

LRGS Alumni Newsletter

February 2022

A warm welcome to you from LRGS.

We are delighted to be able to resume our sporting fixtures, fundraising activities and both school and alumni events this term.

There is lots going on this year, please make sure to read to the end of the newsletter where Dates for your Diary can be found. Full details for all of the events up to and including Founders' Day will be issued week commencing 14th March but for now, please save the dates!



The latest Headmaster's letter to parents can be found [here](#)

As always, we love to hear from our LRGS community so get in touch with [your news](#), be sure to update us of any [change of details](#)

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team

LRGS Updates

550 campaign update

2022 celebrates the 550th anniversary year since John Gardyner endowed the school in 1472. Our initial intentions were to mark the anniversary as the mid point of an ambitious fundraising campaign.

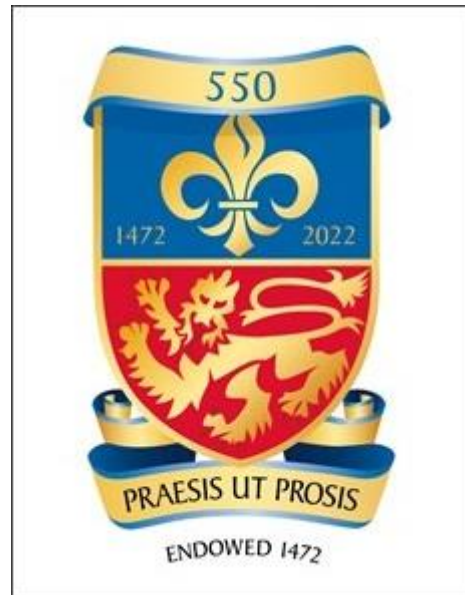
Governors have approved the campaign's three elements:

1. Outreach and access – transforming lives
2. Health and well-being – developing skills for life
3. New facilities – a world changing environment

We now have the opportunity to make a transformational change to the school which will provide world class facilities for the next 550 years. While we have an exciting vision of what we hope to achieve, there is not enough detail yet to maximise the fundraising potential of the campaign.

We have decided to put the campaign approaches on hold to make sure that, when the time is right, we have the best possible opportunity of attracting major gifts to match our ambitions.

2022 will still be a year to celebrate. A series of 550 lectures and workshops are being held at school and various 550 events and reunions are taking place – in school and around the country.



Lancashire Rugby Festival



Congratulations to our U12s team who are this year's winners of the Lancashire Rugby Festival!

Victories over Cowley HS, Hutton GS, Audenshaw and AKS (Lytham) meant the team went to a final play-off match as group winners. The 1st place play off was against Kirkham Grammar School and the boys continued to play some skilful rugby to win 15-10.

Congratulations to the whole team and thank you to all members of the coaching staff and parents for their hard work and support.

First XV victory

A memorable floodlit evening at Fylde Rugby Football Club on 2 March for the final of the Lancashire Cup. Well done to the our First XV on a hard-fought victory over Manchester Grammar. After the challenges of the past two years, it is wonderful to see sport thriving again in our schools!



LRGS Knitting Club

Knitting Club is the fastest growing club at LRGS! The club meets twice a week and is open to all pupils and staff, welcoming both budding and experienced knitters and crocheters.

The club are extremely grateful to Etty-Lilly in Carnforth for their recent donation of wool, equipment and patterns. Any further donations to the club would be very gratefully received. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Gibson: rgibson@lrgs.org.uk.

CCF Oglesby-Wellings Parade

The annual Oglesby-Wellings prize giving parade took place in February.

Service and contingent prizes were awarded to students from LRGS and LGGS presented by special guests, Professor Oglesby and Mr Wellings as well as the Headteacher of LGGS Mrs Cahalin, Dr Pyle, Lt Col Rowe, Lieutenant Hamilton, Captain Atkinson and Flight Lieutenant Williams.

