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Friends of LRGs Summer Term Newsletter 2019

News from the Friends of LRGs

Welcome to the Summer Term 2019 from the Friends of Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

We'd like to thank all who have supported the events we have hosted over the past term. Not only have these been popular and well attended, we have raised funds to enable us to support a variety of school projects, for the benefit of our pupils. We have further exciting plans for future events, which we will announce soon.

Meanwhile we wish good luck to the LRGs families who have pupils sitting exams this term, we wish the young people much success.

A warm welcome too, to the families of our incoming Year 7 pupils. We look forward to meeting you at the Welcome Afternoons in June.

Burns Night Celebrations

The Friends' Burns Night celebrations have traditionally become our fundraising highlight of the school year. There was a huge demand for tickets which sold out within 24 hours of going live on Wisepay. On arrival at the Ashton Hall, our guests were greeted by the Friends, with a photo shoot courtesy of the sixth form photographers. The night included a whisky tasting experience, a malt whisky auction, a grand raffle, a ceilidh from Northern Frisk, as well as a traditional Burns Night supper, and Address to a Haggis. Thank you to all involved, and to our guests who so generously ensured that event broke all our previous fundraising efforts.

By request, we have secured a date for the next LRGS Burns Night, Saturday 25 January 2020. Tickets will be available on Wisepay from November, so please think ahead about organising your tables.



LRGS Spring Festival



The Friends' Spring Festival was a welcome event, and was particularly well attended by our incoming Year 7 pupils and families. A variety of stalls and activities included egg painting, cake decorating, flower and plant stalls, an LRGS Friends stall and an Easter Egg tombola.

The LRGS spring café served scones and home baked cakes throughout the day, Meanwhile, in the Grab and Go, the International Food Corner provided guests with a worldwide culinary experience from many different countries reflecting our LRGS family community. Thank you to those who gave their time to host and support this event, especially Radmila and Joanne.

School Shop

The onsite Friends of LRGS School Shop is now stocked and ready for summer, complete with water bottles, cricket kit and of course, umbrellas! We have many new lines and await a delivery of LRGS baseball caps very soon, along with LRGS lapel pins for our incoming Sixth Form girls. We have a Warhammer franchise and are able to order any Warhammer items for delivery to school. We stock good quality pre owned uniform items and will be pleased to take donations of blazers and sports kit, which may be left at City View.



In hoping for another hot summer, we'd like to promote our LRGS T Shirts, which are on sale both in the shop, and during the Year 7 induction afternoons. These are ideal gifts for summer trips and

exchanges. We are offering a special price of £5.00 per T shirt, all proceeds go directly to the Friends' funds. The shop is open on the upper site during the school terms on Friday from 3.30-4.30pm and on Saturday from 10-11am. There will be an additional opening on Saturday 31 August prior to the start of the school term for all your uniform needs, especially the wide range of LRGS ties, which never cease to amaze us! Do stop by and see us! All proceeds go directly to the Friends of LRGS. Thank you to Radmila, Mei, Janine, Joanne and all who continue to run the School Shop. There is always space on the rota should anyone wish to help out.



Easy Fundraising

Thank you to all who continue to shop online in support of LRGS. These funds make a huge difference to the Friends' funds. Small amounts accumulate and multiply to make this a worthwhile fundraising option. It doesn't cost a penny to shop online via Easyfundraising. Many retailers offer a small donation to your chosen charity using the Easyfundraising web page. Why not try it and

see? Do you know that by introducing a friend to our cause page also increases your donations to LRGS?

We have funded.....

During the Lent term the funds raised by the Friends were realised in the following pledges:

- LRGS MasterChef prizes for July 2019
- Costumes for the production of Twelfth Night at the Dukes Theatre
- Bios Science and DNA Equipment
- Equipment for the Canoe Club
- LRGS Orienteering Club Ties
- Storey House basement refurbishment into a gym/fitness facility for boarders and day pupils
- Outdoor Leisure Equipment: a pledge to develop outdoor leisure facilities on the school site is to be matched by the Old Lancastrians and will include an outdoor gym, two sets of outdoor football posts and a portable volleyball net.
- A Geography library book store for the new building to be used by pupils to borrow donated books.
- LRGS CCF Banner: with the Old Lancastrians we have funded an LRGS CCF banner and standard bearer equipment to be used for the Remembrance parade and other



occasions.

In memory of Reece LRGS Panoramic Viewfinder

In conjunction with LRGS and the Old Lancastrians, the Friends have been working with the current sixth formers to create a panoramic viewfinder as a fitting tribute and memorial for Reece Holt. A panorama of the Bay and the Lakeland contours has been designed with involvement from Year 10 pupils, artwork by Chris Bagnold and cartography by Andrew Talks. The memorial will be created from local stone and will be located on the upper school site. One of our



Year 10 parents is a stone mason and has kindly offered to complete the engraving. We hope that there will be a celebration with Reece's family to unveil the viewfinder soon.

Forthcoming events and Diary Dates: Will you join us?

- Friends' Committee Meeting and tour of the Sixth Form Centre 7.30pm, Grab & Go, Tuesday 4 June 2019
- LRGS Supper and Fun Run Wednesday 18 September 6.30pm
- LRGS Burns Night Ashton Hall Saturday 25 January 2020.

Friends' Page

The Friends' area on the school website is where you will find the minutes of the Friends' meetings, Friends' Newsletters well as information on our constitution, list of Trustees, and a calendar of dates of Friends' forthcoming events.



Join us!

Keep in touch and please **Join our Facebook page**. Or **email me** for more information.

Hope to see you!

Best wishes

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