



## LRGS Alumni Newsletter

April 2026

A very warm welcome to you from LRGS.

The latest Headmaster's letter to parents can be found [here](#).

As always, we love to hear from our LRGS community so get in touch with [your news](#) and be sure to update us of any [change of details](#)

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team



## LRGS Updates

---



### **Welcome from the new Head of School team**

A warm welcome to the summer term from our new Head of School team

**Head of School** – Owen

### **Deputy Heads of School**

Welfare – Eva

Pupil Voice – Cian

Operations – Yituneh

Events and Charities – Lily

---

### **Young Musician of the Year winners**

Huge congratulations to all of our musicians who took part in this year's Young Musician competition. The standard of performances was amazing, very well done to everyone who took part.

The winners were

Junior YMOTY: Fitzroy

Senior YMOTY: Clara

Composition Prize: Leo and Toby

Open Duet: Clara and Alistair



## Lenten charities fundraising update



A huge well done to the sixth formers who took part in a charity walk on Saturday 18 April.

The group climbed the three highest peaks of Yorkshire; Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough.

Organised by Dr Farrell, who said: "They were absolutely brilliant and so positive throughout the whole day, a real credit to us and they have raised close to £3000!"

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has supported and donated to our Lenten charities fundraising activities this year, we raised an incredible £17,637!

---

## Vacancies

If you would like to be a part of our amazing school, this might just be your chance!

We are currently recruiting for

**Full time teacher of Geography** (maternity cover)

**Graduate Sports Coach** (Rugby and cricket specialism)

**Weekend Boarding House Pastoral Assistant**

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above roles, please visit our [website](#) for full details.

---

## **Alumni News**

---

### **Sad News**

---

#### **Hugh Kennon**

We are sad to report that OL and former teacher, Hugh Kennon, passed away on 30 March. Hugh, a pupil here at school from 1951 - 1959, returned to LRGS to teach from 1963 - 1973. Hugh's dedication and enthusiasm for school was incredible, in addition to being Head of Economics and Housemaster for Ashton House, Hugh coached both the first cricket and rugby teams, was master in charge of tennis, an OC in the Army section of CCF and Secretary for the OL Club. Hugh left LRGS to become Housemaster at Framlingham College.

Hugh's funeral took place at Wakefield Crematorium on Tuesday 21 April, a full tribute to Hugh will appear in a later edition of the newsletter. Our thoughts are with Hugh's wife, Margaret and their family and friends.

#### **Martin Bullough**

We were sad to learn that OL Martin Bullough (62-69) passed away on Sunday 8th March at The Sands care home aged 74, following many months battling cancer.

We are thinking of Martin's family at this time.

#### **Ronald Bainbridge**

We were saddened to learn that OL Ronald Bainbridge (54-57) passed away on Saturday 18th April at home, aged 82.

Our thoughts are with Ronald's family at this sad time.

---

## Alumni updates

Congratulations to OL Patrick Dransfield (75-80) who was appointed as Chief Representative for UAE and the Middle East for Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2026, at The 14<sup>th</sup> South China Business & Law Forum: APEC' in Shenzhen.

Patrick says:

"My introduction to International Arbitration started when I joined Shearman & Sterling in Asia in 2000 and worked closely with the late Emmanuel Gaillard and partner John Savage to establish the firm's International Arbitration practice in Singapore. My interest and engagement with the International Arbitration community continues and it will be both my duty and my pleasure to work to promote the global development of SCIA's arbitration services."

About Patrick M Dransfield MA, BA (Joint Hons.) OL

Patrick M Dransfield is the Chief Representative of SCIA in UAE and the Middle East: he is a senior business executive in the field of Legal Business Development. Patrick is currently based in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. He is the co-founder of the Managing Partners' Club – an international, by invitation, group of senior lawyers across Asia, Middle East and Europe. He is a Certified NLP Practitioner (August 2024), Cognitive Behavior Therapy Practitioner and Licensed Emotional Intelligence Coach Practitioner (CCE – ICF continuing coach education approved).

