



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The end of term marks a particular milestone for everyone who joined the school in September. They have come a long way since then! Well done to all pupils, and best wishes to boarders going home for Christmas.

Highlights of this long and energetic term include the new **Upper Courts**; our Outstanding **boarding Ofsted** report; numerous **sporting fixtures**; **school trips** from Morecambe to Mull (and beyond!); our first in-person **Parents Evening**; and the visit of **Sir Peter Ratcliffe**, Nobel Prize winner.

It is wonderful to end the term with the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Lancaster Priory. Huge thanks to our musicians and readers.



Storey House on ice

### Pupil achievements

Congratulations to **Charlie Parkinson** (L6) on his selection for the Lancashire Cricket Academy. **Leo Churchill** (9R) was best actor as Grandpa Joe in *Charlie in the Chocolate Factory* in the Christmas Show. A letter that **Elijah O'Neill** (7L) wrote for his English homework elicited a handwritten reply from David Attenborough! Thank you too for your record donations to **Morecambe Bay foodbank**, and for yesterday's **Elf Run** which raised £1300 for St John's Hospice.

### Clubs and Societies



A survey earlier this term found that we have at least 53 active clubs. Some are pleasingly niche while others have large memberships: Cricket, Junior School Quiz League and CCF Army Section have over 100 active members. The Whewell Society, our debating club, is the school's oldest society and has been thriving for over a century; Pokemon and Rubik's Cube clubs are newer! Clubs range from sport and music to academic and careers-related clubs such as Politics Society and MedSoc.

Over 75% of pupils attend at least one club. We found 10 pupils who are members of seven or more clubs! If your son or daughter's school diary is not quite so full, then the new year would be a great time get involved: [www.lrgs.org.uk/clubsandsocieties](http://www.lrgs.org.uk/clubsandsocieties)

### Farewell and best wishes

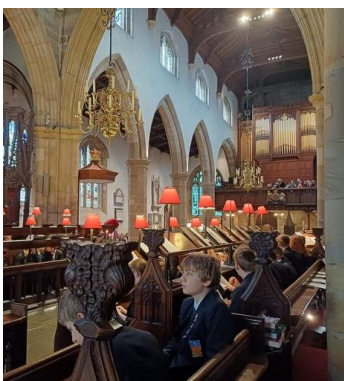
We wish farewell and a very happy retirement to **Kim Taylor** after ten years in support staff roles including (most recently) Peripatetic Music Coordinator, and to **Cath Mossop** (Food Technology) who has made her mark in areas as diverse as boarding, ski trips, MasterChef and the Supper Run. Best wishes also to **Helen Smith** (Learning Support) who leaves for a teaching role, and to **Harriet Butterfield** (Learning Support) as her maternity leave begins.

### Best wishes for the holidays

Thank you to pupils for their patience with disruption to the Dining Hall last week. I am very grateful to Chartwells kitchen staff for all their work and flexibility. Good luck to the Upper Sixth preparing for Mocks, and to those waiting for university offers. Best wishes to all our pupils for a well-earned rest and change of routine!

With all best wishes for Christmas and for a happy New Year ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Carol Service



Christmas drama performances – cast and crew



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