

Dear Parents and Carers, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Congratulations to our Upper Sixth leavers! It is wonderful to see them on the brink of new adventures, and lovely to see many of them at the Leavers' Ball. Best wishes to each of them all for the summer ahead.

This phase of term is jam-packed with activities. Huge thanks to staff who ran the Year 7 outdoor residentials – some in sunshine, and some in rain! German students are now abroad on their exchange, and the next few days include Silver DofE expeditions, a rowing regatta, the Royal Grammar Schools' cricket festival in Colchester, and much more.



U15 County Champions

Founders' Day

We look forward to celebrating Founders' Day with all our Year 7 pupils tomorrow at the Priory Church. This formal occasion marks our place in our school's long history. "The best of the old and the new" is one of the phrases of the school. With more than 550 years behind us, we will always be committed to innovation in a changing world.

## **Boarding Ofsted inspection**

Ofsted boarding inspectors spent three days in school for a routine zero-notice boarding inspection two weeks ago. They spoke to lots of boarders, and also to staff, governors and some parents, and also checked many of the systems behind the scenes in boarding. Thank you to parents who completed their surveys. Inspectors commented on how enthusiastic and polite they found our pupils. They will publish the report and judgements in about six weeks' time.

## **Financial support** www.lrgs.org.uk/financial-assistance

The **Lune Scholarship** can help with costs such as school uniform, and the **Opportunities Fund** with school trips.

We are particularly promoting **Sixth Form Bursaries**. Eligible expenses include equipment such as laptops, travel, books, school trips, school clothing and attending interviews. We want every Sixth Form student who is entitled to support to claim their funding. Significant funds are available in three categories:

- **Priority One:** £1200pa for (e.g.) students in care, or receiving income support or Disability Living Allowance;
- Priority Two: Reimbursement of school-related expenses for those eligible for free school meals;
- Priority Three: Support towards school expenses for students in households with income below £30,000.

## **Lost Property – open Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes**

We accumulate a considerable amount of lost property. We encourage all pupils to come to Lee House to look for lost items on Tuesday and Fridays 1:15pm – 1:45pm. We send emails telling pupils to collect named items. Unclaimed and unnamed lost property will be donated elsewhere or disposed of on the last day of term.

## **Industrial action**

I am sorry for the disruption of two more strike days next Wednesday and Friday. The strikes are over school funding and pay. We will teach Years 7 to 9 on Teams where possible, with Year 10, Lower Sixth and boarders on site.

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle





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Year 7 outdoor residentials Oxford Open Day Senior Quiz Team