



Dear Parents,

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Best wishes to Year 11 pupils preparing for Prelims next week. These are an important stepping stone towards next summer. For all our pupils, this is the longest term – this is when the work gets done. Be organised, keep working hard, and ask for help!

It has been excellent to see **Parliament Week** debates this week. We are looking forward to hearing from Cat Smith MP and Ben Wallace MP in the coming weeks. From sleaze to COP26, I know that our pupils will have some probing questions for them!

### Road safety

We work hard to reinforce vital road safety messages with pupils at this time of year. Please do not drop off children near any of the school crossings if you drive them to school. Pupils must follow the **safety spine** around the school site – we do all we can to make sure that they stop and look before stepping onto **zebra crossings**.



*In memory of Lucas Backhouse 2003-2021*

### Candlelit Christmas Concert: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The Friends of LRGS are delighted to host renowned guitarist **Richard Durrant** in the Assembly Hall at 7:30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets are on sale [at this link](#) via [richarddurrant.com](#). The performance will include traditional Christmas songs and carols as well as solo guitar music. Refreshments and a bar will be available. We are looking forward to welcoming parents, pupils and guests to our first Friends' event for some time!

### Movember: Changing the face of men's health

Well done to pupils and staff fundraising for Movember! As well as sprouting moustaches, some are covering 60km for *Move for Movember*. The most enterprising of these are Storey House boarders completing that distance in 120,000 press ups (!). Movember aims to change the face of men's health, especially for mental health and suicide prevention, and prostate and testicular cancer. Donations invited here: <https://uk.movember.com/team/2252733>

### Greater love has no-one than this

Schools are powerful places for remembrance – because of our unbroken direct connection with previous generations, and because some of our pupils are so close in age to those who died. The **Memorial Library** and **Memorial Fields** are permanent reminders of our 189 pupils and staff killed in the First and Second World Wars.

We added another new name to that roll of honour this week: **Michael Frear** who was killed in Aden in 1967 at the age of just 18. It was a privilege to welcome his sister and family, and very moving to hear his school friends' memories of him from so many years ago.



Best wishes to all involved in school activities this weekend, including boarding activities, rugby vs. Giggleswick, rowers in Northwich, cross-country in Salford, Drama students at the Duke's Theatre – and more besides!.

With all best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

 @LRGSLancaster



CCF Self-reliance DofE expedition



National Youth Jazz Orchestra masterclass