

LRGS Alumni Newsletter

July / August 2022

A warm welcome to you from LRGS.

This has been the year of revive and thrive. It has been wonderful to see so much energy and initiative in recent months. Well done to all our GCSE and A-level students who sat "real" exams for the first time since 2019. Thank you to staff who have helped to provide such an array of opportunities beyond our classrooms. Thanks also to our families, alumni and the OL Club for all of their support.

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

Culinary Chemists success

Congratulations to our Chemistry students who excelled in the recent RSC Schools' Analyst competition, the challenge this year centred around making the perfect fish and chips.

One of our teams has been declared the RSC Analytical Division North West Region Champions!

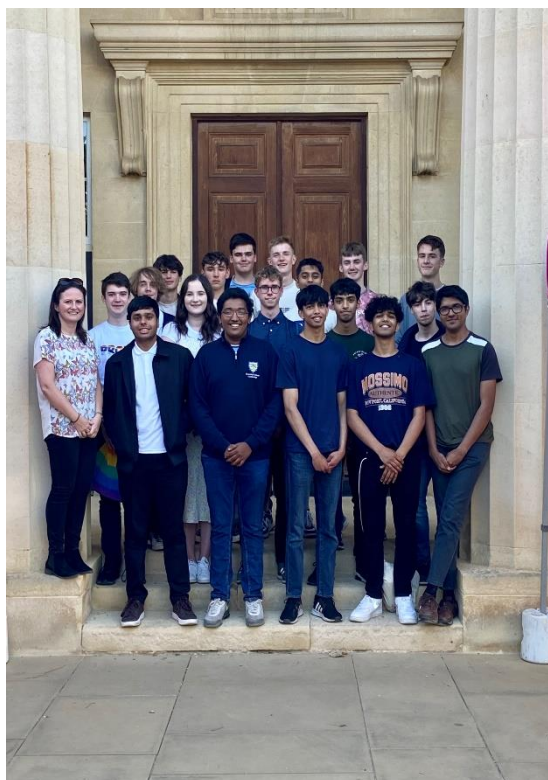
Congratulations to Pratham, Ben and Casey who each receive an Amazon voucher for £50, the Chemistry department will also receive £500 to spend on an enrichment activity.



This is a tough challenge and a really impressive achievement for the students.

Visits to Oxford and Cambridge

A group of sixth form pupils had a fantastic time exploring both Oxford and Cambridge in early July, attending admissions talks and taking part in some of the college tours. Special thanks to OL Riddhiman Ghosh (14-21) for the very warm welcome and the fantastic tour!



Royal Grammar School Cricket Festival

Congratulations to the 1st XI for winning the Royal Grammar School Cricket Festival 2022, the team won every one of their matches to claim victory!



Year 7 residential trips

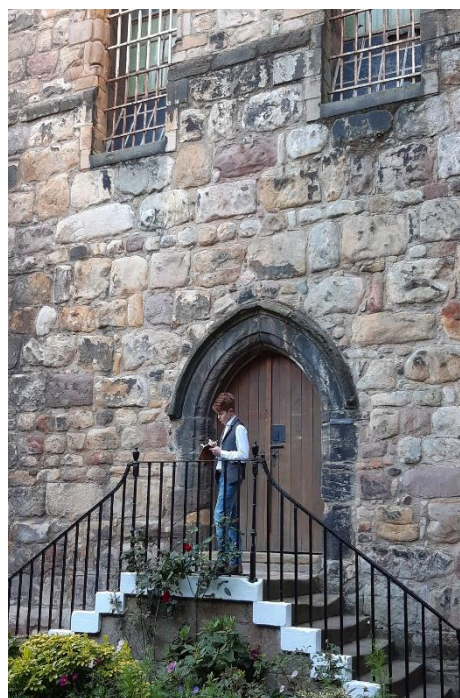
We were delighted to be able to start the Year 7 residential trips again this year, the weather, to put it mildly, was "mixed" but it was a great experience for everyone involved.

Sixth Form Geography field trip

Congratulations to L6 pupil, Rowan, who whilst on a Geography field trip to the River Wyre, spotted a rare pink grasshopper. You can read the full story [here](#).

Strolling with Shakespeare

Lancaster Castle provided a wonderful setting for our Strolling with Shakespeare performances, congratulations to our talented performers, it was a fantastic event and a true celebration of both music and drama.



School Games Platinum Mark Award

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark Award, in recognition of our provision and uptake in sport and celebrating the activities that we provide to help keep young people active. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supports our fabulous sports programmes!



Farewell to staff

We were sad to say some farewells at the end of term.

OL Ian Ralston (Economics – Head of Middle School) has been a teacher at LRGS since 1987. Alongside major school and boarding roles, he has also played a key role in the sporting life of the school.

David Ashbridge (English) joined the school in 1996, also making wide contributions. He writes: "But at the heart of it has been the great privilege of teaching English and Literature to our wonderful boys, and latterly Sixth Form girls."

Jenny Cornell (Development Director) has led fundraising for capital projects and multiple initiatives – most notably our life-changing InspirUS outreach programme. She has also built our vibrant network of alumni and Old Lancastrians.

We wish them all a wonderful retirement and extend our heartfelt thanks to them for all of their hardwork.

Many thanks also to **Sharon Ibbotson** and **Sarah Jones** who retire this summer from Learning Support, and to **Emma Novell** (Drama) whose work in different roles has greatly enhanced the cultural and creative life of LRGS.

Best wishes to **Holly Taylor** (Classics) who moves to Westholme School; and to Sports Grads **Alex Eastham** who plans to train for teaching, and **Matt Garrod** who leaves for a role with Sale Sharks Academy.

Alumni News

OL cricket

Thank you to all players and supporters who joined us on the Douthwaite for the OL cricket matches.

It was a fantastic day which included 450 runs, 3 fifties, several big 6s, run outs, catches, collisions and brotherly battles.





OLLCC vs LRGS staff match

Congratulations to OLLCC who beat the LRGS staff team with a score of 203-5 with one over to spare. Many thanks to all who took part, special thanks to OL Geoff Ellis (72 - 79) and Esher Cricket Club for their fantastic hospitality.

Congratulations

Congratulations to OL Tim Wakeford (95-02), CEO of Caeli Nova and his team on being named as one of the winners of this year's Crystal Cabin Awards. The awards celebrate ingenuity and excellence in relation to aircraft interiors. An incredible achievement! You can read the full story [here](#).



Reunion events



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the reunion and Founders' events, it was wonderful to see so many of you.

Photos from both of the events are available on our website, if you took any photos at either event and you are happy for us to include them in our website albums, please [send them](#) through to us, we can't wait to see them! The photo albums can be viewed using the following links [5 and 10 year reunion](#) and [50\(ish\) reunion and Founders' event](#).



Event updates

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

CCF plaque unveiling and champagne reception - Friday 2nd September 2022 in the Armoury at 17:30, please contact [Dr Rowe](#) if you would like to attend, all ex-cadets are very welcome!

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 Cotswolds dinner. Links to book a place at the remaining dinners will become available nearer the time.

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