Patrick's experience of living and working as both a teacher and photographer in China from 1985 to 1986 was transformative and set him on a mission to connect talented, professional people together, especially in Asia, the Middle East and United Kingdom. He bases his training and coaching methods on the experience of meeting professionals throughout the world. His career includes being Marketing Director for Asia for international law firms Shearman & Sterling, White & Case and MIS Legal Consultants; Managing Director of Asia Law & Practice, Asia Publisher of IFLR, and board member of the Hong Kong based subsidiary Euromoney (Jersey) Limited. He produced the first ever international legal awards – the annual IFLR Deals of the Year Awards (Hong Kong, 1998) - and was the architect behind the creation of Pacific Business Press (P B Press)' In-House Community – which was an active community of in-house professionals which numbered over 21,000 across Asia, the Middle East, Africa and United Kingdom until P B Press folded in 2020.

Patrick's publishing career began with Haymarket Publishing in the United Kingdom. He majored in English and History of Art at Leeds University, and he holds a Masters in Chinese History, Politics and Anthropology from SOAS, University of London





Congratulations to OL Tom Johnson (22-24) who recently completed the London Landmarks Half Marathon in a time of 1h 27m 59s, finishing in 177th place overall, and 16th in his category. Tom, who is currently studying medicine at Leeds University, ran to raise funds for NHS Charities Together.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via Tom's Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/tomjohnson>

---

### 5 and 10 year reunion event

If you are from the Class of 2016 or 2021 and would be interested in attending a reunion event, please register your interest with the [Development Office](#). We'll collate the responses and keep you posted!

---

### Thank you



We were delighted to welcome OL Tauheed Ahmad (21-23) back to school just before the Easter holidays. Tauheed kindly delivered an interactive session for Year 7 and 8 students on the bones and the brain.

Tauheed says, "We explored how bones support the body, protect vital organs, and enable movement, as well as how the brain acts as the body's control centre, from basic involuntary functions to more complex, higher-level thinking. One of the highlights was simulating how MRI scans work, using a machine designed by the Physics Mechanical Workshop Head Technician from Lancaster University, which the students

found especially engaging.

It was great to see so much curiosity and enthusiasm, and to share what I've learned in a way that felt interactive and accessible. A really enjoyable and insightful experience, and a nice reminder of how impactful early exposure to science can be."

Very many thanks to Tauheed for a fantastic inspiring and insightful session.

---

## **Careers Inspiration Boards**

A huge thank you to alums who kindly shared their career journeys, inspiration and photographs as part of our Careers Inspiration boards project. Our sixth formers are now surrounded by inspirational stories as they study in the Red Zone. Very many thanks for all your help and support!



---

## **Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust**

The final awards from the Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust have been paid and the scheme is now closed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Trust and the Trustees for all their help and support over the years.

---



**OLD LANCASTRIANS GOLF DAY**

**FRIDAY 3RD OF JULY 2026**  
*Tee times from 13:32*

**Lancaster Golf Club** 

---

LGC Members £5 (prizes only)  
Non-members £35 (green fee and prizes)  
Pupils £20. Paid on the day

---

**If Interested Contact**  
**L.kettlewell3@gmail.com or jarman67@yahoo.com** 

**OL Club**



### **Future Event updates**

East Lancs OL Dinner on Friday 29 May at the Alma Inn (awaiting details)

OL Golf Day and Founders' Dinner on Friday 3 July at Lancaster Golf Club

Cotswolds OL Dinner on Friday 11 September at The Colesbourne Inn

Leeds OL Dinner on Friday 2 October at Masonic Hall, Castle Grove

London OL Dinner on Thursday 5 November at RAF Club Piccadilly

Links to book a place at the above dinners will become available as soon as the details have been confirmed.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news.

---

[Update Your Details](#)

[How You Can Help LRGS](#)

We thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

---



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Lancaster Royal Grammar School](#)

East Road, Lancaster, Lancashire LA1 3EF