Congratulations to all of the prize winners



Alumni News

Congratulations



Congratulations to OL Christian Powlesland (08-15) and the Shouting Is Funny team on their nomination for The Imison Award at the BBC Audio Drama Awards 2022! This is the category of Best Audio Drama Script from a New Writer/s. The ceremony will take place on March 25th.

This is an amazing achievement as the shortlist consists of three BBC productions, and the Shouting Is Funny team who are the only independent show shortlisted. You can find all of the finalist nominations [here](#).

The team have a [new website](#) and new episodes of The Chronicles of Wild Hollow are coming soon! If you missed any of the episodes from the first series, you can catch up via the website.

Watch this space for an update on the Imison Award results and for news about the new episodes of The Chronicles of Wild Hollow!

Congratulations to OLs Austin Woodcock (12-19) and Evan Butcher (12-19) and all members of local rock band Gloria on the release of their latest single "[Anymore](#)". You can find out more about the band from a [recent interview](#) that they did with Granada television.





Congratulations to OL Joe Fenna (10-17) who will be hosting the opening of his first solo photography exhibition, 'Image Control' at The Dukes on the 4th of March at 7pm. If you are able to go to support the launch event, I know Joe would love to see you there!

'Image Control' has seen three trans/non-binary people take direct control over the way they want to be seen, each in notable but expectedly different ways. Armed with a budget, a studio and a camera, the group have devised a process by which the distance between photographer and subject, and therefore the effect of the photographer's gaze, is reduced. This series shows that by sharing control of the image, the image's control can be ethically managed. The exhibition will be on display from the 1st March - 29th April.

Seasonal vacancies at Inspira

Inspira are currently recruiting for seasonal vacancies to work on the NCS programme. Please take a look at their [website](#) for full details and to apply.

Founders' Day celebrations

This year, our Founders' Day will include celebrations for our 550 anniversary. All activities are in the planning stages at the moment but we are very much looking forward to offering a varied programme of events in addition to the traditional Founders' Day activities.

The events will take place during the first weekend in July, details of the weekend's events, including the five and ten year reunions, will be sent in a separate e mail.

From the Editors of the *OLC Newsletter*

Work on the 2022 edition is well underway and we'd like to make a final call to OLs to submit ideas for articles. We also hope to include a section entitled *Where are they now?*, so if you've any interesting news we'd love to hear from you. The editors can be contacted [here](#)

The *OLCN* is posted to all members of the OL Club who pay a £15 annual subscription, and an online copy is published on the School's website for other OLs to read. If you don't currently receive a paper copy but would like one in future, please increase your Standing Order to £15 and let the Development Office know that you have done so [here_](#)



Dinner updates

OL Cornwall Dinner - Cancelled

[OL East Lancs Dinner](#) - Friday 25th March 2022 in the Trophy Room, Burnley FC

[OL Oxford Dinner](#) - Wednesday 4th May 2022 at the Kendrew Cafe, St John's College, University of Oxford

Celebration of life event in memory of Douglas Cameron - Saturday 7th May 2022 at LRGS

OL Cotswolds Dinner - Friday 10th June 2022 at the Royal Agricultural College

OL Cricket Match - Sunday 26th June 2022, games starting at 10:30am on the Douthwaite

Founders' Day - Saturday 2nd July at school

OL Founders' Dinner - Friday 8th July 2022 at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe

OL Manchester Dinner - Friday 14th October 2022 in the Players Lounge, Hotel Football

OL London Dinner - Thursday 3rd November 2022 at the RAF Club, Piccadilly

OL Durham Dinner - Friday 25th November 2022 at The Honest Lawyer Hotel

Please use the links above for full details and to book your place for the Cornwall and East Lancs dinners. Links to book a place at the remaining dinners will become available nearer the time.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news.

School trivia

Do you know what year boys stopped wearing short trousers to school? We know boys were still wearing them in 1972, but was that the final year?

If you know the answer we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with the [Development Office](#)

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