



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 29th September 2023

I hope that the first weeks of term have gone well. A particular welcome to all our new pupils who have joined LRGS as day students or boarders. Best wishes to all our students for a very happy and successful year ahead.

Activities and achievements

Thank you to all our helpers at **Sixth Form Open Evening**. I hope that it was informative and energising for our Year 11 pupils, as well as for those visiting from other schools.

Non-uniform day for the **Morocco earthquake and Libya floods** appeal raised over £1700. The initiative was led by pupils who visited Morocco on a school expedition this summer.

Well done to all those involved in our busy **sports** programme – from rugby to netball to fell running – and to our **musicians** in the year's first concerts. It was fabulous to see so many activities at the **Societies Bazaar**. There are clubs for everyone – get involved!



Arkwright Scholars

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to welcome new colleagues: **Jonah Kennedy** (Head of History), **Rose Martin** (Director of Music), **Amy Sharples** (Food & Nutrition subject leader), **Annelise O'Connell** (Classics), **Andrew Brassington** (Maths), **Jack Spencer** (Maths), **Anthony McAloone** (Economics & Business), **Jon Fenton** (Games), **Lydia Dootson** (Biology technician), **Vanessa Whittle** (Physics technician), **Graham Hall** (Boarding Pastoral assistant), **Ben Schofield** and **Joe Wilkinson** (Graduate Sports Coaches), **Dharshini Broad**, **Kelly Dodgson**, **Joanna Hickey**, **Andy Raven** and **Helen Smith** (Learning Support). Very best wishes to each of them.

Outstanding boarding Ofsted report: "This school has a profound positive impact on the lives of children."

We are delighted to have received glowing confirmation of the quality of boarding at LRGS. Ofsted's report from their zero-notice inspection in June was published this month. They found the school "**Outstanding**" overall and in every category:

"Boarders make exceptional progress because of the commitment of the staff team. Boarders' life opportunities are enhanced because of the boarding and academic support they receive."

Huge thanks to our boarding staff and well done to our boarders! The full report is here: www.lrgs.org.uk/ofstedboarding2023



Support for the school

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **Giving Day**. The newly upgraded Upper Courts are a huge improvement and greatly appreciated already! Thank you to the **Friends of LRGS** for contributing to new outdoor seating as well.

The **Friends Shop** is open after school on Fridays and on Saturday mornings: www.lrgs.org.uk/parents/friends-of-lrgs Donations of any items of second hand uniform and sports kit are always very welcome indeed.

With all best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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U16s Rugby



Sea kayaking expedition – Scotland



Thank you for Giving Day!