



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to our new pupils – including all those in Year 7; forty new boarders; and Lower Sixth students who have joined us from 35 different schools, with our largest number of girls so far.

It has been fabulous to see school so happy and so busy this term. Well done to **Year 11 historians** who have visited France and Belgium, and to Sixth Formers whose **Parallel Histories debates** were featured on BBC Northern Ireland TV news this week. Good luck to **sports teams** this weekend, and to pupils who are **sea kayaking** in Mull.

Congratulations to **Henry Coates, Ernie Collinson & Matthew Nickson** (Lower Sixth) on their prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarships.



Record-breaking A-level results

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to welcome new colleagues: **Mr Allen Martin** (Head of Sixth Form), **Miss Jenna Doswell** (PE and Games), **Mrs Kate Hall** (English), **Mr Thomas Hynes** (Physics), **Mrs Caroline Withnell** (Chemistry), **Miss Harriet Butterfield** (Drama), **Mr Henry Higginson** (Graduate Sports Coach) and **Mr Freddie Deeks** (Sports Coach). Welcome back to **Mrs Margaret Sinclair** who returns as a boarding matron. Very best wishes to each of them!

Several colleagues have also taken on important new roles in day and boarding, including **Miss S. Haigh** (Deputy Head – Academic) and **Mr R. Mellon** (Assistant Head – Timetable & Progress). Our full list of teaching staff is [here](#).

The Royal Grammar School

We are proud of our long links with the Royal Family. Queen Elizabeth II visited the school in 1969; her father George VI, The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret visited in 1951; and Princess Anne visited LRGSL in 2001. Queen Victoria allowed us to add “Royal” to our name in her honour, and her statue stands above the Library door. The Queen’s Prizes are our senior academic Speech Day prizes. The Duchy of Lancaster appoints one of our governors, and the school crest also marks our royal links.

We have been powerfully reminded of our late Queen’s life of service. Our school motto echoes that theme. *Praesis ut Prosis* – Lead in order to serve – tells our pupils not just to “Live your life” but “Give your life”.



Dates for diaries

Tuesday 11th October Sixth Form Open Evening 5:30-7:30pm: Year 11 pupils, parents & visitors from other schools
Friday 30th September Friends’ Wine Tasting evening Tickets available on Wisepay [here](#).
Saturday 15th October Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop for the UAE Cricket tour Tickets available on Wisepay [here](#).

With very best wishes for the term ahead ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Year 9 rowers



Boarders’ footgolf



Societies Bazaar!