

LRGS Alumni Newsletter

March 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 <u>your news</u> and be sure to update us of any <u>change of details</u>

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team



LRGS Updates



Regional Champions!

We were delighted to compete in the North West and North Wales regional finals of the ESU Mace debating competition on 6 March.

LRGS competed against Manchester Grammar, North Halifax Grammar, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Huddersfield Grammar School and Liverpool College for a place in Finals Day.

Oskar, Alice and Sandy spoke really well and the judge said we had clearly worked well together as

a team, we had the best first speaker of the night, as well as the best paced speaker and the only summary speaker to answer their question from the floor.

Thanks and well done also go to Iona, Tayo, Juan, Anthony and Matthew who prepped our team very well and asked probing questions to the opposition teams.

We're now delighted to be semi-finalists so will compete again on 18th April at Dartmouth House in London. Many congratulations and good luck to everyone involved!

Lego league success

Congratulations to the Winners of the Robot Design award at the First Lego League tournament held earlier this month. Well done to all involved, we're looking forward to next year's competition already!





U18 Sevens team

Huge congratulations to the U18 Sevens team for their superb performance at the recent Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens tournament. They won every other match over the two-day competition but lost in the final.

Fundraising activities

The whole school has been busy this term organising a variety of fundraising activities for this year's Lenten Charities, including bake sales, auctions, raffles and tug of war competitions. Year 7 kicked off a week of tug of war competitions brilliantly, congratulations to the Y7 victors - 7R! All year groups will take part in the sponsored Set Run during the last week of term, good luck everyone and well done!



Young Musician of the Year

Thank you to all the finalists who performed at this year's inaugral Young Musician of the Year competition on 21st March, a fantastic evening showcasing some amazing talent! Special thanks to guest adjudicator, Rachel Moore, and to all the guest judges for their help during the heats. There were 7 Juniors and 6 Seniors who performed at the finals, very well done to everyone involved.

Congratulations to:



Senior Winner - Alistair (Y11) - piano

Senior Runner-up -Luca (U6) - cornet

Junior Winner - Blake (Y8) - piano

Junior Runner-up - Leo (Y9) - voice/rapping

Senior Finalists - Arwen, George, Roman and Micah

Junior Finalists - Joachim, Gianluca, Henry and Angus

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Congratulations



Very many congratulations to OL Cdr Jonathan Parker MSc CEng (94-98) upon receiving, along with 2 others, recognition of over 50 senior inter service matches spanning the last 21 years. It goes alongside having also played over 50 Combined Services matches during that time. Those photographed are the first ever recipients since T20 became a new tournament in 2005 and the number of annual matches increased to 4.

At the time Jonathan was an acting Commander, but in February he was selected for substantive promotion

and will confirm in rank later in the year.

Jonathan says, "I played a lot at school and locally. I was first capped by the Navy in 2003 and Combined Services in 2005. On choosing to step aside, I have opened the bowling at Lord's several times, toured Asia, Australia, and South Africa, and skippered the Navy for a few years. I still play regularly around Wiltshire where I live now."

Thank you

It was fantastic to welcome back a group of alums to school recently to talk to our current Sixth Formers about studying at Oxford and Cambridge. Thank you for passing on your knowledge, hints and tips, it's very much appreciated!



Sports Graduate wanted!

Would you like to gain coaching and teaching experience with some of the best sports teams in the region? If the answer is yes, then, fantastic news! We are currently recruiting for a Sports Graduate to join our dedicated team from September 2024.

Please visit our <u>website</u> for full details, including how to apply, the closing date for applications is noon on Friday 19 April.

5 and 10 year reunion

E mails for the 5 and 10 year reunion event have been sent out, the reunion will take place on Saturday 6 July, please save the date and spread the word! Full details, including how to book your place, will be shared as soon as they are confirmed. Please send your updates, photos and **contributions for the Reunion booklets** to the <u>Alumni Office</u> using the link in the e mails.

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 \pounds 600 per year per student. Please see the details on our <u>website</u>.

Old Lancastrian Club News



2024 Event updates

East Lancs Dinner on Friday 26 April at The Alma Inn, Colne.

Oxford Dinner on Tuesday 30 April at St John's College

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 future 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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