



LRGS Alumni Newsletter

October 2023

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

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

Rowing success

Well done to all our crews who raced at Agecroft Rowing Club on 14 October. Lots of great results and real promise for the coming season. Thanks to all involved for a great day of racing.



Success in the pool too!

Well done to the 23 boys who took part in the Northwest Schools regional swimming relay competition at Everton earlier this month. They were one of the most impressive teams of the event! A teams all medaled & behaviour was exemplary. Here's hoping for qualification for the Nationals.

Duke of Edinburgh expedition

Very well done to the Y10 pupils who braved the weather to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition during the first weekend in October. Many thanks to everyone who made the event possible, your support is very much appreciated.



Request for help - Careers programme

You may have seen our recent appeal on Linked In, many thanks to all those who have replied already. If you missed it, we are looking to enhance our careers programme and would like to hear from OLs who would be willing to support us with this.

We intend to focus on the following sectors this year:

Engineering & Manufacturing
Finance / Business / Digital
Health & Social Care
Education
Law

If you would like to give a talk to our pupils, either live or on Teams, about your career and experience in one of these sectors, please do get in touch via the [Development Office](#) with details of what you'd like to talk about and your availability.

We are also hoping to enable our Year 10 pupils to have a meaningful workplace encounter this academic year. To help us achieve this, we're looking for local businesses and organisations in any sector who might be able to accommodate a Year 10 class visit for one morning or afternoon this year. Please get in touch if you think you could help

Alumni News

Sad News

Donald (Don) Gardner

We are sad to report that OL Don Gardner (46-51) passed away at the end of October after a short illness. Don was a lifelong supporter of the school and OL Club and will be greatly missed. A tribute from Don's family will be included in a future newsletter.

Carl Padgett

We were sad to learn that OL Carl Padgett (77-84) passed away in March this year at the age of 57. Carl was a partner at Bay Vets in Lancaster for many years and a past president of British Veterinary Association. A tribute to Carl featured in Vet Times can be found [here](#).

Our thoughts are with Carl's loved ones at this sad time.

Congratulations

Hello Hollywood!

Congratulations to OLs Joel Phillimore (01-08) and Andrew McMahon (06-13) who recently spent time working on George Clooney's new film, *The Boys in the Boat*. Andrew was a rowing double and heavily involved in the training process for the film and Joel plays Gordy Adam and is sat in the third seat of 'the boat'.

The film hits cinemas on Christmas Day in the US and 12th January 2024 in the UK, you can have a sneak peek and view the trailer here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfEA-udzjjQ&t=5s>.

Joel has very kindly agreed to write an article for the alumni newsletter about his experiences and involvement in the film, we look forward to sharing this with you in the new year.

Congratulations to OL Ben Cottam (95-02) who has adapted the Powell & Pressburger film 'A Matter of Life and Death' for BBC Radio 4. This new version stars Will Tudor, Lydia West, Geoff McGivern & Miles Jupp.

Episode One is currently available, please click [here](#) to listen.

Congratulations to OL Shane Gallagher (15-17) on his recent charity boxing match win, Shane fought to raise money for The Loyne Specialist School. You can watch Shane in action [here](#) and if you would like to make a donation, you can do so [here](#).



Calling alumni currently based in UAE, KSA and Bahrain

After twenty-seven years in Hong Kong, OL Patrick M Dransfield (1975-80), packed his bags and relocated for work to United Arab Emirates.

Patrick says 'One of my proudest achievements in Hong Kong was to help form a vibrant Old Lancastrian Group for Asia / Hong Kong and I would love to do the same in the Gulf region. If you are in UAE, KSA, Bahrain or close by please send me an [email](#) or give me a call +971 54 792 9028. I would love to hear from you'.

OL netball

Following last year's success, we are looking to welcome back once again some OL's to play in the OL'S V 1st XII Netball game.

The match will take place on one of the following dates:

Monday 11 December

Thursday 14 December

Monday 18 December

The match will take place at LRGS 4pm-5pm followed by some light refreshments.

If you would like to play, please email your availability, and position request to [Jenna Doswell](#)

We look forward to welcoming you back to LRGS.

Countess Eleanor Peel Awards

Postgraduate study awards – Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust

Former students of LRGS who are considering postgraduate study are entitled to apply for financial assistance from the Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust. This trust exists to help fund the costs of postgraduate study in the UK or abroad, including costs of study and travel, art or music scholarships. It makes grants of up to £600 per year per student. Please see the details on our [website](#).

Old Lancastrian Club News



Event updates

Durham Dinner on Friday 24 November 2023 at the Honest Lawyer Hotel, Durham

Hong Kong Dinner on Tuesday 19 December at United Services Recreation Club, please contact OL [Patrick Dransfield](#) for more details.

OL Golf Day on Friday 28 June 2024 at Lancaster Golf Club

Links to book a place at the dinners will become available nearer the time.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news.

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