

LRGS Alumni Newsletter

February 2024

A warm welcome to you 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



Offers from Oxford and Cambridge

Congratulations to all our students who have secured university offers from the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, Ahmed (Engineering), Beth (Engineering), Oliver (Economics & Management), Joe (2023, Mathematics), Sandy (Classics), Morgan (Philosophy & Theology), Alex (Materials Science), Aditya (Medicine), and Ishmael (Medicine). Well done everyone!

Debating success

Our Debating Competition Team were speaking in the second North West round of the English Speaking Union's Mace Competition in Blackburn recently.

It was an exciting night for our speakers Oskar (L6), Alice (L6) and Sandy (U6) and their supporters. Our former opposition St George's dropped out and had to be replaced at the last minute by a swing team from another school and there were only 2 places up for grabs in the regional finals.



We are delighted to report that LRGS have progressed, along with North Halifax Grammar School, to the regional finals for North Wales and the North West of England.

There are 12 regional finals across England and Wales and one team from each will progress to the finals day.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved and good luck for the next round!



Steps to success

Several exceptional Old Lancastrians have been selected to appear on our inspirational Old Lancastrian staircase in the New Building. Our Upper Sixth A-level Politics students were involved in selecting who should be chosen.

Our aim as a school is to create the leaders of tomorrow who will make a positive difference locally, nationally and globally. As part of that, we want to showcase the remarkable breadth and variety of achievement of our former pupils.

We do this in a number of ways already – but the staircase display is a new and particularly eye-catching part of this.

The chosen alumni span achievements in politics, science, business, sport, law and the arts – and much more besides.

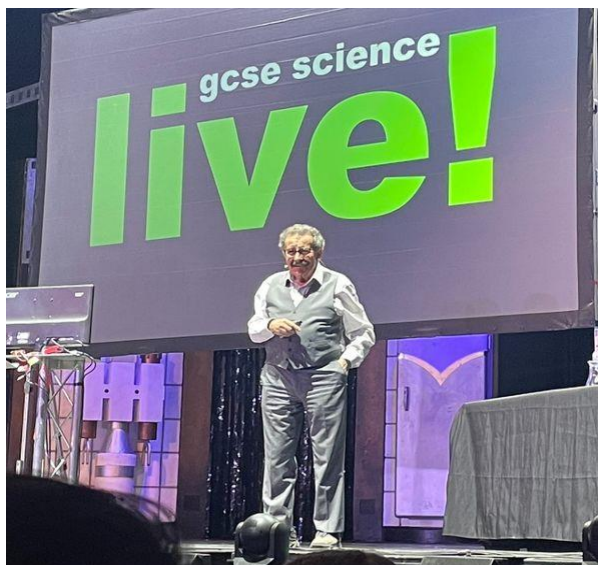
By celebrating their success, we hope that the Old Lancastrian staircase will inspire future LRGS students and visitors for years to come.

The artwork and production has been created by Helen Ashton

GCSE Science Live lectures

The Science department took 50 Year 10 students to GCSE science live at the end of January.

Highlights included sea urchin embryos diving, nanoparticles used in stain resistant clothing and learning that Cadbury's mini rolls are the perfect food for English Channel swimming!





Students v Staff netball

Thank you to everyone involved in the Students v Staff netball match, a fantastic evening as always with a great crowd turn out and a bake sale too!

Ski trip

Another fabulous trip to Schmittenhöhe, well done to all of our skiers and many thanks to all the staff for organising a fantastic trip which included climbing, bowling, volleyball and swimming in addition to lots of skiing. Lots of fantastic memories made and new skills learned!



LRGS 500 Club

The 500 Club is a convenient and inexpensive way in which you can support The Friends of LRGS. All members receive a unique membership number which is entered into the 500 club each month. For just £20 a year per membership number (you can buy more than one), with entry payable by standing order, you can compete for cash prizes whilst supporting the school. Prizes are awarded monthly from September to June with a bonus prize drawn twice a year.

The regular income the 500 Club generates has helped the Friends to support the school with some significant purchases - the beehives, photography equipment and most recently the Upper Courts Project and many more.

Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code for more information including details of how you can sign up and help.

Alumni News



Congratulations

Congratulations to OL Uzair Patel (01-08) who was recently appointed to the Board of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and will be the incoming Chair of Audit for the trust. This follows on from Uzair's existing board position at Torus Foundation, and previous roles at SafeLives (national domestic violence and abuse charity) as well as KCLSU. Whilst in these earlier roles, Uzair was amongst the youngest top charity trustees in the country.

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides the following biography for Uzair, ***"Uzair is a Chartered Accountant and senior finance professional with deep and wide-ranging experience across global banking in a range of technical and commercially focused roles. He is a board member at Torus Foundation supporting communities in Liverpool and the surrounding areas. He was previously a board member at the national domestic-violence and abuse charity, SafeLives, as well as Chair of Audit and Risk at KCLSU. He was co-creator of the award-winning #ThisIsMe mental-health campaign at Barclays and across the City of London in partnership with the Lord Mayor of London. He read Biomedical Sciences at King's College London with a focus on neuroscience and pharmacology."***

Thank you

Many thanks to OL Dr Peter Dyer (49-53) for delivering a talk on maxillofacial surgery to MedSoc students recently.





Thank you too to OL Clement Mok (18-22) who generously shared his research inspired by John C. Swanson's award-winning book *Tangible Belonging: Negotiating Germanness in 20th Hungary* with our pupils. A fabulous and thought provoking session.

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](#).

Reunion news

5 and 10 year reunion

We will be hosting a 5 and 10 year reunion event for the Class of 2013, 2014, 2018 and 2019 in the summer, e mails with full details will be going out soon.

50(ish) year reunion

We will also be hosting a 50(ish) year reunion event for the Classes of 1974 and 1975, e mails with details of this event will be sent out soon.

Old Lancastrian Club News



2024 Event updates

East Lancs Dinner on Friday 26 April 2024 at The Alma Inn, Colne. Please note that there is currently an issue with the East Lancs page on the website, this is being investigated and should be resolved soon. If you wish to book a place at the dinner before the webpage becomes available, please use the following methods:

Bank Transfer: 'Old Lancastrian Club - East Lancs Dinner', Sort Code 05-05-55, Account No. 19377355. **Please also send an email confirming payment and your menu choices and / or any dietary requirements to ol@lrgs.org.uk.**

Cheque: payable to the Old Lancastrian Club, Development Office, LRGS, East Road, Lancaster. LA1 3EF

Oxford Dinner on Tuesday 30 April 2024

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

OL **Founders' Dinner** on Friday 5 July at Lancaster Golf Club

Cotswolds OL Dinner on Friday 13 September at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

London OL Dinner on Thursday 7 November at the RAF Club, Piccadilly

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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