

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 11s and students from other schools to **Sixth Form taster day** on Thursday. I hope that it will be an informative and exciting day as pupils look ahead to life beyond GCSEs and consider their A-level subjects. Thursday is a home study day for the Lower Sixth, except those who are coming in to help (thank you!).

Well done to the **Upper Sixth** on completing their **Mocks**, and to GCSE students who have completed Maths, English, and MFL speaking exams. The aim now is to take encouragement from areas of progress – and highlight areas for focus. Use the Mocks as a springboard. Keep going!



LRGS cricketers – 1880

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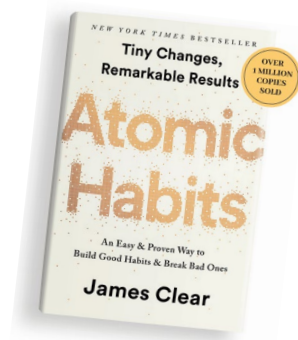
Thank you to the Friends of LRGS, whose recent grants to the school include **table tennis** tables, harnesses for **Climbing Club**, CCF Naval Section **wetsuits**, and display boards for the **Art department**.

The Friends and the Old Lancastrian Club have both committed significant support for the **Royal Grammar Schools' Cricket Festival** which we host this summer. There are other opportunities for sponsorship for this high-profile festival. We would be delighted to speak to possible partners – do contact Matthew Rosbottom, Head of Cricket ([mrosbottom@lrgs.org.uk](mailto:mrosbottom@lrgs.org.uk)).

**New Year's Resolutions?**

James Clear's best-selling book "Atomic Habits" argues that it is more effective to act on our habits than focus on lofty goals. He describes habits as the hundreds of votes we cast each day about our future. Focus on those daily behaviours, he advises. Don't wait for inspiration, just put small actions into place.

*Frittering away revision time?* Willpower probably won't stop you – but putting your phone in a different room probably will. *Want to get homework done?* Instead of hoping to become a better person, getting your book open on the page and a pen ready on the desk might work!



**Dates for diaries**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	L6 Parents Evening (online)
=== Half term 15 <sup>th</sup> –23 <sup>rd</sup> February ===	
24 <sup>th</sup> February – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Mocks
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents Evening (in person)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parents Evening (online)

With all best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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