



Dear Parents,

Friday 5th February 2021

Families are doing an amazing job of juggling pressures and priorities at the moment. Keep going and do get in touch if your son or daughter might benefit from particular support. It was excellent to hear positive feedback from recent **Year 9** and **Lower Sixth** parents' evenings – we look forward to welcoming **Year 8** parents on Teams next Thursday.

The government is still hoping to begin opening schools from Monday 8th March. We will keep you updated with any firm decisions. We will also make sure that GCSE, A-level and Pre-U students are informed as soon as we have full details of assessment and grading plans for the summer.

Our former pupil **Owain Burrell** (Warwick University) enjoyed an impressive victory in this week's quarter final of University Challenge. The iplayer link is [here](#) and we will see if he makes it all the way to the final!

Congratulations

We are delighted for Upper Sixth formers who have been offered places at Cambridge University. Congratulations to **Ben Fearnhead** (Mathematics), **Ayush Ghosh** (Economics), **Riddhiman Ghosh** (Medicine), **Matthew O'Neill** (French & German), **Jago Westaway** (History) and **Harry Wild** (Natural Sciences). Well done to everyone who applied, and best wishes to all those waiting for outcomes of other highly competitive applications.

Lower Sixth students – this is an excellent time to start researching post-18 options. Start with guides such as the [Complete University Guide](#), the [Guardian league tables](#) and [UniGuide](#). Then spend some time exploring the websites of courses you are interested in, and talk to your teachers about how best to prepare. Our aim is to support every single Sixth Former to find somewhere where they will thrive, be happy and succeed.

Historical research

One of our responses to the spotlight on racism is to encourage our students to research and debate our city's history. Well done to our Sixth Formers who are working with professional historians to publish high-quality research on Lancaster's history and links to slavery. You can read their excellent blogs on [street names linked to the slave trade](#) and on [slave ships in Lancaster](#). The group is planning its next project on the famous Gregson family of merchants and politicians.



Fundraising for LRGS and the Friends

If you are shopping online, please consider supporting the school and the Friends of LRGS by visiting these sites:

- **Easyfundraising:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> - search for *Friends of Lancaster Royal Grammar School*
- **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> - search for *Lancaster Royal Grammar School*

Parents and supporters of the school have already raised almost £5000 for the Friends through Easyfundraising - to the direct benefit of our pupils, and with no extra cost at all. Thank you!

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Year 8 multicultural food – Thailand



Lancashire Cup – 5th February 2020