

Dear Parents and Carers, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

True discovery, said Marcel Proust, is not to seek new landscapes but to see with new eyes. The two often go together, however!

New perspectives are seen beyond the classroom walls. This is why trips and expeditions are a keystone of school life.

Recent weeks have included dozens of **sports fixtures** home and away; the **French Exchange** with LGGS to a school near Lyon; the **Astronomy** Masterclass; an English trip to see **The Crucible**; the **Classics** Conference; the Army section's **Exercise Night Owl** — and others I know that I've missed! This week includes **Spanish** immersion in Cadiz, **RAF** flying, **Young Enterprise** in Manchester, **Art & Photography** in Edinburgh, and our first ever **Netball tour** 



First French exchange since 2020

to London. Huge thanks to staff who run these trips; thank you to parents for your support for them.

## Oxford and Cambridge offers

Congratulations to eleven students who have received offers from Oxford or Cambridge: Oliver Biswas (PPE), Pratham Dalwadi (Medicine), Raphael Fox (History), Frank Kelly (History), Xander Mynott (Linguistics), Ben O'Brien (Chemical Engineering), Ben Parkinson (Medicine), Casey Turner (Maths), Ben Unsworth (Classics) and from last year's leavers Harry Edmondson (History) and Ako Lekwuwa (Medicine).

## **Careers Fair**

35 organisations were represented at our biennial Careers Fair on Friday – we are very grateful to all the presenters including LRGS parents. There was a very wide range – degree apprenticeships, colleges and universities; medicine, accountancy and law; enterprise and engineering; the police, army and other uniformed services – and many more besides. Do ask your children who they spoke to. Feedback about our pupils was excellent. Lots of those employers hope to employ your sons or daughters one day!



## Staying late or early

No day pupil should normally be on the school site before **8am** or after **4:30pm**, unless they are taking part in an organised club, rehearsal or training session. Homework Club also takes place after school. There may be occasional emergencies or circumstances when a child really does need to stay late in school – do get in touch if that is the case. Parents must sign in and be supervised if they come onto the site either during the day or after school.

## Strike dates

A reminder that we expect disruption due to strike action this Wednesday **1**<sup>st</sup> **February** when Years 7 to 10 will be at home. Lower Sixth Parents' Evening has moved to tomorrow, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will be in touch in due course with arrangements for the subsequent strike dates of **28**<sup>th</sup> **February** and **15**<sup>th</sup> **& 16**<sup>th</sup> **March**.

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle





Cancer Research UK
Human Appeal
Money for Madagascar
Saint John's Hospice
Team Reece





Lenten Charities 2023 Cake and commendations Musée des Beaux Artes