



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 16th July 2025

A superb letter from 1569-70 exists in the archives of the Duchy of Lancaster. The Mayor writes about our *Schole* (already long-established at that time). The school's purpose, he says, is to *bring upp Chylderne and youth in Lernynge and vertu*.

"Learning and virtue" is still a good summary of our aims as this term ends – 455 school years later! Huge thanks to parents for all your support this year.

Best wishes to students away in Normandy, on Gold DofE, CCF Army Camp, or heading to Norway. Very best wishes to all families for the summer ahead.



Gold DofE – Scotland

Pupil achievements



Well done to Sports Day athletes, including Victrix & Victor Ludorum **Molly Bonnar** and **Will Wareing**; and **Faris Mister** (Yr8 300m), **Will Wareing** (L6 1500m) & **Finley McDaid** (L6 Discus) who broke school records. Congratulations also on District Athletics success.

Strolling with Shakespeare was a truly magical evening! It was lovely to see so many families in the evening sunshine, watching such brilliant young performers.

Year 9 **MasterChef** is another huge recent highlight. The standard was phenomenally high! Congratulations to winners **Jonte Hayes-Picton** (main) and **James Raymond** (dessert).

It is also excellent to see **Chess** thriving at LRGS. Congratulations to **Jack Bow**, **Max Fyson**, **Om Jayar**, **Zac Lund** and **Sam Mendonca** who competed in the Team Chess Challenge National Finals in Nottingham; **Om Jayar** (L6) also won the U18 EJCOA National Youth Final.



Well done to all **LRGS Book Awards** readers. Pupils chose "The Clockwork Conspiracy" as winner: "A locked-room mystery packed with rooftop chases, hidden codes and mind-bending science!"

Staff farewells

We are hugely grateful for the generous, inspiring and wide-ranging contributions of our departing staff! We say farewell to **Kathryn Page** (Head of Year 7 & InspirUS), **Lou Lightbody** (French), **Alastair Hall** (Head of French), **Liz Hodgkinson** (Head of RE & Philosophy), **Elliot Davies Taylor** (English) and **Lee Topping** (Maths) – with all good wishes for adventures ahead! Best wishes also to **Ruth Livesey** (Head of Classics) as she begins maternity leave. Very many thanks and best wishes also to learning support and pastoral assistants including **Dharshini Broad**, **Matt Middleton**, **Christian Tetlow** and **Cara Watson**.

Dates for diaries

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| • A-level results | 14 th August | • Year 7 & Lower Sixth induction | 2 nd September |
| • GCSE results | 21 st August | • Term starts – all years | 3rd September |
| • External L6 enrolment | 22 nd August | • Friends' Supper Run | 17 th September |

Very best wishes for the summer, and to all our leavers – keep in touch! Dr C.J. Pyle

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Battle of Hastings!



Mountain biking (Lakota Expeditions)



Strolling with Shakespeare