2017 |
| Ben | Nuttall | University of Leeds | Neuroscience | 2017 |
| Matthew James | Nutter | Durham University | General Engineering | 2017 |

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| Olufayojimi Omotoso | Olawore | University of Cambridge | Engineering (4 years) | 2017 |
| Opeyemi | Oniwinde | University of Hull | Chemical Engineering | 2017 |
| Calum | Owen | Manchester Metropolitan University | Physiotherapy | 2017 |
| Michael | Padfield | University of Oxford | French and Beginners' Italian | 2017 |
| Harry William Laurence | Page | University of Leeds | Geological Sciences | 2017 |
| Connor | Parkinson | De Montfort University | Business and Marketing | 2017 |
| Cameron | Peters | University College London | Mathematics | |
| Henry Dunstan Lewis | Potter | University of Exeter | History | 2017 |
| Christian | Powlesland | Rose Bruford College | Actor Musician | 2017 |
| Joseph | Pritchard | University of Cambridge | Linguistics | 2017 |
| Liam | Quirke | University of Liverpool | Business Management with a Year in Industry | 2018 |
| James | Rayson | University of Sheffield | Mechanical Engineering (4 years) | 2017 |
| Daniel David | Rillie | Lancaster University | Business Studies (Industry) | 2017 |
| Callum James | Robinson-Brooks | | Gap year | |
| Alexander William | Rose | University of Edinburgh | Business Management | 2017 |
| Harry | Rowlands | University of Cambridge | Geography | 2017 |
| Callum Joseph | Rowley | University College London | Natural Sciences | 2017 |
| Abhishek | Roy | University of Leeds | Economics and Mathematics | 2017 |
| Glen | Salter | | | |
| Joseph James Abbotson | Schofield | University of Bath | Integrated Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Philosophy and Politics (optional International Year available) | 2017 |
| Morgan | Screen | Keele University | | |
| Adam | Seth | University of Aberdeen | Law with English Law | 2017 |
| William Peter | Sewell | Newcastle University | History | 2017 |
| Adhvik | Shetty | University of Cambridge | Human, Social and Political Sciences | 2017 |
| Nathan | Shore | | | |
| Jordan | Shoroye | Bournemouth University | Finance and Economics | 2017 |
| James John Maccracken | Smith | Durham University | Physics (4 years) | 2017 |
| Callum Thomas | Southgate | University of Sheffield | Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry (BEng) | 2017 |
| Edward | Sperring | Loughborough University | Electronic and Electrical Engineering | 2017 |
| | | | Economics and Finance | |
| Thomas John | Squire | Keele University | (optional International Year available) | 2017 |
| Jacob Henry | Steele | Royal Academy of | Dramatic Art | 2017 |
| William | Stirrup | University of Leeds | Management with Marketing | 2017 |
| Francis | Stone | University of Glasgow | Aeronautical Engineering | 2017 |
| Sam | Stott | Allianz Insurance, Assistant Underwriter | <i>Rugby</i> : Preston Grasshoppers 1st XV and Lancashire U20s | |
| James Alexander | Sykes Macleod | University of Cambridge | Natural Sciences | 2017 |
| Jack | Taylor | Glasgow School of Art | Fine Art - Photography | 2017 |
| | | | Marine and Freshwater Conservation (with integrated foundation year) | |
| Jake | Taylor | University of Cumbria | | 2018 |
| Christian James | Tetlow | University of Nottingham | History | 2017 |
| Prakash | Thanikachalam | University of Cambridge | Medicine | 2017 |

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| Jacob | Thomas | University of York | Environmental Geography | 2017 |
| Adam | Thompson | University of York | Economics/Politics (Equal) | 2017 |
| Dominic Edward | Thompson | Bangor University | Geography | 2017 |
| Pak Long | Tse | Lancaster University | History | |
| Thomas Shaun | Turner | London School of Economics | Geography with Economics | 2017 |
| Aadil | Vadva | The University of Manchester | Mathematics | 2017 |
| Jack Myles | Walker | University of Edinburgh | Chemistry | 2017 |
| Michael | Walsh | University of York | Law | 2017 |
| Robin | Watkins-New | University of Sheffield | Biomaterials Science and Engineering | 2017 |
| Kyle | Weston | The University of Manchester | Geography | 2017 |
| Joe | Wilkinson | Leeds College of Music | Music (Popular Music) | 2017 |
| Edward | Wilson | Newcastle University | Economics and Finance | 2017 |
| Jonathan | Wong | University College London | Modern Languages (4 years) | 2017 |
| Jia-Hao | Yang | University of Dundee | Architecture | 2017 |
| Henry Philipp Baber | Young | University of Salford | Business and Management | 2018 |
| Jimmy Shixin | Yu | University of Cambridge | Natural Sciences | 2017 |
| Riordan Shaun | de Vries | University of Cambridge | Mathematics | 2017 |





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