



LRGS Alumni Newsletter

June 2025

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

Open Day

We were delighted to welcome over 300 families to our annual Open Day on Saturday 21 June, it was lovely to see so many people exploring our school. A big thank you to all staff and pupils who worked so hard to make classrooms look fantastic and devised exciting activities for prospective pupils to engage in.



Royal visit



King Charles III visited Lancaster on Monday 9 June for his first official visit as Monarch to Lancashire and was welcomed by LRGS cadets accompanied by a military band.

His Majesty the King, Duke of Lancaster visited Lancaster Castle to be presented with the keys to the castle in front of the John O'Gaunt gateway as part of an ancient ceremonial tradition. The monarch has taken part in the Ceremony of the Keys when visiting the castle since 1851, when the keys were first presented to Queen Victoria, with Queen Elizabeth II taking part in 2015.

The King is also the Duke of Lancaster, a role established by Henry IV in 1399, who set aside land and properties belonging to the Lancaster estate and decreed that they should always belong to the monarchy.

It was an honour for our students to be involved in such a special occasion.

Product Design and Technology project

Our Sixth Form Product Design and Technology students have recently been involved in an exciting project with Loyne Specialist School. Lower Sixth students visited The Loyne Specialist School in January to meet children and staff to discuss what toys they like to play with, considering their needs and most of all, to make sure they are fun.

Working in groups of three, our sixth-form students then created designs and brought them to life.

This month, Mr Lemon, Head of Design and Technology, visited The Loyne School and handed over the final designs, much to the delight of the children. It was wonderful to see the designs brought to life and how well they were played with and received.



Ingleborough Caves trip

Our Year 7 pupils enjoyed exploring Ingleborough Caves this month, with the amazing landscape and fabulous features, this trip never fails to delight the young Geographers.



Year 7 residential trip

Outdoor education is every child's right and the Year 7 residential trip is an essential part of our pupils' LRGS experience. It is about learning skills and gaining confidence. Most of all, it is about deepening connection – to their environment and local area, and especially to one another.

International Maths Challenge

Well done to the four students who attended the Team Maths Challenge Finals in London recently. Karl, Zachariah, Robin and Jan competed in this international competition against around 70 teams, including 6 from China!



Marvellous Masterchefs



Masterchef 2025 didn't disappoint with an impressive display of creative thinking and some restaurant worthy dishes.

The winners were:

Main course - Jonte who made beef wellington with smoked salmon carpaccio and Welsh amber pudding. The judges said: "Superb! The thought and care that has gone into the dish is excellent."

Dessert - James who created a glow in the dark croquembouche.

The Highly Commended winners were:

Main course - Charlie who made a rabbit stew with poppy seed dumplings. His dish was inspired by his grandfather who died in WWII. Judges remarked that his presentation, which included a ceramic poppy that had been part of the display at the Tower of London, was fantastic.

Dessert - Zain who created a Sawiya dessert.

Well done to all our Y9 Masterchef finalists!

Good luck!

Good luck to Kjell, Daniel, Andrea and Ben who are all competing in the U16 National Schools Tennis Cup in Bristol today.

The boys qualified for the event having won every match in the northern division knock out rounds. They are the first LRGS tennis team to reach a national final, a huge achievement already, good luck boys!

Alumni News

Sad news



John McCafferty

We are sad to report that former LRGS teacher, John McCafferty, sadly passed away on Thursday 12th June, at the age of 86.

Mr McCafferty taught French and Spanish from 1988 - 2002. A natural linguist, Mr McCafferty's ability to communicate his love of French and Spanish to pupils was fabulous and his warm, friendly sense of humour encouraged pupils of all abilities to fulfil their potential.

A memorial service will be on Friday 11th July at 11am, in Christ Church on Wyresdale Road in Lancaster, followed by food in the church hall. If you would like to attend the service and join John's family in the church hall afterwards, please confirm your attendance with an e mail to [Andrew McCafferty](mailto:Andrew.McCafferty@lrgs.org).

