



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 17th November 2023

Speech Day was an enjoyable and memorable celebration of school life. Thank you to everyone who was able to come on Saturday, and well done to our prize-winners and the brilliant Big Band! It was a great honour to welcome Professor **Sir Peter Ratcliffe**, Old Lancastrian and winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology in 2019. He described what it is like to receive that phone call from Stockholm – and he praised the value of teachers and teaching: *“All future human progress and the maintenance of all human progress to date depends absolutely on education.”*



www.lrgs.org.uk/speechday2023

www.lrgs.org.uk/biologylaboratoryopening

Updates and achievements

Well done to Year 11 pupils as they complete their **Prelim exams**. Congratulations and best wishes to **Corin Maden** (Year 11) on his selection for the England Youth squad in Korfbal. Best wishes to teams competing this weekend in **Rugby, Swimming, British Schools Orienteering** and (river permitting!) **Rowing** in the Head of the Lune.

Parallel Histories

The Observer newspaper recently featured educational charity **Parallel Histories**, including our school's involvement. Parallel Histories was created by LRGS teachers to help schools to tackle controversial topics including the Middle East in a careful way with pupils. It now works with several hundred schools. You can read the article [here](#).

Spare PE kit from Sixth Formers

Sixth Form boys – if you have pre-Sixth Form **PE kit** lying in a drawer, please can you consider donating it to the PE department for their spare kit supplies? **Uniform and Games items** are also extremely welcome at the Friends Shop.

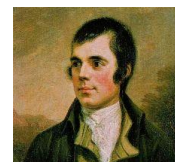
Easyfundraising for the Friends of LRGS: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Please will you sign up with www.easyfundraising.org.uk to support the **Friends of LRGS** when you are shopping online? It is very simple and is completely free. Easyfundraising gives money to charity from online purchases made via its website. They do not store card details or send spam. Over 7000 retailers are part of the scheme, including Amazon, ebay, Tesco, John Lewis and many others.

The Friends use all their funds to enhance the school and provide extras for LRGS pupils. Parents have raised over £6000 through easyfundraising. Please go to the website, search for “Friends of Lancaster Royal Grammar School” and try it out – whether for an online supermarket shop or Christmas shopping.

Burns Night – Saturday 27th January

Tickets are on sale now on Wisepay for the Friends' Burns Night celebration, a Scottish themed gathering in the grand setting of the Ashton Hall in Dalton Square. The evening includes a Scottish piper, “Address to a Haggis,” and a three course dinner, with a live ceilidh band and dancing. Tickets cost £55 per head. All proceeds go directly to the Friends of LRGS to support the school.



With all best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Sale Sharks coaching session



Big Band



Sunshine for the Classics trip to Greece