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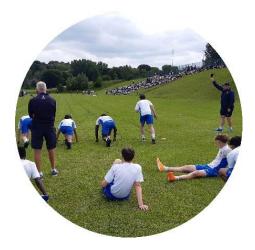
Dear Parents and Carers,

The amazing thing about LRGS is the endless energy and creativity of our pupils in a million different pursuits – with so much encouragement from our staff. Thank you also to parents for your remarkable support this year.

Well done to the First XI who retained the prestigious **RGS Cricket Festival** trophy, and (closer to home) to **athletics** teams who won every age group in the District Cup. Best wishes to pupils and staff on trips at the moment – **CCF Army Camp**, Gold **DofE** in the Highlands, adventurers in **Morocco**, 80 Year 8s in **Normandy**, and 72 students on the rugby tour to **South Africa**.

Careers experience – survey request

Work and careers guidance is a priority for us to develop further next year, and we are looking for more parents to help with advice or visits. Please can you complete a survey for us using this link to an online form?



Pupil achievements

It was fabulous to present cheques to our five **Lenten Charities** last week, and to hear some of our top fundraisers explaining how they raised £26000 – from winter camping to cake sales!

Congratulations to **Kirsty Maher** (Upper Sixth) who ran in the 1500m final at the English Schools Championships; Oxford University coding prize winner **Kyden Waite** (Year 8); **Andrea Amatulli** (Year 7) who won the Queen's College Oxford Young Translators prize; and **James Cottrell** (Year 7) who is now the U12 European Champion at BMX racing.

Well done to Sports Day athletes, including Victrix and Victor Ludorum **Zoë Sanderson-Davies** and **Joel Ngute-Daniel**. MasterChef was another brilliant highlight of the end of term – well done all our finalists including overall winners **Isaac Tunstall** and **Hector Maclean-Bristol** (Year 9).

Staff farewells

The summer always means staff farewells, with huge thanks and many best wishes! **Hugh Castle** (Head of History) has led numerous areas of school life with iconoclastic flair since 1991 – not least the legendary Battle of Hastings! **Emma Lamb** (Director of Music) has led many of the school's most important events and created amazing creative opportunities for pupils, including last year's success as Lancashire's Choir of the Year.

Best wishes also to **Patri Peñarrocha** (Spanish), **Robin Walkden** (Maths), **Steve Foy** (PE & Head of Cricket) for their next steps; and **Lucy Carter**, **Kyle Weston** (Learning Support), **Henry Higginson** and **Freddie Deeks** (Sports Grads).

Best wishes also to **Tony Burns** (Maths) who will take a year's sabbatical to complete a Masters degree, and to **Andrena Ball** (Classics) as she begins maternity leave. Two other long-standing teachers are stepping down but will return part-time next term: **Georgie Introna** (Maths) and **Cath Mossop** (Food Technology).

Very best wishes for the summer, and to all our leavers – keep in touch! ∼ Dr C.J. Pyle









Last regatta of the year

RGS Cricket Festival success

Have a great summer!