



Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

"I especially love team sports. Winning together is so much better than individual success." For Speech Day we were privileged to welcome John Gleasure, founder of sports media platform DAZN, back to his old school. With much humour, he had important messages for pupils, amongst them: *School friendships matter - In your career, play what's in front of you - EQ is as important as IQ.*

Well done to everyone who was involved in this day of celebration for our pupils! www.lrgs.org.uk/speech-day-2024



Speech Day 2024

Pupil activities and achievements

Congratulations to musicians on last week's **Autumn Concert** – showcasing a wide variety of excellent performances, from guitar and string groups to memorable piano solos and the ever-fabulous Big Band!

In **Orienteering**, congratulations to our **Year 12 Girls'** and (for the third successive year) **Year 10 Boys'** teams who became National Schools Champions, and to four individual medallists. **Cross-country runners** were well-represented at this week's District Championships, with individual wins and strong team performances. **Chess teams** competed in the Northern Grammar Schools' Championships, with our A team winning the tournament undefeated. Well done also to our senior **Debating team** on success in the North Wales & NW England round of the ESU Mace.

Short-Term Boarding Available

We can sometimes accommodate short term stays in our boarding houses. This can help families on occasions when parents/carers may be travelling or working away. Some students with longer commuting times have found boarding useful (and enjoyable!) in the run up to exams to use their time more efficiently. The charge is £55 per night and includes all meals and supervised prep sessions. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Emma Jones on 01524 580632 or [via email](mailto:emma.jones@lrgs.org.uk).



Joe Birrell, 1930-2024



Joe Birrell taught Maths and PE at LRGS from 1979 to 1990; we recently received sad news of his death. He was a very popular teacher who ran for Great Britain over 110m hurdles in the 1948 Olympics. He **recalled**: *"My Olympic invitation arrived, in the post, only a fortnight before the Games. I wore the lucky pair of shorts my mum had made and a pair of spikes the school had bought. At the Olympics we had to use starting blocks, which I had never seen before. I had never run on a proper cinder track."*

Admissions Policy consultation

We are consulting on changes to our Admissions Policy for September 2026. The new proposed policy is on our website [here](http://www.lrgs.org.uk). Any comments can be made to the Clerk to the Governors (rgittins@lrgs.org.uk) by 31st January 2025.

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Orienteering



Checkmate!



Year 7 Science Club



Big Band