

## LRGS Alumni Newsletter

September 2022

A warm welcome to you and all our new students and boarders from LRGS.

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.

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



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](#) and be sure to update us of any [change of details](#)

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team

## LRGS Updates

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### Record breakers

Huge congratulations to our 2022 leavers who achieved record breaking A Level results. We wish you all the very best for the next stage in your lives, please keep in touch, we love to hear how you are getting on!



### Congratulations



Well done to all Year 11 pupils who received their GCSE results during the summer. Almost two-thirds (63.2%) of all exams were graded 9 to 7, 41% were grade 8 or 9 (the old A\* grades) and 22% gained the very top grade 9s. Twelve pupils achieved Grade 9 in eight or more subjects, including five with nine Grade 9s and one with all Grade 9s.

## Lancashire Choir of the year competition

Our fantastic choir, has been named as a finalist in this year's Lancashire Choir of the Year competition.

The six short listed choirs will all perform live at a special celebration event at the Charter Theatre in Preston on 24 November 2022.

The judging panel on the night will consist of Jeff Borradaile (choral director and teacher), Jane Irwin (professional soloist), Tyndale Thomas (songwriter and arranger), and County Councillor Phillippa Williamson (leader of Lancashire County Council).



The public will also get to have their say in the 'People's Choice' award, with voting opening in October.

Congratulations to everyone involved and good luck for the final!



## Clubs and societies bazaar

It was fantastic to see the assembly hall full of pupils representing and signing up to the fantastic array of clubs and societies that we have on offer, from MedSoc to Green Team, Knitting to Orienteering, the choice is astonishing!

Many thanks to everyone who helps to support our clubs and societies via Annual Fund donations.

## European Day of Languages

We enjoyed activities to celebrate the European Day of Languages during week commencing 26 September. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and provided such a fantastic week, from introducing us to new languages to hosting a European bake off, a big thank you also to our guest speakers. What a fabulous week!



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## Books appeal

During the summer holidays, lots of building and maintenance work took place, including the creation of a new classroom in the Rigg room, located in Old School House.

We are delighted to now be able to offer Politics as an A level option for our students and Head of Department, Mr Reynolds, would like your help to create a subject based library within the new classroom. If you have any books relating to politics, particularly biographies of political figures or books concerning global politics that you would be willing to donate to the new classroom, we would love to [hear from you!](#)

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## Alumni News

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### Sad News

#### George C (Larry) Lamb



We were saddened to hear that OL Air Vice-Marshal George C (Larry) Lamb CB CBE AFC FBIM RAF (Rtd) (34-41) passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 22 September, aged 99. In addition to an extremely distinguished career with the RAF, Larry was also highly respected within the international rugby arena and was England's oldest surviving referee. Larry remained a lifelong supporter of both the school and the OL Club and was Branch Secretary for the London dinner for many years. A genuinely lovely man who led a remarkable life, Larry will be missed by all who knew him.

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### Thank you

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#### Malcolm Doley memorial concert

Thank you to everyone who performed in and / or supported the Malcolm Doley memorial concert which took place at the beginning of September. Malcolm Doley was the director of the Lancs Schools/Student Symphony Orchestra from 1972-1995 and it was fabulous to have so many OLs together playing Shostakovich, Arnold, Faure, Elgar, Chabrier, Tchaikovsky & Copland.



## John Gardyner lectures

Our John Gardyner lectures celebrating our 550th anniversary continue until December and we have been thrilled to welcome three fantastic OL speakers to school during September.

Our first speaker was OL Brian Ashton (57-62) MBE who hosted two "Becoming a game changer" workshops.

On 22 September OL and Silicon Valley entrepreneur Richard Jordan (83-90) generously shared his experiences, advice and humour with our sixth form pupils.

Our final speaker for September was OL entrepreneur and You Tube star Stephen Ogden (79-86) aka Thogdad. Stephen presented at both Upper and Lower Sixth assemblies, sharing his memories, stories and advice with great humour. Stephen then answered questions from the floor ranging from fork lift truck driving to football. Stephen also met and spoke to lots of our younger pupils as he walked around school on both days.

A huge thank you to all of our September speakers, it has been really lovely to welcome you back to school and our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.





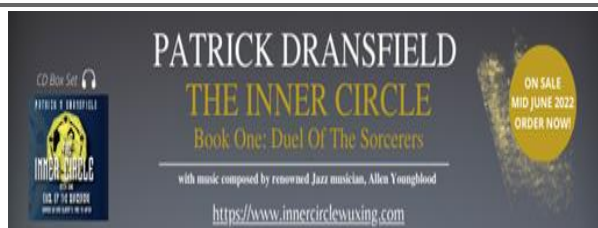
## Congratulations

Congratulations to OLs Harris Wood and Josh Hyde (15-22) who have completed the national 3 peaks challenge in under 24 hours to raise money for Breast Cancer UK and the Alzheimer's Society. Harris and Josh passed their fundraising target of £1000 and successfully completed the challenge in just over 20 hours, conquering 38kms and 10,000 feet of ascent in 8 hours walking time. Very well done to you both and thank you to the OL Club for their generous financial support. If you would like to read their story and donate, you can do so via their [GoFundMe page](#).

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## Audio book launch

Congratulations to OL Patrick Dransfield (75-80) on the launch of "The Inner Circle Wu Xing Audible Book One" - a historical novel, which is now available to [download on Audible](#). Patrick is grateful for the drama training he received whilst at LRGS, under the guidance of Peter Sampson, which he credits with helping him to overcome the daunting task of narrating a whole novel!



A glossary and overview can be found [here](#)



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Thank you for your support!

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## Event updates

[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. Details will be made available as soon as they have been confirmed

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

Please use the link above for full details and to book your place for the Manchester dinner. Links to book a place at the remaining dinners will become available nearer the time.

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