

LRGS Alumni Newsletter

May 2022

A warm welcome to you from LRGS.

We are well into exam season and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 and Upper Sixth formers the very best of luck!

Thank you to the outgoing Head of School team, Tom Duke, Poppy Watson, Travis Taylor and Clement Mok, you have been great sports and exemplary role models. A very warm welcome to our new Head of School team Oliver Biswas, Victoria Manifold, Ben Parkinson, Toby Rose.

It is also a busy time for trips and as you will see from the newsletter, we have been able to take part in our first international trip since the start of the pandemic!

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

Good Luck to our leavers

Thursday 12th May was the last day at school for our current U6 students, thank you to the OL Club for funding the Leavers' lunch which was followed by a wonderful final assembly, many thanks to Emma Lamb for the fabulous music.

Good luck to all of our leavers for their exams and life after LRGS!



Combined History trip

We are thrilled that our first international trip since February 2020 has taken place, a combined History trip to Paris with pupils and staff attending and speaking at the Parallel Histories conference before exploring the city including the Louvre and Pantheon.

Highest Point festival

Congratulations to sixth former Ross on his fantastic review of this year's Highest Point festival, written for Beyond Radio. You can read first time festival goer Ross' full review [here](#).



Football Success

Congratulations to the Sixth Form football team. The 1st XI won the inaugural league against QEGS Blackburn, Westholme School, St Wilfrid's Blackburn, DACA and Stonyhurst.

Open Day

Applications are now being accepted for boys currently in Year 5 who are interested in applying to LRGS for entry in 2023.

Open Day - Saturday 18 June 9am to 1pm.

To apply please complete the [online application form](#)

The poster for the Open Day at Lancaster Royal Grammar School features a photograph of four male pupils in school uniforms. Overlaid on the photo are two quotes: "Pupils flourish at LRGS" and "Outstanding for boarding". A blue banner in the top right corner states "2021 GCSE results: 70% achieved 9-7". The school's crest and name are at the bottom left, followed by details about the Open Day on Saturday 18 June from 9am to 1pm. It also includes a list of activities, contact information for the Admissions Booklet, and social media handles for the school.

2021 GCSE results: 70% achieved 9-7

"Pupils flourish at LRGS"
(Ofsted)

"Outstanding for boarding"
(Ofsted)

Lancaster Royal Grammar School
State Day and Boarding School for Boys 11 to 18
Cathedral South Park

Come and experience for yourselves what makes LRGS such a successful, happy and welcoming community. Meet in the Assembly Hall and take a tour of the school with one of our pupils. The last tour will leave at 12.15pm. Headmaster Dr Pyle will give a welcome talk in the Assembly Hall at 10, 11 and 12 o'clock. Families interested in Year 7 Boarding, please register to join us for refreshments in Storey House.

OPEN DAY
Saturday 18 June 9am-1pm

Please read our Admissions Booklet on our website for full details of how to apply: www.lrgs.org.uk
@LRGSLancaster | LancasterRoyalGrammarSchool | /lancaster_royal_grammar_school
If you have any queries about admissions please contact Mrs Simmill 01524 580629



Bus stop blunder

The council have apparently been left "red faced" following the installation of the new bus stop sign outside of school. Dr Pyle first noticed the sign and we look forward to a corrected version being on display soon!

Alumni News

Sad news

Joy Saunders

We were saddened to hear that Mrs Joy Saunders, daughter of former headmaster, Mr Timberlake, sadly passed away on 28th April 2022. Mrs Saunders wrote to Dr Pyle early last year to share some of her fabulous childhood stories and exploits that took place during the time she lived on site at school. We were thrilled to welcome Mrs Saunders back to school in October last year and enjoyed listening to her memories as she visited familiar locations. Mrs Saunders' funeral was held on 19th May in Fenstanton, a remarkable lady who will be truly missed. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Joy's sons, Chris and Keith and their families at this sad time.





