



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 20th December 2024

Huge thanks and congratulations to choir members, musicians, readers and staff for leading our wonderful Carol Services. The Priory Church has an important place in the heart and history of Lancaster Royal Grammar School – it has been very special to see the whole school there this week.

Well done to Year 7 and 8 pupils who took part in this week’s Reindeer Rush for St John’s Hospice! Thank you to the whole school for a huge and generous response to the Morecambe Foodbank appeal.

Best wishes to all families for the holidays, especially to international boarders heading home. Good luck to Upper Sixth formers preparing for Mock exams and waiting for outcomes of applications and interviews!



Nine Lessons and Carols

Duchy of Lancaster Awards

An annual grant from the Duchy of Lancaster allows our pupils (Year 10+) to apply for £500 for a project of their choice – service, excellence or enrichment. We will launch these competitive awards in the new year. This year’s successful entries included:

- *Flying lesson - this pupil took the attached photo of the Upper Site!*
- *Astro-imaging mount to track star motion*
- *Elite curling training costs*
- *Robotics equipment*
- *3D resin printer to set up a new CAD Society*
- *RYA Powerboat Instructor qualification to develop CCF RN Section skills*
- *Pool Plant Operating Qualification to maintain two not-for-profit pools for children*
- *Laptop to develop stock management software*



Parallel Histories

It was excellent to see Parallel Histories’ brilliant work at LRGS featured in the Observer last week, with quotes from some of our students (and photos!). Teachers from LRGS originally set up this educational charity to help schools to teach controversial areas of history including Israel and Palestine. The Guardian and Observer have chosen Parallel Histories as one of their charities for their 2024 Appeal, alongside War Child and Médecins San Frontières:

www.theguardian.com/society/2024/dec/14/parallel-histories-israel-palestine-schools-children-charity-appeal

Friends of LRGS



Parental support is essential for the school’s activities. Thank you to all parents who support the [Annual Fund](#). Thank you also for practical support for sports teams; music, drama and CCF; careers opportunities and interview preparation – amongst many others! Particular thanks to our Friends Committee for their social events, fundraising activities and the School Shop. The Supper Run raised over £2000. One great way to support the Friends is by joining the [500 Club](#): well done to this month’s winners (E. Bates, P. Dickinson, A Murgatroyd, V. Westwood).

Happy Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year! ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Foodbank donations



Seasonal cheer in Food Technology!



Community Party