The family have requested no flowers please, they are collecting donations for a local charity. There'll be a QR code and other ways to do this on the order of service.

Our thoughts are with Jean, Andrew and family at this sad time.

Dr Michael Cox

We were sad to learn that OL Michael Cox (43 - 50) passed away on Saturday 21 June. Michael retired from his role as a GP several years ago and this allowed him to pursue his hobbies of golf and Bridge. Michael often joined us for OL dinners and events over the years, winning the senior OL golf tournament in 2007. Our thoughts are with Michael's family at this sad time.

Gill Bishop

We were saddened to learn that former Friends of LRGS member, Gill Bishop, passed away on 28th May. Gill was an amazing lady who organised or was heavily involved in many of the events run by the Friends of LRGS, she also set up the Memo cafe. Our thoughts are with Gill's family and friends at this incredibly sad time.

Thank you

Many thanks to OL Colin Povey (72-79) who we were delighted to welcome back into school last week. Colin is the former chairman of Warwickshire County Cricket Club. He has also been Chair of England Netball and a Director of Northampton Saints Rugby Club as well as CEO of Carlsburg. As part of our Careers Insights programme, pupils enjoyed hearing Colin talk about the wide range of opportunities available within the sports and hospitality sector, the international nature of the sector and the energy and passion required to succeed.



RGS Cricket Festival

The RGS Cricket Festival starts today, please see the confirmed fixture list below. You are very welcome to support the teams and come along to watch any of the matches.

Date	Game	Venue
Monday 30th June 10.30 am Start	Lancaster v Newcastle	LRGS Douthwaite
	Guildford v Colchester	Torrisholme CC
	High Wycombe v Worcester	Netherfield CC
Tuesday 1st July 10.30 am Start	Newcastle v Guildford	LRGS Douthwaite
	Lancaster v Worcester	Netherfield CC
	Colchester v High Wycombe	Shireshead CC
Wednesday 2nd July 10.30 am Start	Worcester v Colchester	LRGS Douthwaite
	Lancaster v Guildford	Morecambe CC
	High Wycombe v Newcastle	Garstang CC
Thursday 3rd July 10.30 am Start	Guildford v High Wycombe	LRGS Douthwaite
	Newcastle v Worcester	Torrisholme CC
	Lancaster v Colchester	Garstang CC
Friday 4th July 10.00 am Start	Lancaster v High Wycombe	LRGS Douthwaite
	Colchester v Newcastle	Burneside CC
	Worcester v Guildford	Lancaster CC

Grammar Fest

Following on from last year's success, we are delighted to confirm that the Friends of LRGS will once again be hosting Grammar Fest during the afternoon on Founders' Day. You are very welcome to come along to join in the fun, no need to book, just pop in, partners and children are very welcome! Please follow the Friends of LRGS page on Facebook to keep up to date with Grammar Fest news.



**GRAMMAR
FEST
2025**

*Fun for all
the family*

Saturday 5th July

12noon - 4pm

Food and Drink

Tombola

Raffle

Sports Activities and Challenges

and lots more

Keep checking our Facebook page for more details



Future Event updates

OL Golf Day and Founders' Dinner* on Friday 4 July 2025 at Lancaster Golf Club

[Cotswolds OL Dinner](#) on Friday 12 September 2025 at RAU, Cirencester

Leeds OL Dinner on Friday 3 October 2025 at Masonic Hall, Castle Grove (TBC)

London OL Dinner on Thursday 6 November at the RAF Club, Piccadilly

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

*Please note that bookings are now closed for this dinner

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

OLD LANCASTRIANS GOLF DAY

FRIDAY 4TH OF JULY 2025
Tee times from 13:23

Lancaster Golf Club

LGC Members £5 (prizes only)
Non-members £40 (green fee and prizes)
Paid on the day

If Interested Contact
L.kettlewell3@gmail.com or jarman67@yahoo.com

OL Club

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