



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year we were privileged to welcome Sir Peter Ratcliffe, Nobel Prize winner, back to LRGS. He spoke (amongst other things) about teaching, saying: *“All future human progress – and the maintenance of all human progress to date – depends absolutely on education. Education is king, and ever more so as human knowledge extends.”*

Let’s keep that big picture in mind – in the whirlwind of busy weeks, and through the joys and occasional trials of teenage life! We are fortunate to live in a time and place where our children have amazing educational opportunities. Thank you for your support for LRGS this term!



*Burns Night – on Wisepay now!*

### Pupil activities and achievements

Well done to **Netball players** who travelled to Yorkshire yesterday, and to **Year 10 Army** cadets on their Self-reliance Expedition. Best wishes to **Rugby players** in London this weekend (below), and to **Geographers** exploring Iceland. Thank you to pupils and staff involved in **Biology Week** activities from making hedgehog houses to baking biological cakes, and congratulations to the **Bee Club** on producing – as far as we know – the very first jars of LRGS honey!

### Upper Sixth parents’ evening and feedback

Thank you to parents who were able to attend Upper Sixth parents’ evening. Parental feedback suggested that it was well-timed and helpful for your sons and daughters. A large majority of respondents indicated that they preferred the face-to-face format. We appreciate that some parents prefer the flexibility of online meetings. **For 2024-25, parents’ evenings will also be in person for Years 7, 9 and 11. Years 8, 10 and Lower Sixth will be online.**

### John Fisher State Schools Rugby Festival

Good luck to our First XV playing in this Invitational Rugby Festival in London this weekend. Matches will be live streamed at the links below:

Day 1, Pitch 1: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A5dLrvLOWw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A5dLrvLOWw)

Day 1, Pitch 2: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHmjsBlpbi4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHmjsBlpbi4)

Day 2, Pitch 1: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVJTFBCp\\_Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVJTFBCp_Q)

Day 2, Pitch 2: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmOZc65jCDO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmOZc65jCDO)

Festival brochure: [online.flippingbook.com/view/1041444478/](http://online.flippingbook.com/view/1041444478/)



*Memorial Fields (yesteryear!)*

### Some dates for next half term

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Term re-starts: Week B
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Boarders’ Parents morning (online)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Careers Fair (on site: all year groups)
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Prelim exams
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Speech Day – compulsory attendance for Year 8, Prize winners and Prefects

With all best wishes for half term ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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*Rubik’s Cubers*



*Bee Club*



*Agecroft Regatta*



*Iceland*