



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

Shakespeare wrote: "Proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim / Hath put a spirit of youth in everything ...". Today is Shakespeare's birthday and his lines reflect the sense of optimism in school this term. The sunshine has helped!

Well done to students who have travelled from abroad and been through quarantine. It is lovely to have them back.

Thank you for continuing to self-test your sons and daughters at home.

Please keep logging results with NHS Test & Trace and [on the school system](#).

### Open Day cancelled – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

We have reluctantly cancelled Open Day which was scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> June.

This is mainly due to uncertainty about managing large visitor numbers so soon after the scheduled end of restrictions. We will instead produce a **video and virtual tour** for families interested in LRGS. Lessons will finish at normal time on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. School is closed on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Bank Holiday; **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Inset day.

### A-level and GCSE assessments

All best wishes to Year 11 and Upper Sixth students as they prepare for the final set of assessments. We are immensely proud of the way that they have come through the past year. Well done to them for keeping going in these final weeks. Compulsory attendance at school for most students will effectively finish on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

We will circulate details of bridging work and transition sessions later in the term. We are also promoting the **NCS** summer programme to Year 11. Many LRGS students have enjoyed and benefitted from NCS: <https://wearencs.com/>



### Lower Sixth History – Lancaster slavery project

*A group of Lower Sixth Historians writes:* We have been investigating Lancaster's hidden history and its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. We have investigated the naming of streets on St George's Quay and New Quay by the River Lune. It is a collaborative project with other local organisations. We have found that Lancaster played a part in the slave trade, transporting approximately 30000 slaves. You can find out more at [www.lancasterslaveryfamilytrees.com](http://www.lancasterslaveryfamilytrees.com).

We have also contributed two videos to the Maritime Museum's exhibition of the Zong Massacre (1781). The Zong was an overloaded Liverpool slave ship. Approximately 131 enslaved people were thrown overboard and drowned so that merchants could claim insurance on "lost cargo." This came to symbolise the horrors of the Middle Passage and strengthened the campaign for abolition. <https://visitlancaster.org.uk/whats-on/memorial-to-zong/>



### Five steps to Well-being

School provides fabulous purpose, community and routine – but not everyone is finding things easy. We promote the NHS / Mind five steps to well-being: **Connect** with friends and family; **Be active** and get outside; **Learn** new skills; **Give to others** and practise kindness; **Pay attention** to the present moment. Get in touch and we will help.

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Rowers back on the river



Cricket fixtures return!



Biology Olympiad success