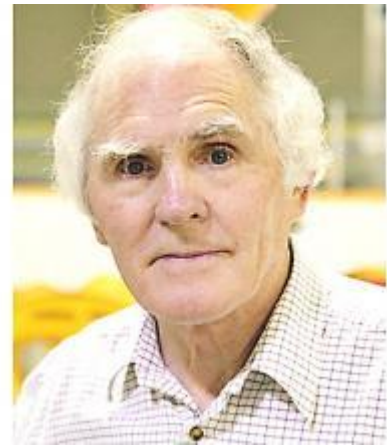
Carl Whiteside

We were devastated to learn that OL Carl Whiteside (06-13) passed away on 20th April following a long battle with his mental health. Carl was a much loved son and brother and our thoughts are with Sarah and Lara at this incredibly sad time. A Just Giving fund to raise awareness and funds for Rethink Mental Illness, a charity dedicated to supporting those struggling with mental health illness and their families, has been set up in Carl's memory. You can read Carl's story and make a

donation [here](#).

Robert Kirkpatrick

We were sad to hear that OL Robert Kirkpatrick (43-53) had passed away peacefully in Canada. Robert moved to Canada in 1962 and whilst teaching, met and married his late wife Caroline. Robert continued to teach until he retired, as a retiree, Robert enjoyed spending much of his time with his three grandchildren. Our thoughts are with Robert's son, Iain, at this sad time.



Congratulations

Congratulations to new OLs Patrick, Oliver and Finlay who collected their gold Duke of Edinburgh awards from Buckingham Palace recently.



Congratulations to new OL Subhash Chatterjee (20-22) who has recently been named as one of Lancashire Business View's 15 people aged under 36 who are leading the way across the county.

Subhash is the founder and Managing Director of [One SC Media](#), the company continues to go from strength to strength in a very competitive industry. A fantastic achievement, well done Subhash!



Congratulations to OL His Honour Judge Robert Altham (77-84), pictured here in Ashton Hall, upon his appointment by the City Council as Honorary Recorder of Lancaster, succeeding OL His Honour Phillip Sycamore CBE (62-67) who held the office for 14 years.

The appointment of Judge Altham, who is already Honorary Recorder of Preston, will ensure that Lancaster Crown Court will continue occasional sittings.

Thank you

John Gardyner lectures

Many thanks to OL Lt Commander Michael Quinn (97-04) for the fantastic talk he gave to our Upper Sixth formers in April as part of our John Gardyner celebratory lectures programme. We are incredibly grateful to Michael for generously sharing his military and leadership stories and experiences with our pupils. A wonderful and inspirational talk, thank you!



Celebration of the Life of Douglas Cameron



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday 7th May to celebrate the life of Douglas Cameron. The sun shone as we dedicated Douglas' ashes on the Douthwaite followed by a lovely gathering in the assembly hall where guest speakers kindly shared their memories of Douglas with everyone.

It was a lovely afternoon and wonderful to see so many alumni who had made the journey back to school to celebrate the life of a truly remarkable man. We have created a [video](#), which can be found at the bottom of the alumni page on our website, which gives a flavour of the day.

Get together in Scotland

Thank you to all those who registered their interest in attending an event in Scotland, if you haven't yet had the chance to let us know that you are interested, please [drop us a line](#).



Event updates

The OL Oxford dinner took place on Wednesday 4th May, thank you to everyone who joined us and special thanks to Barry Wild for organising such an enjoyable evening.

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

OL Golf Tournament - Friday 1st July 2022, further details to follow

Art exhibition - Friday 1st July 2022, 3:30pm - 7pm, see below for details

[5 and 10 year reunion](#) - Friday 1st July 2022 from 7pm in the Grab and Go, see below for details

[OL Founders' Dinner](#) - Friday 8th July 2022 at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe

Morgan and Classic Car rally - Saturday 9th July 2022 starting at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe, please contact the [Development Office](#) for more information if you would like to take part.

OLLCC v LRGS cricket match - Wednesday 20th July 2022 at Esher Cricket Club, more details to follow

[OL Cotswolds Dinner](#) - Thursday 1st September 2022 at the Royal Agricultural College

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.

5 and 10 year reunion

E mails to the Classes of 2012 and 2017 have been sent out, if you would like to contribute to your year group's Reunion Booklet, please send your photos and updates to the [Development Office](#) as soon as possible.

The 5 and 10 year reunion event will take place on **Friday 1st July at 7pm**, please see our [website](#) for full details and to book your place (you need to scroll to the bottom of the page), we look forward to seeing you there!

LRGS Artists, Past and Present



We invite you to join us for an exhibition of art on **Friday 1st July from 3:30pm - 7pm** in the Art Department, International Building.

Contributors include current pupils, OLs, staff and friends of the school and pieces will be on sale during the event. Further details will follow nearer the time and we look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks to the artists who have contributed to the exhibition.

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