



LRGS Alumni Newsletter

September 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



Annual Cadet's Skill at Arms meeting

Earlier this month, twelve of our Army cadets took part in the annual Cadet's Skill at Arms meeting at Altcar Training Camp. It was great to welcome a lot of new recruits onto the team, shooting competitively for the first time. The team finished 2nd in the overall competition, ranking in the top 3 in a number of individual shoots.

Special congratulations to cadet John for winning the Best Shot Award for the second year in a row!

Lancaster Jazz Festival

Congratulations to the LRGS Big Band on your amazing performance at the Lancaster Jazz Festival!



Sea kayaking adventures



Our intrepid kayakers enjoyed a sea kayaking trip in Scotland this month, there were some challenging conditions but an amazing time was had by all. Well done to all involved!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition

Congratulations to the 67 Year 10 pupils who completed their Bronze expedition in the wilds of Yorkshire during the last weekend of September.



History trip to France

GCSE History students were in France earlier this month to visit and walk the battlefields of Agincourt, Waterloo and The Somme.



Alumni News

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 for achieving very impressive A level results!

The year group of 214 Upper Sixth students achieved A and A* grades in 43% of their exams. 71% of all results were graded A*, A and B.

Amongst other exceptional achievements, 16 pupils achieved three A* grades and 6 pupils achieved 4 A* grades.

Headmaster Dr Chris Pyle said: "It has been wonderful to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our fabulous Sixth Form students today. We are very proud of every single one of them for their achievements.

"They should be delighted with their excellent academic results. Their extra-curricular commitment and leadership over the past two years has also been remarkable.

"These students are well placed to thrive on a huge range of opportunities ahead. It is very exciting to see them heading to university courses across the UK and overseas, to brilliant degree apprenticeships and employment. Many congratulations to each of them on their well-deserved success."



Sad News

Frank Clarke

We were saddened to learn that OL Frank Clarke (53-58), passed away in August. Frank was a dedicated farmer, taking on the family farm upon leaving school. Our thoughts are with Frank's wife, Ann, their son, James, and family at this sad time.

Steven Firth

We were sad to learn that OL Steven Frith (65-70) had passed away in January this year, at the age of 73. Our thoughts are with Steven's wife, Carol, at this sad time.

Darren Clifford

We are sad to report that OL Darren Clifford (82-87) passed away earlier this month, at the age of 54, after a short illness. Upon leaving LRGS, Darren joined the Army, working as a combat medic and psychiatric nursing manager. Upon leaving the Army, Darren served on Morecambe Town Council and became the Labour councillor for Harbour ward in Morecambe in 2015. Darren was a champion for his local community and will be greatly missed. Beyond Radio have published a lovely tribute to Darren which can be found using the link below.

Our thoughts are with Darren's family and friends at this very sad time

<https://www.beyond.radio/news/local-news/tributes-to-forces-veteran-and-former-councillor-who-was-true-champion-of-morecambe/>

Can you help?

Appeal for Careers Help

We are creating career profiles of our alumni for the purpose of inspiring current pupils in their career exploration as well as for marketing and we'd like to include alumni from a range of decades and sectors.

The profiles will include a recent photograph and a mini biography covering the following questions:

Which A Levels did you study?

- One thing which you were especially involved in or that stands out in your memory about LRGS (could be sport/music/CCF/school trip/particular subject/opportunity etc)
- What did you do immediately after leaving LRGS? (university and degree subject/apprenticeship/employment etc)
- What is your current career, what does it involve and how did you get there?

If you would like to participate, please reply to the [Development Office](#) with some brief answers to the questions above and a recent head and shoulders photograph.

Thank you for your help!

Just for fun

Following on from the Then and Now article in the summer edition of the newsletter, we are delighted to share the following photograph with you which was kindly sent to us by OL Roger Robinson.

The photograph, taken in Bath, shows the 1967 Cricket 1st X1 during their West Country tour.

The challenge is, can anyone name everyone in the photograph? Please get in touch with the [Development Office](#) if you can!



Thank you to the OLs who got in touch to let us know of their recent get togethers:

Neville Upson went with a group from Guilford Cathedral to Walsingham, he met up with recently retired Chris Anderson whilst he was there.

Stephen Knight went to the Anglesey Show and arranged to meet David Molyneux and Allan Webster. Stephen says they had a great time reminiscing and that David was accompanied by his wife Angela who made sure that they all behaved!



Future Event updates

Leeds OL Dinner at Masonic Hall, Castle Grove (date TBC)

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

Links to book a place at the above dinners will become available as soon as the details have been confirmed.

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